

PADEL NEWS OCTOBER 2022

Welcome to the October edition of Padel News, where we share padel updates from around the country. Please share this newsletter with venues in your County and encourage them to circulate amongst the wider rackets' community.

PADEL DASHBOARD

No of courts in the UK (1 st October 2022)	209
No of covered courts	121
No of outside courts	88

Court booking providers [Matchi](#) and [Play Tomic](#) have both recently launched detailed padel reports that highlight the growth of the sport.

How to find courts [near me](#).

PADEL PUBLICATIONS

As padel gains momentum in the UK, so have the communications supporting the game. Recently launched by journalist Emma Kimber and beautifully produced is www.thebandeja.com

Another great source of up to the minute padel news is the Padel Paper www.thepadelpaper.com

JOB OPPORTUNITY ALERT

The LTA is currently advertising a brilliant new opportunity, **Padel Performance Manager**, to join its existing padel team, the closing date is 15 October. Read more about the opportunity [here](#). And please share the details with the wider sports community.

COMING SOON

Chiswick's Rocks Lane has 4 more covered courts coming soon!

COMPETITION NEWS

Island Padel, the home of Padel in Jersey
Scott Clayton reports



The Island Padel grade 1 LTA event lived up to all expectations on a sunny September weekend in Jersey. Large numbers of spectators turned out from the local community to watch some of the best

padel players Britain has to offer. The prize pot of £4,000 was one of the largest that has ever been awarded for an LTA padel event.

The men's final was between the top seeds Jorge Martinez Del Campo and Rafael Otaolaurruchi and second seeds Frances Langan and Nikhil Mohindra, it was a well contested match that Martinez and Otaolaurruchi eventually won 6-4 6-3. The Women's final of Lisa Philips and Abigail Tordoff against Helen Crook and Jo Ward also made for fantastic spectating, with Phillips and Tordoff prevailing 6-2 7-5.

Island Padel founder and former Wimbledon doubles player, Scott Clayton is hopeful of the event becoming an annual fixture. He said "The weekend has been really successful, and the turnout has been amazing, it is exactly what we wanted and envisaged by bringing high quality padel to the island, not only for our player base to have some high-quality games but also to give the community of Jersey a feeling of what good padel looks like. We're very thankful to the LTA for giving us the opportunity to host this grade one event and we hope to do it next year on an even bigger scale. Hopefully the players have all enjoyed their time on the island and would be keen to come back for more events in the future."



Jorge Martinez del campo and Rafael Otaolaurruchi (l-r) with Phil Bain from tournament sponsor Rathbones. Lisa Philips, winner, with Phil Bail on the right.

Sweden's Femme Open debuts at the Hurlingham Club



Women from across the UK travelled to Hurlingham to take part in Femme Padel's launch UK event on 23rd September. Organised by Pepita Stonur and the Swedish team from Femme Open, 24

women enjoyed a fantastic day on Hurlingham's new padel courts. The tournament catered for all levels of players, with two groups – A for those with more experience and B for those newer to padel, each match lasting 25 minutes in a round robin style event.



Teams from Bournemouth to Liverpool battled it out, with Louise Baker and Karen Hunter winning the A group and Fleur Woodall and Rachael Boeg victorious in the B group.

For the £35 entry fee, the women played for the best part of 3 hours and enjoyed a delicious lunch and snacks, with stunning prizes for the winners and runners up. Wilson, Dropshot, Six Love, Bamford, Fairmont Windsor Hotel, Clarins were all generous with prizes and goody bags. Beautiful tennis attire by [Six Love](#) was available to buy on the day. More Femme Open events, specifically for women padel players of all abilities are coming soon. Keep an eye on [their website](#) for more details and early booking is encouraged to avoid disappointment.



PADEL TASTER SESSIONS

For rackets venues considering padel, remember you can book the National Tennis Centre padel courts on a pay-and-play basis. Find out more details [here](#).

COMPETITION

This year's competition calendar is available [here](#).

National Teams:

SENIORS PADEL

Peter Vann, referred to as 'the Godfather of Padel' in a recent article in the Padel Paper tells us that there will be a 40s and 50s training weekend on either **Saturday 5th or Sunday 6th November**. It's open to all but aimed at Northern based players. Feel free to contact Peter for more details and to express interest peter.vann@padelgb.org

THE PROFESSIONAL GAME

FIP

www.padelfip.com



GB Men's team qualify for the World Championships!

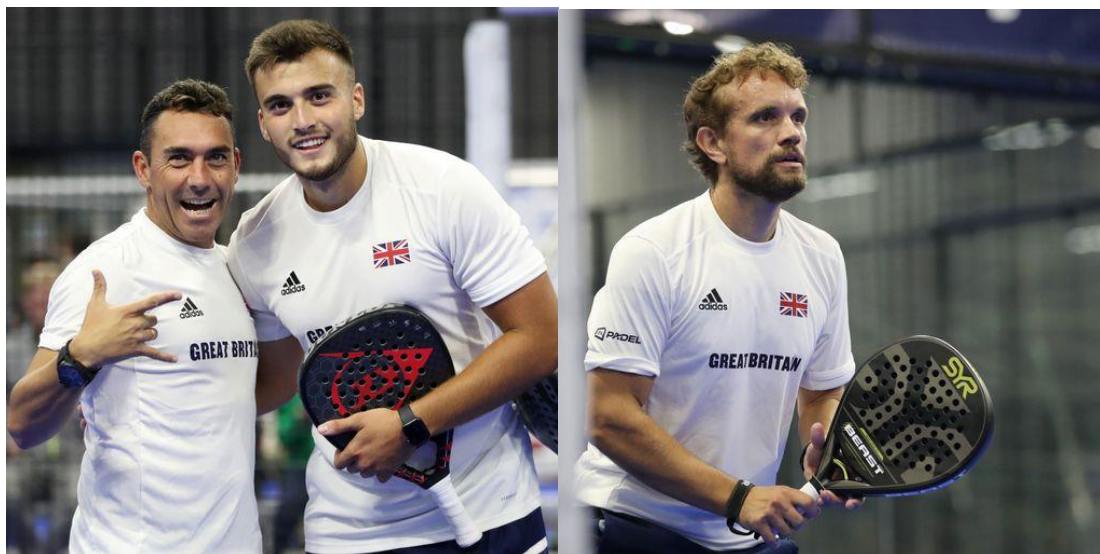


The FIP World Padel Championships European Qualifier landed in Derby's We Are Padel centre on 30th September for 3 days featuring some of the best padel players in Europe. 18 Men's and 13 Women's teams participated with 2 spots up for grabs for the Women and 3 spots for the Men in the Dubai finals in November.

Friday night offered spectators a spectacular match between Sweden and Portugal, the first rubber went to three sets featuring regular World Padel Tour players from both nations.

GB Women's team had good wins over Lithuania and Austria to win their group but were knocked out by a strong Swedish team in the semi-final. GB Men also prevailed against Austria and Hungary in their group, but fell to the Portuguese, arguably the strongest team in the tournament. They met Germany in the play-offs and won 2-1 with Sam Jones and Christian Murphy bringing home the final rubber. The GB Men's team will be booking their tickets to Dubai for November along with Portugal and the Netherlands. Sweden and Portugal Women's teams also qualified. If you missed it, all the matches are available on the [FIP YouTube channel](#)

To read all about it and watch the interviews, visit [the padel paper](#).



WORLD PADEL TOUR

www.worldpadeltour.com

COACHING UPDATE

Existing racket sport coaches, who would like to sign up for LTA Introduction to Padel Coaching CPD can now do so via [the LTA website](#).

The LTA Coach Development & Support team has produced the new Padel Coaching Qualifications, the first 4-day Padel Instructor qualification launched earlier this year; anyone interested can register their interest [here](#). The course costs £400. Coaches working at existing padel venues are prioritised, although the course will soon be delivered externally and will roll out more widely across the UK.

To prepare for the LTA Padel Instructor course you can complete the Readiness Test using the following links. This costs £36 and is carried out remotely/video based.

[LTA Padel Instructor Readiness Test](#)

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The LTA Padel coaching team ran an *Introduction to Coaching the Double Glass* in August. Keep an eye out for this course when it next runs in the [CPD section of the LTA site](#).

They have also developed a pilot course for *Coaching Kids Padel: Organisation, Skill Acquisition and Drills*, it ran on 28 September in Scotland, keep a look out for future courses. It is a one-day course and costs £40.

OFFICIATING NEWS

Remember existing tennis referees can do the free one-hour LTA Padel Referee Conversion Course. If you are an LTA Licensed Official and would like to upskill yourself and learn more about Padel Officiating, you can complete the LTA Padel Referee Conversion Course [here](#).

Call to action!

Similarly, to the LTA website please make sure you have a padel page on your County Website and promote the opportunities padel can offer to venues. For more information or if you have any padel news, please share with katherinemontague22@gmail.com or stephtrill@gmail.com