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Cover photos: (front) 10&U Boys, Jake Prime (captain), Deyvon Butlin, Piotr Janda, Maxim Sokol, Max Hodkinson, Sam Hawkins, Ellie Makin (vice-captain); (back, top left) Sevil Parviz, winner of the @Tennis Europe U12 Singles & Doubles title and the 12&U Girls LTA County Clay Championships in Bournemouth; (back, right) Four Senior Yorkshire players L-R Andy Hutchinson, Gill Brook, Cath Davies, Richard Jackson representing Great Britain at the ITF Seniors World Championships in Miami; (bottom left) 12&U Boys, finished 3rd at National Finals.

The information contained in this report comes from a diverse range of sources. We try to pull it all together as best we can, but if there are any omissions or inaccuracies, please accept our apologies. Please make us aware of any such errors.



Geoff Newton – President, Yorkshire Tennis

It is tempting to describe this year as 'normal', and I suspect it is as close as we are going to see for some time. The early part of the year was still very much affected by Covid, but post Easter it has really felt like 'business as usual', with intense activity in our clubs, coaches very much in demand, and competitions back in earnest, at club, league and county level.

The 'bounce' that tennis has enjoyed as a result of being among the first sports to resume post the lockdowns, has continued, and I hope very much that our clubs continue to benefit as they endeavour to recover financially from the pandemic. I have certainly enjoyed my visits to a number of clubs across the county, and as always, been very impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of our volunteers.

As many of you will be aware, on the back of Emma Radacanu's success at the US Open last year, the LTA and the

government have created a substantial fund to refurbish many park courts across the country, and Yorkshire will be one of the larger beneficiaries. This programme, which will start in early 2023, will help to open up our sport even more to the communities that we serve across the County, making tennis more inclusive and sustainable, and, over time, will help to boost the flow of new members into our clubs.

The more we can 'open our doors' and welcome players from all communities, both able bodied and disabled, the more tennis will thrive in Yorkshire. This will be a key area of focus over the next few years and the County will take a leading role in encouraging and assisting Clubs who wish to build their community engagement and outreach programmes.

Amongst the many highlights of the year, several stand out. Firstly, it was great to see top class international tennis taking place in Yorkshire once again, after a two year hiatus, with the Ilkley Trophy taking centre stage. It was a great success from every perspective, greatly enjoyed by players and spectators alike, and I would like to add my congratulations to the team at Ilkley, led by chairman Rik Smith, for staging an amazing event. I am sure the Trophy will go from strength to strength over future years, and cement its status as one of the key pre Wimbledon tournaments on grass.

My second highlight was the achievement of both our

Ladies and Men's County Teams to compete in Group 1 at Eastbourne in July. For many players, including myself, the opportunity to represent Yorkshire at County Week is one of the highlights of their playing careers. Not having been for many years, I was amazed to see the very high standard of play, and the commitment, and enthusiasm, of the players.

It was an incredibly competitive week, with our Ladies needing to win 8-1 against Surrey on the last day, and our men needing to beat Cambridgeshire, to stay up. The ladies won the match but were relegated on rubber count, and the men finally got over the line early in the evening after a very tense day. My congratulations and thanks to both teams, who fought incredibly hard, and to the captains and volunteers who supported them so well.

The Yorkshire Championships were, once again, an outstanding success, which was only fitting given this was the last year that Dave Kitchen will be in charge. Dave has succeeded in developing 'the Yorkshires' into the largest closed County Championship in the country, and well deserves our grateful thanks for all his efforts over the years.

This brings me nicely to celebrating, once again, the successes of our Clubs and Volunteers in the County, Regional and National Awards. After a gap of two years, we were finally able to celebrate

these achievements in person at our awards evening in May, so ably organised once again by Liz Wilson and her colleagues. We presented awards County Colours covering the previous two years, very well attended evening, and it was so enjoyable to be able to recognise the many achievements in person.

In terms of the awards for 2022, once again there were many worthy recipients including Wendy Hurworth (Lifetime Achievement Award), Carol Tetlow, Ripon TC (Volunteer of the Year), St Mary's College, Hull, (School of the Year category both at Yorkshire and North Region level), the University of Sheffield TC (also National category winners), Roundhay LTC (Club of the Year), and Wigginton TC, (Disability Award). Liz will be stepping down from her involvement in the awards, and I would like to thank her for the amazing effort she has made over a number of years to ensure we recognise the many successes of our volunteers and county players at all age groups.

Finally, can I take the opportunity, once again, to thank our Chair, John Crowther, who has worked tirelessly to promote the best interests of tennis in Yorkshire for nine years, and who will be

stepping down at the AGM in December. This year has been particularly challenging due to the many changes in governance and the organisation of tennis in Yorkshire (and all the counties) resulting from the requirements of Department for Culture, Media and Sport/ LTA, and John, along with other colleagues on the management committee, has managed our response in a highly professional way, always seeking to promote the best interests of tennis in Yorkshire. John's contribution was recognised at the Awards evening, when he was appointed a Yorkshire Vice President, a thoroughly well deserved honour.

I would also like to thank my colleagues on the management committee and council, all of whom have contributed tirelessly to help the further development of tennis in Yorkshire coupled with the many volunteers who are the

lifeblood of our clubs. Let's hope we can make it through the winter without further disruptions, and build on the progress that's been made over recent months.

As I write this report, Yorkshire is at the top of the table in the County Cup race, and I can think of no better reward for the efforts of our chair, and our many talented and committed players and team captains, if we end up winners in due course – it would be an amazing achievement given it is a compilation of results across all age groups and inter county competitions over the year, and would be a first for Yorkshire: as they say in the tea ad, "Let's do it for Yorkshire'!!

Very best wishes and thanks to you all.



■ Rik Smith presents Jack Sock with his Runners Up Trophy at the Ilkley Trophy

Photo courtesy of Karen Ross Photography

Chairman's Report



John Crowther – Chairman, Yorkshire Tennis

I write this report in the knowledge that I will be standing down as your chairman at the end of December and, with one other year on the management committee, it makes nine years in total. It has been a privilege to serve tennis in Yorkshire and I hope you will agree with me that the game is in a better position today than when I took office in 2015, in spite of the pandemic and all the other issues. I do not want to underestimate the challenges that our members still face with inflation, interest rate increases and soaring energy costs, but we have a network of extremely well-run thriving clubs and venues, providing tennis for anyone who wants to take up a racket.

Tennis is a 'people business' and I have been supported throughout my term by some amazing volunteers and staff. There are two who are retiring at the same time as me that I would like to mention. The first is Liz Wilson, a former

president and LTA councillor. As a coach, she has taught many of the leading players and coaches in the county. I have hardly met a person who hasn't been coached by her at some time or another! Lately, she threw her energies in officiating for the LTA and chairing our Awards and Presentation Committee.

The second is Ian Hargreaves, our treasurer who has run our financial affairs in a quiet and very efficient manner. Ian has done many jobs in county tennis at county, club and district level – there is hardly a volunteer role that he hasn't done, and he was rightly awarded the LTA Meritorious Service Award for outstanding service to tennis.

The fact that our finances are healthy is due to some tremendous and loyal supporters that are listed towards the end of this report. They have stuck with us through thick and thin. Wimbledon this year was slightly traumatic in that ticket allocations were not completed until a few days before the event itself. This issue is recognised by the LTA as requiring substantial improvement for their international guests as well as clubs and county supporters and volunteers.

Chris Day, who chairs the Initiative sub-committee, deserves a mention for the amount of work he undertook to keep everyone as happy as possible; not an easy task. All of this was set against a major

change in the way Wimbledon tickets and sponsorship were managed after the LTA introduced changes in 2021 but not actually enacted until this year's event. After the ticket issues at this year's Wimbledon Championships, the LTA are undertaking a review of the system and Chris has made Yorkshire's views known. I also appreciate that clubs and venues have been affected by the changes in the allocating and issuing of tickets and I hope the LTA addresses their concerns for 2023.

Tennis in Yorkshire returned, substantially, to where it was before the pandemic. We did not lose any clubs but there is evidence that some coaches left the game in search of a source of income and lifestyle. Both the LTA and Yorkshire Tennis are aware of this issue but there is no easy short-term fix – it will take time to attract the right calibre of player, particularly females, into coaching attaining the right level of qualification. Many club volunteers will recall the Advantage Yorkshire (AY) project that offered grants and loans for qualifying projects to a level of over £500,000. Due to the uncertainty surrounding life in general at that time, AY was suspended to conserve our resources, but I am pleased to report that a new initiative is planned for 2023.

County training remains a prime focus for our activities and investment. We have a goal of consistently being in the top three of the LTA national county leader board

that puts into a league table, the performance of county teams across all age groups. At the end of 2021, Yorkshire was third, just being pipped by Surrey and Kent after the Winter County Cup. As I write this report, Yorkshire are in first position, but we have two county team competitions yet to go, the Men's and Women's Winter County Cups in November. So, it is a "nail biting time" but it does evidence that we have strength in depth across nearly all age groups including the men's and ladies teams.

The reality is that nobody can ever be complacent about county teams. There are injuries, unavailabilities due to being term time at (American) university or starting a senior career on one of the tours. Sometimes, a year group lacks depth in talent – this also happens at national level as well. However, if we are to perform at our best and compete with every county in the country, then we need to persevere with a consistent and adequate level of investment across all age groups.

Back in 2018, we felt that not having a Regional Development Centre in Yorkshire disadvantaged our 10 to 14 year old players who had to travel to Bolton for their training. So, we set about securing sponsorship from our supporters and assembling a team that would convince the LTA to fund a programme at the John Charles Tennis Centre in South Leeds. As history

evidences, Yorkshire was successful in winning a contract from the LTA and imported the team of Richard Crabtree, Tom Loughton and Elliot Chang from Bolton under the guise of Cultiv8 Tennis Ltd.

The regional programme has been an outstanding success with the Leeds RPDC being one of the most successful programmes in the country 'delivering' players to the National Academies, the next level of the Performance Pathway. We should say thank you to Tom Loughton who has now left the Leeds RPDC team to find fame and fortune outside tennis, but we still have the core team of Richard and Elliot in place.

I must also thank Karen Mitchell for her management of the performance programme in Yorkshire as it requires constant attention to deal with all the realities of everyday life. Karen also heads up our Safeguarding operation with support from Rosie Nicholl. Last year we 'passed' an audit by the LTA of our activities. However, you can "never take your eye off the ball" when it comes to Safeguarding. We support the LTA in making the game safe for all people of all ages who want to play the game.

Events in other sports evidence the need for all sporting bodies to have robust 'Equality/ Equity, Inclusion and Diversity' programmes in place. Against the LTA's national lead, we have established a working group under Geoff Newton's

leadership, and we look forward to them taking the matter forward.

Turning to the major focus of my work over the last 12 months, I have been determined to leave Yorkshire Tennis in the best state possible to handover to the next chair. This includes adopting the most appropriate level of governance in the county.

With input from county representatives, the LTA established 'The County Governance Framework' with the requirement that all counties comply over the next three years. This has a number of implications for us, the main two being the setting of a maximum term of nine years for volunteers on the management committee/board and the council being relegated from its position as the ultimate decision-making body of the county being taken over by the management committee/board.

In parallel with mandatory changes to our governance, we have decided that the time is right for our association, which is unincorporated, to incorporate as a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) as a means to take potential legal and financial liability away from volunteers. We are in good shape to deliver both projects, subject to the necessary approvals, such that Yorkshire Tennis Ltd. will take over operations by 6th December 2022. This has resulted in significant effort by a team including Don Stewart

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and Ian Hargreaves and my thanks go to them.

If that is not enough, the LTA decided to change the way counties are funded. For many years, all counties have received the registration payments of venues in their counties. Typically, Yorkshire received about £78,000 this year from this source. We always considered ourselves a membership association accountable to our members as they committed the funds.

Due to small counties having insufficient funds to finance their basic operations, the LTA set up a project, staffed by LTA Councillors and Executives to come up with a funding model that better met the needs of all county associations with the assurance that no county would be worse off. There have, unfortunately, been significant delays in this project and while we know the level of funds for next year, we have only just recently been advised of the terms under which the funds will be provided, notwithstanding an assurance that we would know as far back as May.

The draft funding agreement is contained in a 36-page contract adding to the bureaucracy that every county association has to undertake to get funds where none existed before. It also places a limit on our reserves which will be formally applied in three years' time, which if exceeded, will have the impact of reducing the annual grant from the LTA. Our 'performance' will be

judged by reference to a county dashboard over which we have little control. The LTA will have the right to attend any interview of Board members and/or officers although they will have no veto. As far as Yorkshire Tennis is concerned the increase in funding amounts to a few thousand pounds but smaller counties will get twice or even three times the amount of funding.

During my time as chairman, we have had visits from all the presidents for which we are very grateful. Excluding national training coaches who are in and out of John Charles Tennis Centre, I can only recall three visits by NTC based staff to meet the volunteers who run the county association. I would urge senior staff at the NTC to come up and see the challenges for themselves.

Which brings me to the appointment of Steve Jones as chair (designate) of Yorkshire Tennis Ltd, our new legal name. I am sure that he will bring fresh energy and focus to the role to the benefit of tennis in Yorkshire. He has chaired the Wetherby Castlegarth Tennis Club management committee for some seven years and so brings up to date knowledge of the issues and challenges facing our members.

I have been incredibly fortunate to have an amazing team of volunteers who have contributed to the success of Yorkshire Tennis. There are too many to name everyone and I hope they will accept this

rather impersonal thank-you. But it would be ungracious not to mention the management committee by name, Ian Hargreaves, Don Stewart, Carolyn Rothwell, Angela Crossley, Chris Day, Adrian Waite and our President Geoff Newton. They all work incredibly hard on your behalf throughout the year and should be applauded for both the effort and the results of their endeavours which are explained more fully later in this report.

Chris Day was appointed deputy chairman and took on some of my tasks to give me more time on the governance projects and thank you to him. Finally, a big thank you to Carolyn Rothwell who is standing down from the management committee and chairing the Competitions sub-committee.

The County Closed Championships have grown every year in both numbers and quality under director Dave Kitchen, who is retiring from the role after 13 years. And finally, my thanks go to Alison Steel who has acted as our county administrator and is leaving to spend more time with her grandchildren. There is going to be a lot of change next year which is good, and the organisation will be refreshed with new people.

While I am aware that some people think that 'comparisons are odious', I would liken myself to Boris Johnson in that "I am now like one of those booster rockets that has



■ John Crowther presenting the Boys 14&U Singles trophy to winner Oliver Wilson at this year's Yorkshire Championships

fulfilled its function and will now be gently re-entering the atmosphere and splashing down invisibly in some remote and obscure corner of the Pacific". The comparison ends there. It is time to pass the torch to Steve and his team and wish them all the very best for the next few years as they grapple with the challenges

and opportunities ahead.

People, coaches, officials, volunteers and players are the beating heart of tennis worldwide, and we have a great team here in Yorkshire and if I leave one message, then we need more volunteers at county level. Please talk to Steve and see how you can get

involved – we need people from all walks of life with differing experiences of access and playing tennis. I will miss the people and thank you our members for the privilege of leading the organisation for the last eight years.

Onwards and upwards!



Sam Foakes – Interim Head of LTA North Region

This year's report is the first for me as Interim Head of North Region following Paul Bennett's secondment to Head of Parks Investment Delivery until the end of March 2024. To give you a little background on me for those of you I haven't met yet, I have been working for the LTA as part of the North regional team since 2014 covering the participation work in the Greater Manchester area. To start with, I just wanted to say it has been an enjoyable year getting to know more about the work in tennis across Yorkshire and I have particularly enjoyed getting to know a number of the excellent people involved in delivering tennis across the County.

In many regards it has been a year of change. As well as Paul's secondment, we have also seen Laurie Haines take up another secondment opportunity to become a Parks Investment Development Partner with a remit to support the roll out of a number of

parks projects across the region, including Yorkshire based projects. The Parks Investment Delivery project is undoubtedly a huge opportunity to bring back park tennis courts that have fallen into disrepair and to open the door to new tennis participation opportunities in more local communities. The ambitions for the project are high, seeking to invest £30m in a 2-year period in partnership with Department of Culture Media and Sport with the aim to reach a million new players across the country.

As you will already be aware, at the end of this year, John Crowther will be standing down as long-standing Yorkshire Tennis Chairman. I have only worked with John since February, and I can say in this short time I have seen first-hand that his passion and commitment for tennis is unwavering and his contribution of time, energy and insight in a volunteer capacity has been testament to this. Undoubtedly the knowledge John has brought has hugely contributed to the County's success in his tenure. As a regional team, we have particularly valued the commitment to partnership between the County and Regional teams and wish John all the best in his next endeavours.

Following the challenges that Covid has brought in the last few years, this year has been largely more stable in terms of tennis delivery and it has been great to see that there have

been a number of participation and delivery successes this year:

Open Court has successfully exceeded our target number of venues in the North with 138 now active in the region. Our Open Court programme is a national scheme that actively promotes and delivers opportunities for disabled people to get involved in tennis. We have also reached our **SERVES** target of 83 venues, of which 25 are in Yorkshire and 11 of these are in Bradford alone. The **SERVES** programme is the LTA's leading sports for development programme, which takes tennis into the heart of local communities to people who may have never picked up a racket or thought tennis was for them. **LTA Youth Team Challenge** has grown to over 150 of our registered venues now drawing down the resources across the North.

Parks delivery and participation continues to thrive and just one example is that over 51K bookings have been monitored in Sheffield, Rotherham, York, Kirklees and Leeds alone. Padel continues to grow in Yorkshire, with Rawdon, Rippon, Harrogate Sports, Skipton and commercial operators all developing courts and their operating models to reach new people.

A significant focus this year has been on the further roll out and scaling of the LTA Youth Teacher training initiative, in support of the



■ Emma Raducanu US Open Trophy on tour at Hovingham Primary School, Leeds



ambitious target to grow weekly children's play from 7.9% to 10% of the population by the end of 2023. In the North we are currently on track to reach over 2000 teachers being trained by the end of 2022 and this result has been primarily facilitated by our education partners through the school games networks and through universities via their Initial Teacher Training courses. It was also brilliant to have the opportunity to host the Emma Raducanu US Open Trophy tour twice in the region, with one of the visits taking place at Hovingham Primary school in Harehills, Leeds.

The year has also seen the

consultation and shaping of a new County Governance Framework and Funding Model which seeks to support and level up County delivery nationally, investing over £1m per annum of additional LTA funding into the County Association network from January 2023. The increased investment and alignment will bring some excellent opportunities to further the vision of Tennis Opened Up next year.

It was great to see the return of the Ilkley Trophy this year to Yorkshire, an event which saw a very high level of play. It was particularly enjoyable to have the chance to help host a Regional Awards day which

invited LTA Awards Winners from around the region to come together, be presented with their awards and of course enjoy some excellent grass court tennis. The event was a chance to acknowledge the achievements of the outstanding people involved in delivering our sport.

Looking ahead to 2023 there are many things to look forward to as we aim for a strong last year of our 5-year strategy. With this in mind, as a regional team, we are really looking forward to continuing working with you all across Yorkshire next year and thank you so much for your continued support for the game.



**Don Stewart,
Chair**

I'm delighted to be able to report this year that the main activity that we are all in this together to undertake, Tennis, has been back to full flow in 2022. Our club venues have been back to full throttle after two years of restricted activity and the numbers of those playing have been strong. Inter-club competition has also returned to normal with the district leagues up and running again with full programmes. With rare exception, clubs have all reported strong membership and pay and play activity, with many enjoying seeing new recruits on the back of the activity attracted during Covid. In many ways the ability of clubs to open up outdoors ahead of other sports was a plus for tennis and we have been able to build on that in 2022.

It is testament to the strength and resilience of clubs that the vast majority have survived the pandemic, continued to operate, in many cases

attracted new players and converted some of those into new members. A number of our clubs have already invested in or are considering investment in padel courts, open or covered, and have seen early benefits in new activity and new people. And recently, others, particularly those with indoor tennis courts and restricted sites, have begun to explore pickleball as a less expensive and easier to start option for additional revenue and new players. This type of diversification of the traditional model suggests encouraging new funding streams and opens up the offering to those not so enamoured of the traditional game.

In challenging economic times, diversifying the income streams, providing an alternative and encouraging change, is a positive thing to be welcomed. Even before we became aware of energy cost issues, it was clear that inflationary pressures on prices, increased costs of raw materials and wage stagnation, were affecting household incomes and causing people to reduce their discretionary spending in favour of other, more basic needs. Now with the rising costs of gas and electricity, individual households and businesses large and small are having to rethink their budgets. Tennis clubs are not immune to these pressures and those of our bigger clubs with indoor facilities to service, maintain and develop, are feeling the pinch particularly.

We have made overtures to the LTA who in turn are in discussion with government about the need to ensure that any new financial support packages for business include those sports businesses like our clubs in order that we protect these valuable assets. Indoor courts in particular are central to the LTA strategic aims for participation, development, coaching and performance. Protecting what we have is very important and much cheaper than building from new.

As most of you will be aware, the LTA attention in terms of capital spend this year and indeed, next, has been and will be focused on the parks owned by local authorities. Long term funding decline in local authority leisure budgets, as recently reported by the Local Government Association, has seen many tennis courts fall into disrepair and disuse in parks throughout the county.

With a cash injection from the government the LTA is now seeking to repair, restore and revitalise some of these courts with a largely capital-led model, intended to result in agreements with local authorities which will provide longer term revenue plans for ongoing maintenance for the renewed assets. We wait to see how this plan will unfold and how these renewed facilities will be linked to clubs and coaches. We will also continue to monitor the use of LTA youth in schools. Take up by primary schools in particular has been good. We



■ Fullwood LTC, Sheffield

would like to see improved links to clubs.

In the meantime, the LTA's easy access loan scheme has seen very little activity in the county and we have continued to monitor this in conjunction with our LTA North Regional colleagues. With this in mind we have begun to look again at how Yorkshire Tennis can help our clubs financially with developments. We had planned to launch a new chapter of the highly successful Advantage Yorkshire scheme of rebates, loans and grants in September of 2022, but the continued lack of clarity from the LTA on the future of county funding has caused us to delay that launch until the beginning of 2023.

Once we are clear about our finances going forward, we will be able to ramp up the programme and will alert you to a start date.

We have continued to support coaching in the county in 2022 with the Coaches Commission and the coaches newsletter and have linked strongly with the LTA North Regional team in taking forward this work. As many of you will have encountered, there is a demand for coaches which currently exceeds supply and we are working jointly with the LTA to correct this.

I am grateful to my colleagues on the CCCS Committee for their continued support and

help. As Yorkshire Tennis moves forward as an organisation to become incorporated and to meet the requirements of the LTA's new governance code (described elsewhere in this report) we may see changes to the way in which we manage our relationship with clubs.

But we remain committed to supporting Yorkshire Tennis clubs throughout the county and to help them further increase the number of players, playing tennis in Yorkshire. As further rounds of LTA Youth are rolled out, we look forward to increased school / club links as well as improvements in the sharing of data and intelligence.



Peter Vann, Yorkshire Tennis lead for Padel

In last year's inaugural report I referred to padel as "the fastest growing sport in Europe you had never heard of"... boy oh boy! how that has changed in just twelve short months.

Nationally there are now 209 courts completed. Of those, 121 courts are covered/ enclosed and 88 are open/ outdoor. Planned additions before the year end mean the LTA target of 250 courts for 2022 will be achieved, and the national pipeline is backed up with court projects that will bring the total to at least 400 courts during 2023.

Yorkshire is already a hotbed of padel growth:

- Rawdon LTC adding a second court within six months of completing the first, following exceptional demand.
- In Harrogate, Surge Padel opened with six courts and was, until the very recent opening of We Are Padel's 11 indoor court club in Derby, the largest facility in the UK.

- One covered and one outdoor court opened at Ripon LLTC, which along with Huddersfield, was featured in an informative BBC Look North feature which can be viewed on YouTube: [here is a direct link](#)

- Skipton LTC added two outdoor courts and have indoor courts planned for rapid addition.

- Other known padel projects include Chapel Allerton LTC&SC, Thongsbridge LTC, Cottingham LTC, York LTC, Queens LT&SC, plus sites planned in Leeds, Sheffield and Scarborough.

As well as growth in clubs, its noteworthy that Huddersfield-based players Nick Holloway, Ben Gudzelak, Paul Jepson, Mike Tolman plus yours truly! helped to take a Senior's GB padel team of 20 athletes through a qualifying tournament in Dublin, to the second ever seniors world championships held in Las Vegas in April.

Two excellent online magazines for padel were launched this year, and these plus other news and information can be reached via the recent LTA padel newsletter: [LTA \(yorkshiretennis.org.uk\)](#)

■ Padel court at Skipton TC



■ Padel court at Surge





**Carolyn Rothwell,
Chair**

The Babolat Yorkshire League 2022 started on 23 April and preparations started early for the County Championships which ran 19 to 28 August at the John Charles Centre for Sport (JCCS), and for the Seniors County Championships running from 30 August to 2 September at Huddersfield Tennis Club. Winners of the U12 event were put forward for entry to the Babolat Cup, with entries from other County Championships across the country.

The Babolat Yorkshire League 2022 finished at the end of September and had two men's divisions and two ladies divisions, with eight, eight, nine and eight teams respectively. A full report follows this.

The Yorkshire Championships provided ten days of county tennis at JCCS, with the warm and dry 2022 summer weather allowing a full schedule to go ahead indoors and out. There were wheelchair events, junior categories from

8&U to 18&U with singles and doubles, and of course open events for all. Organiser and referee Dave Kitchen managed the entries, negotiating his way through the glitches with the Tournament Planner software, got umpires on court, water for competitors, and we all watched some great tennis.

Gathering all the trophies is a major task, undertaken by Trevor Stent, so that all winners and runners-up can be proud to receive their award on the day. Dave's masterminding of the event is detailed in a separate report, but he is standing down now, and a successor(s) is sought. Thanks, Dave, for leaving the championships in such a healthy and respected state.

The Seniors Championships was held for the first time at Huddersfield LTC, and was refereed and organised by Becky Lee. Running the week after the JCCS event, it also enjoyed a week of dry, warm weather. A separate report follows, and Yorkshire Tennis looks forward to seeing the event at Huddersfield next year, with many thanks to Becky and the staff at Huddersfield LTC.

A number of successful LTA sanctioned events have been held in our region providing local access to high level competition. Play Your Way to Wimbledon, sponsored by Vodafone, replaced the previous 14U event and included singles events played at clubs, schools and culminated in a county final

played at Nuffield Hull. The successful Yorkshire winners, Neo Hodgkinson and Holly Hull, went on to compete at Wimbledon in August.

North East Region Doubles events for boys were held at JCCS in June. Selected players were invited to play in the double's events at Wimbledon in August, alongside the winners of the Singles events. It is an honour and an exciting opportunity for players to be on court at Wimbledon, and hopefully more players will compete at clubs and schools in 2023 with the opportunity to play their way to Wimbledon.

Local tennis leagues continued to be successful with six leagues competing across Yorkshire with 652 players competing across the six leagues.

Team Challenge packs were sent out to many venues. Team tennis events were played both in the winter and summer across Yorkshire, with record numbers of clubs entering singles, pairs and team events across all age groups from junior to adult. Particularly exciting is the fact that 36 clubs have taken part with 1043 players competing year to date. An additional 26 clubs have yet to submit their participation figures so the final numbers of players competing will be significantly higher.

The ITF World Tennis Number has now been introduced to replace the ratings system. Initial teething issues have been overcome and now provides an accurate and current level based playing field for players to compete.

Yorkshire Tennis Championships 2022



“Yorkshire’s” week

The 2022 championships had a brilliant festival feel, good entry numbers, plenty of socialising and then the week concluding with some excellent finals. 450 entries is a big tournament but the weather was kind, which enabled all matches to be played on schedule.

Finals day as always was a true testament to Yorkshire Tennis and the very high standards that we set, umpires on all courts and the winners can be proud to be a Yorkshire champion. Huge congratulations must go to Scott Hillerby and Sarah Copley, our new Men's and

Ladies champions. Scott and Sarah also both won the junior 18&U singles titles, an incredible double for both players.

The 2022 Championships were an honour to be a part of, I would like to say a special thank you to all that helped and took part but particularly to my trusty officiating team. I hope “The Yorkshire’s”, an event we should be extremely proud of, will continue to flourish in the years to come.

Dave Kitchen

2022 Yorkshire Seniors

Huddersfield Tennis Club was the venue for this year's event.

36 singles players and 22 doubles players took part in some really great matches organised by Becky Lee and her trusted assistant John.

The weather was kind and play began most days around 3pm going on to around 9pm allowing those who were still working to play early evening onwards. The other appealing thing was the bar was open to finish off play and a well-deserved drink was had to make the event a sociable occasion.

Becky and John hope to attract more players and incorporate more events next year and would love to host again at Huddersfield Tennis Club.

Becky Lee



■ Yorkshire Championships 2022
 (pictured above, clockwise from
 top left): Harry Foster, Boys 12&U
 Singles; L to R, Kate Prigmore,
 Cheyenne Fee, Sophie Marshman,
 Sarah Copley Ladies Doubles
 Finalists; 8&U Girls Winner Thea
 Hodgkinson and Runner Up Heidi
 Topham; Elizabeth Tate, Girls
 14&U Singles; 8&U Boys Winner
 Joel Morton and Runner Up
 Hunter Henderson; Sarah Copley,
 18&U Girls and Ladies Singles
 Champion; Roberta Gaskell, Girls
 11&U Singles; Max McGregor, Boys
 16&U; Sophie Marshman and
 Sarah Copley, Girls 18&U Doubles;
 Amelia Baranska, Girls 12&U
 Singles; Blythe Brock, Girls 16&U
 Singles. (Pictured right, LtoR:
 Charlie Taylor, Neo Hodgkinson,
 Toby Shaw, Oliver Wilson, Boys
 14&U Doubles finalists;



Yorkshire Tennis Championships 2022



■ Lou Lister and Wendy Stirke



■ Brian Barrowman and Myles Collett

2022 Singles Champions

Men	Scott Hillerby	Boys 10&U	Max Hodkinson
Ladies	Sarah Copley	Girls 10&U	Victory Idemudia
Boys 18&U	Scott Hillerby	Boys 9&U	Seb Beetlestone
Girls 18&U	Sarah Copley	Girls 9&U	Evie Capewell
Boys 16&U	Max McGregor	Boys 8&U	Joel Morton
Girls 16&U	Blythe Brock	Girls 8&U	Thea Hodkinson
Boys 14&U	Oliver Wilson	Wheelchair	Lucas Town
Girls 14&U	Elizabeth Tate	Men 35&O	Steve Shipley
Boys 12&U	Harry Foster	Men 50&O	Steve Shipley
Girls 12&U	Amelia Baranska	Men 55&O	Paul Layfield
Boys 11&U	Max Hodkinson	Men 60&O	David Brown
Girls 11&U	Roberta Gaskell	Men 65&O	Miles Collett



■ David Brown and Peter Metcalfe



■ Steve Shipley and Nick Simpson
& Pete Vann and Paul Layfield

2022 Doubles Champions

Men	Paul Johnson & Jordan Reed-Thomas
Ladies	Sarah Copley & Sophie Marshman
Mixed	Paul Johnson & Alice Robson
Boys 18&U	Scott Hillerby & Luke Hoyland
Girls 18&U	Sarah Copley & Sophie Marshman
Mixed 18&U	Jack Drummond & Cheyenne Fee
Boys 16&U	Tom Oliver & Henry Redfern
Girls 16&U	Sarah Copley & Blythe Brock
Boys 14&U	Toby Shaw & Oliver Wilson
Girls 14&U	Elizabeth Tate & Emilia Linley
Mixed 14&U	Toby Shaw & Isabella Charnock
Boys 12&U	Reuben Revell & Ben Winterbottom
Girls 12&U	Roberta Gaskell & Maya McGregor
Boys 11&U	Max Hodkinson & Maxim Sokol
Girls 11&U	Roberta Gaskell & Darcey Lawton
Boys 10&U	Seb Beetlestone & Max Hodkinson
Girls 10&U	Victory Idemudia & Emmanuella Idemudia
Men 50&O	Peter Vann & Paul Layfield
Ladies 50&O	Lou Lister & Wendy Stirke

RESULTS

Heidi Wragg, Yorkshire Doubles League Organiser

We are pleased to announce this year that Babolat very kindly sponsored the 2022 league; in recognition of this sponsorship, it has been rebranded the Babolat Yorkshire Doubles League.

I would like to thank all the clubs and the players that took part in the 2022 competition, which saw a healthy turnout from clubs across Yorkshire, with 16 men's and 17 ladies' teams competing across two divisions. In addition, I would like to thank James Silson, the LTA Competition Development Partner, who provided invaluable support throughout the season.

Participating clubs continued with four players in the men's teams and six in the ladies' teams, which generally appears to have worked well; although, similar to last year, a number of clubs encountered difficulties in finding enough players for every match. Several ladies' captains have suggested that it might be easier to reduce player numbers to four in the ladies' teams going forward. In respect of players, I would ask that the captains ensure that they obtain a BTM number for

each player, as this will reduce the number of 'unknowns' noted in the league table. Additionally, and most importantly, only bonafide members of a club should be playing in the league matches!

I would like to extend my thanks to all the captains who, on the whole, were very proficient at uploading results and arranging or rearranging matches, when necessary, ensuring that the league ran smoothly. Nonetheless, there were still several results entered late or omitted and several conceded matches. I did receive some complaints about captains being disorganised with last minute cancellations; please note that according to the rules, two weeks' notice should be given in the event of a cancellation.

It is disappointing that so many matches in men's division 2 were conceded or not played, with 11 matches not played at all. Hopefully, this situation will be resolved next year. As a result, rather than relegating two teams from men's division 1 and promoting two from division 2, only one team will be relegated and one promoted. This decision primarily affects Holmfirth, runners-up in division 2, who wish to remain in that division as they felt that a promotion

was unjustifiable, based on the very few matches played.

I would ask that all captains for the home team upload the match results within 48 hours of play and if this is not possible, because of a cancelled or rearranged match or difficulties with the website, they should notify me immediately. In addition, if the captains could try to add the correct scores and players' names, where possible, it would be much appreciated. I realise that there have been a number of issues with the software this year – many of the captains complained of difficulties in entering scores and player names.

One last point is in respect of match teas, as there seems to be some disparity between clubs. Please bear in mind that the visiting team may have travelled some distance, so at a minimum, sandwiches and or cakes should be offered with the teas and coffee.

Congratulations to the winning clubs and runners-up detailed below. The Competitions Committee continues to discuss ways to improve the Babolat Yorkshire Doubles League with the aim of making it an attractive competition for clubs and players alike; as such, we are always happy to receive your comments.

Babolat Yorkshire Doubles League 2022

Event	Winner	Runner up	Relegated
Men's Division 1	Beverley	York Tennis Club	Huddersfield A
Men's Division 2	Thongsbridge (promoted)	Holmfirth	
Women's Division 1	Huddersfield A	David Lloyd Leeds A	Wheatley Hills, Holmfirth
Women's Division 2	Ilkley Tennis Club (promoted)	Batley ITI (promoted)	



**Chris Day,
Chair**

Following cancellation of the 2020 Wimbledon Championships and a reduction in spectator capacity in 2021 we took the difficult decision to suspend our Initiative resulting in minimal income being received. This year would be different and would provide us with the opportunity to raise much needed income which is crucial to our operations.

We were therefore delighted when almost all of our Partners entered into Partnership with us and as usual our focus was on providing them with the best possible experience. In the end we achieved this despite the new centralised ticketing process which led to the late receipt of Wimbledon tickets. This inevitably led to queries and complaints and although these were resolved it was not without stress and anxiety for those involved.

Counties made clear to the LTA that the ticketing problems

must not be repeated and as a result, the LTA commissioned a review so that lessons could be learned, and the necessary changes made. The review identified key areas for improvement including the need for a clear plan and timetable, an effective process for dealing with queries and complaints, sufficient resources to support the process, and the need for more streamlined digital systems. It was also recognised that any digital changes must be rigorously tested before implementation to ensure they are effective.

We will of course be holding the LTA to account in respect of these changes, and fully expect that our partners and volunteers will receive a smoother and more customer focused ticketing experience in 2023.

Partnership Funding

This year the LTA introduced a new system of raising sponsorship through partnership agreements. Despite initial concerns the new system worked well, and a record amount of income was received. We would therefore wish to thank all of our partners for their generous contributions which underpins our ability to support County training, County teams, player support, County competitions and also grass roots tennis.

For anyone interested in becoming a partner there are several benefits in being associated with Yorkshire Tennis which include

promotional opportunities, the use of County marks and branding and the conditional right to purchase tickets for major tennis events.

Further information can be found on page 19 or obtained by emailing Chris Day (chris.day5819@outlook.com) who will be delighted to explain our partnership scheme.

Patrons Scheme

As expected, Patrons were disappointed at the loss of access to Wimbledon tickets and were forthright in their views. We therefore decided to review our Patrons scheme to establish which benefits would be of interest to them along with the price point for joining the scheme. All Patrons were invited to complete a survey and provide feedback and we are currently considering the results which will be used to inform our approach going forward.

Despite changes to the scheme there are some Patrons who continue to provide donations to Yorkshire Tennis and to whom we are grateful. A list of patrons can be found later in this report.

Finally, I would like to thank Initiative Committee members Geoff Newton, John Crowther, Adrian Waite, Ian Hargreaves, John Ramsbottom and Brian Smith for their input throughout the year. Special mention also goes to Ann Rushworth who provides such splendid organisational support.

Yorkshire Tennis Initiative

What is it?

It is a fund supported by Companies, Individuals, Patrons, and Life Patrons. The fund is used to subsidise all, or part of Yorkshire Tennis activities detailed in this report. The fund assists in development activities, performance and competition and the promotion of tennis throughout Yorkshire making the sport accessible to a wider community and ultimately helps to further the game of tennis and raise standards.

Why should corporate bodies and individuals support the Initiative?

Supporters can enjoy rights to be associated with Yorkshire Tennis which

include the use of our County mark, branding opportunities, support for specific events and publicity through our media channels. As part of the agreement supporters will also have the right to purchase tickets for major tennis events in the UK which take place each year and which include Queens, Billie Jean King Cup and Davis Cup matches, pre-Wimbledon events at Birmingham, Eastbourne, Nottingham, and the Challenger events which include the very successful Ilkley Tournament.

Supporters of the Yorkshire Tennis Initiative:

The following companies have all entered into partnership with Yorkshire Tennis and we thank them most sincerely for their support.

- Age Partnership
- ATP Advertising & Marketing
- Babolat
- Black Diamond Investments
- Caddick Developments
- Corporex

- Hatch Communications
- Hawsons Chartered Accountants
- Laver Regeneration
- LGK Farms
- MKM Building Supplies
- One Global Solutions
- Pure Retirement

If you are interested in partnering with Yorkshire Tennis, then please contact Chris Day by email: chris.day5819@outlook.com





**Karen Mitchell,
Chair**

A very productive year on court by all at Yorkshire Tennis for the 2022 season. All the County Cup events were back to running in their normal format and it has been good to see all teams travelling up and down the home nation countries and for the international formats abroad.

Our 18&U girls and boys county teams were battling in group one, at Bath in February, which started the county cup race. Congratulations to the girls who were runners up.

A new age group introduced this year saw our 8&U's having three teams of both boys and girls up in Sunderland enjoying their tennis festival on the start of a journey representing Yorkshire. The 9&U teams both qualified for the North Finals, with the boys finishing as winners and the girls as runners up. In the 14&U's the boys came fourth in the national finals, with the 10&U's qualifying for the finals losing on a final tie break to Kent and

being the runners up. In the 11&U's the girls and boys went through to the national finals with the boys placed fifth and the girls third. Our final junior county cup was the 12&U's where both teams qualified for the finals with the girls finishing fifth and the boy's third. Yorkshire is very proud of all the players who have represented the county this year in the junior events. Well played everyone.

In the Junior National Championships congratulations to Millie Skelton for winning the 18&U girls doubles title, with the reward of a wild card into the Girls Wimbledon Junior Doubles Championships. Isaac Sallu won the boy's doubles events and Max Hodgkinson won the 10&U boy's National Tour at Bolton. Sevil Parviz won the @Tennis Europe U12 singles and doubles title and the 12&U Girls LTA County Clay Championships in Bournemouth.

Yorkshire qualified for England representation in the 12&U Home Nations Junior Championships. The boys were Harry Foster and Charlie Taylor and the girls Amelia Baranska and Sabeedah Khan. What an honour to represent England at the Scotstoun Tennis Centre in Glasgow and a huge well done to the players and captains Sam Salt and Ellie Makin.

In July the ladies and men competed in the Summer County Cup division one at Eastbourne. This saw both our teams back in the top division together for the first time since 1992. The weather was

very hot and the doubles competition saw the introduction of sudden death deuce for the first time in its history. Both teams fought hard with true Yorkshire grit throughout the week and performing outstanding doubles from all our players. The ladies captained by Jo Craven had to win by a great margin on the last day and won their match against Surrey but lost out on the rubber count by two. The men had to win their last match to stay up and a nail biting finish saw captain Steve McLoughlin steer the team to a 5-4 win at 6.20pm! Congratulations to both teams who rose to the challenge and I know the ladies will be looking to return back to division one next year.

The senior teams from over 35 -70s saw their divisional tennis back up and running. Our men's over 35's gained promotion back to group one and the ladies were just pipped in the final match to stay in group 2. Good luck to those age groups who are in the final play offs at Graves at the end of October and hopefully their results will go the right way for Yorkshire.

The ITF Seniors World Championships held in Boca Raton, Miami in early May saw four of our Yorkshire players selected to play for Great Britain. Cath Davies and Andy Hutchinson in the over 55s and Gill Brook and Richard Jackson in the over 60s age group. All our players had won ITF British Open titles en route to their selection. A fantastic achievement by them all.

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County Cup

The County Performance team of Richard Crabtree, Sam Salt and Elliot Chang have had a year together and introduced some excellent initiatives. The introduction of the Mini Red competition through North, East, West and South Yorkshire to enable our players to access more match play is one of these. Our county training schedule has grown and had more players training together to enhance their own schedules at their clubs and venues.

In March, Dave Kitchen stood down from being the County Co-ordinator organising the

county training and county cup schedule. I would like to thank Dave for all the years of work for Yorkshire Tennis. A big welcome to Steve Holmes who has stepped up to the role and joined the team and works tirelessly behind the scenes. It is very important that we continue to engage with all our players, coaches, parents and clubs/venues to grow tennis making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable.

Thank you to all our captains, county trainers, senior co-ordinators who work hard for Yorkshire tennis to help the

success in all our age groups. At the time of writing the report we are sitting in 1st position of the County Cup Race with the ladies and men's winter county cup to be completed. Fingers crossed! Thanks to Rosie Nicholl (County Welfare Officer) who helps the County Performance team.

I hope to hear more about successes in 2023!

For more information on county training at any age group please contact: yorkshirecountytennis@hotmail.com



Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
Winter County Cup – Men 2021 Group 1	Richard Crabtree	Luke Johnson, Jonathan Gray, Clay Crawford, Finn Murgett, Jordan Reed-Thomas, Joseph Newman-Billington, Kyle Brassington, Elliot Chang, Richard Crabtree	Kent, Lost 3-6; Lancashire, Won 6-3; Essex, Lost 1-5. Position, 3rd	Relegated to Group 2
Winter County Cup – Ladies 2021 Group 2a	Jo Craven	Serena Nash, Sofie Woon, Bronte Murgett, Rebecca Hill, Isabelle Hearnshaw, Jo Craven, Savannah Dada-Mascoll, Orla Cooper, Esther Jones	Nottinghamshire, Won 8-1; Essex, Won 8-1; Hertfordshire, Won 6-2. Position, 1st	Promoted to Group 1
Summer County Cup – Men 2022 Group 1	Steve McLoughlin	Luke Johnson, Finn Murgett, Kyle Brassington, Richard Crabtree, Matthew Clegg, Jordan Reed-Thomas, Matthis Ross, Elliot Chang, Joe Gill, Joseph Newman-Billington	East of Scotland, Lost 3-6; Essex, Won 6-3; Kent, Lost 4-5; Hertfordshire, Lost 3-6; Cambridgeshire, Won 5-4 Position, 4th	Remain in Group 1
Summer County Cup –Ladies 2022 Division 1	Jo Craven	Serena Nash, Isabelle Hearnshaw, Orla Cooper, Sarah Copley, Savannah Dada-Mascoll, Rebecca Hill, Jayanne Palma, Naiktha Bains, Millie Skelton, Sofie Woon, Victoria Laphorne	Hertfordshire, Lost 0-9; Northumberland, Lost 2-7; Hampshire & IOW, Lost 2-7; Kent, Won 6-3; Surrey, Won 4-2. Position, 5th	Relegated to Group 2

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County Cup

Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
8&U North County Cup 2022	Sam Salt Ben Mitchell Bailey Cole	Team A: Ala Kaliszewicz, Amal Khan, Thea Hodkinson, Matilda Gaskell, Sammy Goldthorpe, Sebastian Brock, George He, Jonas Robinson Team B: Elena Kalango, Hannah Lazenby, Jessica Nichols, Heidi Topham, Hugo Asmussen, Tommy Morris, Joel Morton, Henry Nailer, Monty Truss Team C: Isla Mitchell, Aanya Bhambra, Marissa Couldwell, Matilda Bonner-Spragg, Jack Sullivan, Isaac Ellis, Oli Dawes, Hunter Henderson, Huxley Taylor	Team A: Durham & Cleveland A, Won 15-5; Lancashire A, Lost 9-11 Position, 2nd Team B: Durham & Cleveland B – Won 14-6; Lancashire B – Lost 9-11 Position, 2nd Team C: Durham & Cleveland C – Won 14-6; Lancashire C – Won 11-9 Position, 1st	
9&U Boys County Cup 2022	Paul Johnson	Seb Beetlestone, Max Hodkinson, Piotr Janda, Harrison McHugh, Lucas Mitchell	Qualifying: North Wales, Won 6-0; Cheshire, Won 6-0; Derbyshire, Won 6-0 Finals: Cambridgeshire, Won 5-1; Lancashire, Won 5-1; Nottinghamshire, Won 5-1; West of Scotland, Won 4-2	Qualifying: Winners North Area Finals: Champions
9&U Girls County Cup 2022	Laura Hopton	Evie Capewell, Thea Hodkinson, Emmanuella Idemudia, Alessia Piani, Nayvie Simpson	Qualifying: Derbyshire, Won 6-0; Cheshire, Won 4-2 Finals: Cambridgeshire, Lost 0-6; Lancashire, Won 4-2; Nottinghamshire, Won 5-1; North of Scotland, Won 3-3 (after shootout)	Qualifying: Winners North Area Finals: Runners Up
10&U Boys County Cup 2022	Ben Crichton Jake Prime	Maxim Sokol, Deyvon Butlin, Max Hodkinson, Sam Hawkins, Piotr Janda	Qualifying: Lancashire, Won 6-0; Cumbria, Won 6-0; Cheshire, Won 4-2 Finals: Warwickshire, Won 6-0; Wiltshire, Won 4-2; Middlesex – Won 5-1; Kent, Lost 3-3 (after shootout)	Qualifying: Winners National Finals: Runners Up
10&U Girls County Cup 2022	Sam Salt Bailey Cole	Tilly Sullivan, Isabella Asmussen, Molly Dear, Sylvie Nichols, Alessia Piani	Qualifying: North of Scotland, Won 5-1; South of Scotland, Won 6-0; East of Scotland, Lost 1-5; West of Scotland, Won 4-2	Qualifying: Runners Up
11&U Boys County Cup 2022	Ben Crichton Jake Prime	Max Hodkinson, Neo Hodkinson, Reuben Revell, Ben Winterbottom, Ollie Wright, Deyvon Butlin, Sam Hawkins, Maxim Sokol,	Qualifying: South of Scotland, Won 5-1; East of Scotland, Won 4-2; West of Scotland, Won 4-2; North of Scotland, Won 6-0 Finals: Devon, Won 3-3 (after shootout); Surrey, Lost 2-4; Buckinghamshire, Lost 2-4; Bedfordshire, Won 4-2	Qualifying: Winners National Finals: 5th
11&U Girls County Cup 2022	Ellie Makin	Olushola Adenekan, Roberta Gaskell, Olivia Jackowska, Sabeedah Khan, Darcey Lawton	Qualifying: Durham & Cleveland, Won 6-0; Lancashire, Won 6-0; Northumberland, Won 6-0; Cumbria, Won 6-0 Finals: East of Scotland, Won 5-1; Essex, Lost 1-5; Warwickshire, Won 4-2; Avon, Won 5-1	Qualifying: Winners National Finals: 3rd Place
12&U Boys County Cup 2022	Kyle Brassington	Harry Foster, Daniel Davies-Riand, Jan Janda, Charlie Taylor, Ben Winterbottom	Qualifying: Derbyshire, Won 6-0; Lincolnshire, Won 6-0; Leicestershire, Won 5-1 Finals: Avon, Won 4-2; North of Scotland, Won 5-1; Surrey, Lost 3-3 (after shootout); Sussex, Won 5-1	Qualifying: Winners National Finals: 3rd Place



■ Ladies Summer County Cup Team



■ 8&U County Cup Teams



■ 9&U Girls County Cup Team



■ 10&U Boys County Cup Team



■ 11&U Boys County Cup Team



■ 11&U Girls County Cup Team

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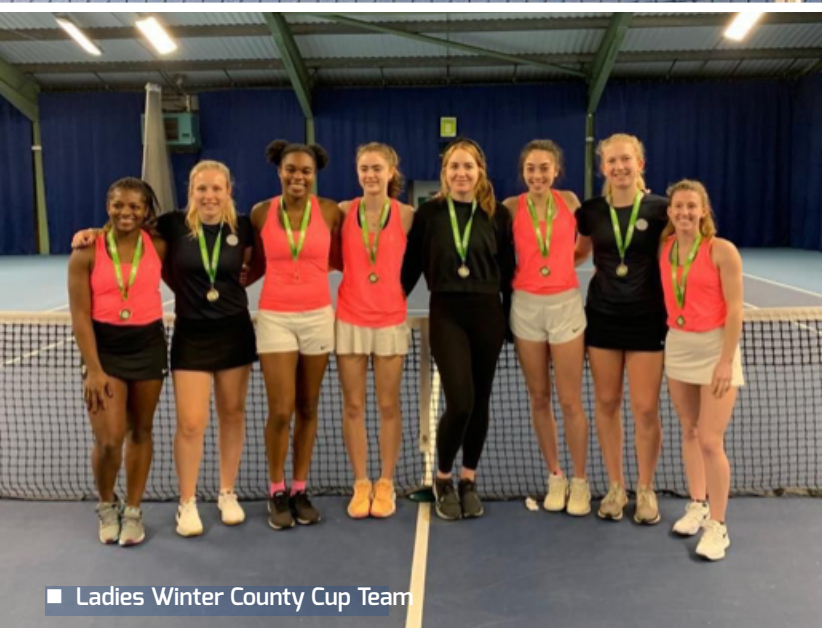
County Cup



Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
12&U Girls County Cup 2022	Laura Hopton	Olushola Adenekan, Amelia Baranska, Roberta Gaskell, Sabeedah Khan, Sevil Parviz	Qualifying: Cumbria, Won 6-0; Durham & Cleveland, Won 6-0; Lancashire, Won 3-3 (after shoot-out). Finals: Suffolk, Lost 2-4; Surrey, Lost 2-4; Avon, Won 5-1; Cheshire, Won 4-2.	Qualifying: Winners Finals: National 5 th Place
14&U Boys County Cup 2022	Richard Crabtree	Jan Janda, Thomas Nailer, Tom Oliver, Isaac Sallu, Toby Shaw, Louis Stewart, Oliver Wilson	Qualifying: Derbyshire, Won 6-0; Nottinghamshire, Won 5-1; Lincolnshire, Won 6-0; Leicestershire, Won 6-0. Finals: Northamptonshire, Won 5-1; South Wales, Lost 2-4; North of Scotland, Won 4-2; Surrey, Lost 1-5	Qualifying: Winners Finals: National 4 th Place
14&U Girls County Cup 2022	Nicola Tweedy	Folasade Aladese, Emilia Linley, Beth Pratt, Isabella Swanborough, Elizabeth Tate	Qualifying: South of Scotland, Won 6-0; West of Scotland, Lost 1-5; North of Scotland, Won 4-2; East of Scotland, Lost 2-4.	Qualifying: 3 rd Place
18&U Boys County Cup 2022 Group 1	Elliot Chang	Alexander Tikhonov, Louis Hull, Scott Hillerby, Luke Hoyland, Joseph Mazingham, Harry Abel, Joe Conaghan, Jamie Duffin,	Kent, Lost 2-7 Lancashire, Won 8-1 Middlesex, Lost 4-5 Position, 3rd	Relegated
18&U Girls County Cup 2022 Group 1	Calvin Betton	Millie Skelton, Daniela Piani, Gabriella Lindley, Sarah Copley, Molly Robinson, Alice Brook, Isabella Gibson, Sophie Marshman, Cheyenne Fee	Sussex – Won 8-1 Middlesex – Lost 4-5 Hertfordshire – Won 5-2 Position, 2nd	National Runners Up



■ Men's Winter County Cup Team



■ Ladies Winter County Cup Team



■ Men's 70&0 County Cup Team



■ Ladies 50&0 County Cup Team



■ Men's 35&0 County Cup Team



■ Ladies 35&0 County Cup Team

Yorkshire County Seniors

Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
Men's 35&O County Cup 2022, Group 2b	Ben Gudzelak	Martin Calvert, Ben Gudzelak, Richard Crabtree, Adam De Vries, Peter Hall, Michael Tolman	Suffolk, Won 4-1; Lancashire, Won 4-1; Dorset, Won 3-2. Position, 1st	Promoted to Group 1
Ladies 35&O County Cup 2022, Group 2a	Natalie Gill	Danielle Brown, Becki Fong, Natalie Gill, Carina May, Nicola Mooney	Cheshire, Won 3-2; Essex, Won 3-2; Somerset, Lost 1-3. Position, 2nd	
Ladies 40&O County Cup 2022, Group 1b	Sarah Everest-Ford	Sarah Everest-Ford, Jenny French, Nicky Brind, Helen Hirst, Jen Lewis, Jo Fitzpatrick, Helen Myles	Somerset, Lost 0-5; Berkshire, Lost 0-5; Hertfordshire, Won w/o; Buckinghamshire, Lost 0-5; Middlesex, Lost 1-4; Position, 6th	Relegated
Men's 45&O County Cup 2022, Group 1b	Steve Shipley	Steve Shipley, Paul Ranson, Martin Calvert, Richard Hutchinson, Dave Kitchen, Dave Mangham	Cambridgeshire, Won 5-0; Hertfordshire, Won 3-2; Hampshire & IOW, Won w/o; Berkshire, Won w/o. Playoff Final: Middlesex, Won 4-1	Group Winners Playoff Final Champions
Men's 50&O County Cup 2022, Group 3a	Dave Mangham	Dave Mangham, Gary Bridgeman, Nathan Wright, Glyn Smith, Czes Wegrzynski, Dave Driscoll	Sussex, Lost 2-3; Cornwall, Lost 2-3; Avon, Won w/o; Devon & Cornwall, Won w/o; Middlesex, Won w/o. Position, 3rd	
Ladies 50&O County Cup 2022, Group 1a	Becky Lee	Becky Lee, Gill Kilner, Catherine Baker, Sarah Swift, Cath Davies, Sarah Thomas, Jo Wright, Karen Mitchell, Sally Bickerton, Clare Johnson	Gloucestershire, Won 3-2; Kent, Won 3-2; Sussex, Won 5-0; Hertfordshire, Won 5-0; Surrey, Lost 2-3. Playoff Final: Middlesex, Lost 1-3	Group Winners Playoff Final Runners up
Men's 55&O County Cup 2022, Group 1b	Paul Layfield	Paul Layfield, Andy Hutchinson, Gareth Hutchinson, Cord Spilker, Roger Kuhlmann, Ian Blakeman	Surrey, Won 4-1; Staffordshire, Won 4-1; Devon & Cornwall, Won 4-1; Lancashire, Won 5-0; Cheshire, Won 5-0. Playoff Final: Leicestershire, Won 4-1	Group Winners Playoff Final Champions
Men's 60&O County Cup 2022, Group 1a	Myles Collett	Myles Collett, Dave Brown, Peter Vann, Jim Mellor, Andrew Mears, Paul Blackett	Dorset, Won 4-1; Leicestershire, Lost 0-5; Surrey, Lost 1-4; Essex, Lost 0-5; Nottinghamshire, Lost 1-4. Position, 5th	Relegated
Ladies 60&O County Cup 2022, Group 1a	Belinda Turnbull	Belinda Turnbull, Gill Brook, Wendy Stirke, Sally Bickerton, Cathryn Johnson	Essex, Won 5-0; Surrey, Lost 2-3; South Wales, Won 3-2; Kent, Lost 2-3. Position, 3rd	
Men's 65&O County Cup 2022, Group 2b	Steve Batte	Steve Batte, Andy Clipson, Andrew Potter, Dave Nichol, Mike Butterworth, Brian Barrowman	Nottinghamshire, Won 3-2; Lincolnshire, Won 3-2; Devon, Won 3-2; Warwickshire, Lost 2-3; Cheshire, Lost 1-4. Position, 3rd	
Ladies 65&O County Cup 2022, Group 2b	Janice Ashman	Janice Ashman, Kath Green, Sue Graney, Susan Brass, Christine Dalton, Rosie Connell, Margaret Bottomley	Lancashire, Lost 1-3; Kent, Lost 1-3; Essex, Won 4-0; Hertfordshire, Won 2-2 (won on games). Position, 4th	
Men's 70&O County Cup 2022, Group 1a	Wilf Jessop	Wilf Jessop, Greg Pearson, Alan Cockman, Dave Allerton, John Andrews, Giles Hinchcliffe	Dorset, Lost 2-3; Kent, Lost 1-4; Warwickshire, Won 3-2; Middlesex, Won 4-1; Surrey, Won 4-1; Position, 3rd	
Ladies 70&O County Cup 2022, Group 1b	Rosemary Carter	Sue Welch, Audrey Reed, Pauline Knight, Rosemary Carter	Lancashire, Lost 2-2 (losing on sets won); Kent, Won 3-1; Buckinghamshire, Won 4-0. Playoff Final: Surrey, Lost 0-4	Group Winners Playoff Final Runners up



■ LTA National University Award Winner, The University of Sheffield Tennis Club

Category	County Award Winner	Associated Club
Lifetime Achievement	Wendy Hurworth	Eskdale School Tennis Club
Volunteer	Carol Tetlow	Ripon Tennis Centre
Young Person	Alfie Motson	Wheatley Hills LTC, Doncaster
Coach (Development)	Sean Evans	Pocklington Tennis Club
Coach (Performance)	Tom Laughton	Leeds Regional Performance Development Centre
Club	Roundhay LTC	
Communities & Parks	Sunnah Sports Academy Trust	
Official	Luke Smith	
School	St Mary's College, Hull	
University	University of Sheffield Tennis Club	
Disability	Wigginton Tennis Club	
Competition	The Huddersfield Open	Huddersfield LT&SC

Category	Regional Award Winner	
School	St Mary's College, Hull	
University	University of Sheffield Tennis Club	

Category	National Award Winner	
University	University of Sheffield Tennis Club	

ACHIEVEMENT

LTA Tennis Awards 2022



■ LTA Regional Award Winner, Peter Bridgewater and his coaching team at St Mary's College Hull



■ Karen Mitchell, LTA Meritorious Service Award



■ Chris Day, LTA Meritorious Service Award



■ Wendy Hurworth, LTA Lifetime Achievement Award



■ LTA County Award Winner, Roundhay LTC Club of the Year, Paul Johnson and Rosie Nicholl

Yorkshire County Tennis Awards 2022

Award	Category	Award winner
Headingley Trophy	Ladies Winter County Cup	Bronte Murgett
Howden Trophy	Men's Winter County Cup	Joseph Newman-Billington
Mallen Trophy	Best Performance Girls 18&U County Cup	Sarah Copley
YLTA Trophy	Best Performance Boys 18&U County Cup	Harry Abel & Scott Hillerby
Harry Smedley Salver	Ladies Summer County Cup	Serena Nash & Savannah Dada-Mascoll
Bernard Austin Trophy	Men's Summer County Cup	Luke Johnson & Finn Murgett
YLTA Trophy	Most Improved Player – Girls	Daniela Piani
Brian Mitchell Trophy	Most Improved Player – Boys	Louis Hull

County Colours	County Winner
Ladies	Bronte Murgett, Orla Cooper, Savannah Dada-Mascoll
Men's Seniors	Brian Barrowman, Andy Clipson, Chris Day
18 & Under Boys	Alex Tikhonov



**Ian Hargreaves,
Treasurer**

Activities started to return to normal following the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is planned that the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association will incorporate as Yorkshire Tennis Ltd in December 2022. A new incorporated company, The Yorkshire Tennis Foundation, has been established to hold funds not immediately required for the running of Yorkshire Tennis Ltd and funds donated by benefactors of tennis in Yorkshire. These funds will be used for future support of clubs, coaches, and players in the county in line with a new scheme to be launched early in 2023 by Yorkshire Tennis Ltd.

The Balance Sheet shows net assets at the end of the financial year of £612,550, with £246,118 of the balance out on loan to 23 venues.

Consideration of further loan applications was halted at the onset of the pandemic but will start again shortly. The loan fund is replenished by the

repayment of loan instalments, currently at the rate of about £23,000 every six months. We are holding £17,500 on behalf of the Leeds RPDC.

£359,000 is available to manage the day-to-day business. This represents about 1.3 times this year's annual expenditure and is considered adequate.

Income and Expenditure

There was an operating surplus of £52,140 over the year. The sum of £152,000 was transferred to The Yorkshire Tennis Foundation giving a net deficit in the accounts of £99,860.

County, Club, Community and Schools

Venue registration fees totalled £78,560 from 160 registered venues, collected by the LTA and transferred to YT. There were three new registrations, two re-joined and four resigned.

Local Projects

No new loans were paid to venues this year. One grant was paid to a club to help with flooding problems. Donations of £60,000 were received from one generous donor and £152,000 transferred to The Yorkshire Tennis Foundation to fund future projects.

Competitions

The County Championships were held successfully again at JCCS but showed a net loss of £18,000.

The Yorkshire League and the LTA's National League and Play your Way to Wimbledon

competitions were held successfully.

Performance

A full programme of County Cups at all age groups from 8 to 70 was held, costing £77,000. The county training programme cost a net £39,000.

Yorkshire Initiative

With the Wimbledon Championships returning to normal it was possible to encourage Partners to subscribe to the LTA's new Rights programme, and nearly £129,000 was raised from 13 sponsors.

The YT Patrons system is in abeyance and its future under consideration.

Marketing and Communications

Expenditure was at normal levels.

Administration

£28,000 was paid in professional fees, largely legal costs incurred in the setting up of Yorkshire Tennis Ltd. Our five hourly-paid administrators were paid £18,800.

Leeds Regional Player Development Centre

Funding for the RPDC from the LTA and YT Partners is handled by Yorkshire Tennis. The net effect on YT finances is zero.

Financial Statement

Income and Expenditure in the year to 30 September 2022

Income	2021-22	2020-21	Expenditure	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£		£	£
County, Club, Community & Schools					
Venue registrations	78,560	77,720	LTA registration	200	200
			Community/disability/inclusivity	500	300
Total	78,560	77,720		700	500
Local Projects					
			Club grants paid	600	200
			Associates coaching	100	0
			Loan rebates	0	3,800
Partner donations	60,000	11,000	Yorkshire Tennis Foundation	152,000	0
Total	60,000	11,000		152,700	4,000
Competitions					
LTA competitions	2,916	2,303	LTA competitions	5,620	4,234
County Championships	7,251	7,532	County Championships	25,353	6,792
Yorkshire League	510	405	Local league support	0	190
Total	10,677	10,241		30,973	11,215
Performance					
			Junior County Teams U8 – U18	40,544	3,505
			Four Nations Competition	2,890	2,330
			Adult County Teams	21,632	9,620
			Veteran County Teams 035-070	12,608	5,428
			Tennis balls and equipment	753	614
County clothing sale	500	1,915	County clothing purchase	5,865	2,332
			Thongsbridge minibus	0	1,200
County training fees	18,130	5,855	County training – courts	14,053	1,278
County performance funding (LTA)	6,667	5,000	County training – head coaches	36,529	9,152
			County training – coaching	13,488	3,692
			Aspiring Player Fund	3,638	1,581
Total	25,297	12,770		152,000	40,733
Yorkshire Initiative					
Partners rights	128,850	300	Initiative costs	1,709	800
Patrons membership	-698	45			
Patrons donations	135	1,199			
Wimbledon ticket sales – partners	22,215	0	Wimbledon ticket sales – partners	22,008	3,660
Wimbledon ticket sales – others	410	3,660	Wimbledon ticket sales – others	0	0
Wimbledon catering receipts	3,052	0	Wimbledon catering receipts	3,052	0
Total	153,964	5,204		26,769	4,460
Marketing & communications					
			Awards evening	4,619	0
			Annual report	1,257	500
			Newsletter	1,227	925
			Website	200	0
Sponsorship value-in-kind	1,012	2,088	Sponsorship value-in-kind	1,012	2,088
			Other programmes	320	320
Total	1,012	2,088		8,636	3,833
Administration					
			Administrators	18,800	13,943
			Professional fees	28,321	560
			Meeting costs	1,504	455
			Volunteer / Administrator expenses	6,595	1,105
			Telephone	222	234
			Other office costs	1,807	884
Total	0	0		57,249	17,181
Finance					
Interest	0	0	Bank Charges	342	84
Total	0	0		342	84
Total income	329,510	119,022	Total expenditure	429,370	82,006
YT surplus	-99,860	37,016			

Yorkshire Tennis Balance Sheet		As at 30/9/22		As at 30/9/21	
		£		£	
Current Assets	Loans to clubs - outstanding		246,118		297,968
Cash at banks:	NatWest current account	18,850		210	
	Paypal account	649		4,649	
	Yorkshire Bank credit card	-1,172		3,184	
	Virgin Money current account	374,578		448,174	
	Virgin Money debtors	18	392,923	4,200	460,416
	VAT owed by HMRC		7,571		1,066
Total current assets			646,612		759,449
Current liabilities	Regional Player Development Centre	-17,500		-62,500	
	Creditors	-16,561		-2,451	
Total current liabilities			-34,061		-64,951
Total Net Assets			612,551		694,499
Loan provisions required					
	For payment of loan rebates at 20% to 2029-30		85,979		88,779

Leeds Regional Player Development Centre

Income	2021-22	2020-21	Expenditure	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£		£	£
Donations to YT	-10,000	10,000			
Sponsorship to YT	10,000	20,000	Funding YT	30,000	30,000
Funding from LTA	127,500	80,000	Funding from LTA	142,500	47,500
Total income	127,500	110,000	Total expenditure	172,500	77,500
RPDC Surplus	-45,000	32,500			

SAFEGUARDING



Rosie Nicholl,
County Welfare Officer

In the last year, the LTA has focussed its emphasis on the visits that clubs receive being more of a support visit rather than an audit. Hannah Knox, the LTA North Safeguarding Officer, has been busy helping and supporting clubs to meet the safeguarding requirements. The LTA having now carried out many safeguarding visits across the country have updated the self-assessment spreadsheet to try and help clubs with aspects that were often overlooked.

Myself and Karen Mitchell are happy to help clubs with any queries, advice and support in relation to the minimum standards.

Rosie and Karen can be contacted as follows:
safeguarding.yorkshiretennis@gmail.com

Clubs can also contact the LTA directly through the contact form on the LTA website:
<https://www.lta.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/>

Registered Venues 2021-22

- Abbeydale Tennis Club Ltd
- Ackworth Tennis Club
- Adel Tennis Club
- Almscliffe Tennis & Bowling Club
- Alne Parish Leisure Association Tennis Club
- Alwoodley Tennis Club
- Appleton Roebuck Tennis Club
- Armley Tennis Club
- Austwick Tennis Club
- Bardsey Tennis Club
- Barnsley Lawn Tennis Club
- Beauchief Tennis Club
- Beckfoot & Bingley Tennis Club
- Bedale Tennis Club
- Beeford Lawn Tennis Club
- Beverley & East Riding Lawn Tennis Club
- Beverley Town Tennis Club
- Bishopthorpe Tennis Club
- Boroughbridge Tennis Club
- Boston Spa Tennis Club
- Bradfield Village Fellowship Tennis Club
- Bramhope Tennis Club
- Brentwood Lawn Tennis Club
- Brough Tennis Club
- Bubwith Tennis Club
- Cawood Tennis Club
- Chapel Allerton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club
- Cherry Burton Tennis Club
- Cleckheaton Lawn Tennis Club
- Cliffe Tennis Club
- Collingham Lawn Tennis Club
- Copmanthorpe Tennis Club
- Cottingham Lawn Tennis Club
- Cragg Vale Tennis Club
- Craven Lawn Tennis Club
- Crosshills Tennis Club
- Dacre Tennis Club
- Denby Dale Tennis Club
- Doncaster Lawn Tennis Club
- Dore & Totley Tennis Club
- Drifffield Lawn Tennis Club
- Dunnington Tennis Club
- Ecclesall Lawn Tennis Club
- Elland Tennis Club
- Escrick Tennis Club
- Eskdale School Tennis Club
- Fulford Tennis Club
- Fulwood Tennis Club
- Goole Tennis Centre
- Graves Health & Sports Centre
- Graves Tennis Club
- Great Ayton Tennis Club
- Gregory Fields Tennis Club
- Grove Hill Otley Tennis Club
- Grove Lawn Tennis Club
- Hackness & Scarborough Tennis Club
- Hallam Grange Lawn Tennis Club
- Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club Limited

Registered Venues 2021-22

- Harlow Tennis Club
- Harrogate Racquets Club
- Harrogate Spa Tennis Centre
- Harrogate Sports & Fitness Centre
- Heaton Tennis & Squash Club
- Helmsley Tennis Club
- Hessle Lawn Tennis Club Ltd
- Heworth Tennis Club
- Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club
- Horsforth Throstle Nest Tennis Club
- Hovingham Tennis Club
- Huddersfield Lawn Tennis & Squash Club Ltd
- Hull YPI Lawn Tennis Club
- Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club
- Kirkbymoorside Tennis Club
- Kirkstall Abbey Tennis Club
- Knaresborough King James's Tennis Club
- Leake Tennis Club
- Linton Tennis Club
- Liversedge Tennis Club
- Longley Community Sports Club
- Malton Tennis, Bowls & Squash Club
- Market Weighton Tennis Club
- Marton-cum-Grafton Community Tennis Courts Association
- Mashamshire Tennis Club
- Mexborough Athletic Tennis Club
- Mirfield Tennis Club
- Mytholmroyd Tennis Club
- New Earswick Tennis Club
- Northallerton Tennis Club
- Northowram Tennis Club
- Nuffield Hull Tennis Academy
- Park Tennis Club
- Pocklington Tennis Club
- Pool-in-Wharfedale Lawn Tennis Club
- Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club
- Pudsey Lawn Tennis Club
- Queens Sports Club
- Raskelf Tennis Club
- Rastrick Tennis Club
- Rawdon Golf & Lawn Tennis Club
- Richmond Tennis Club
- Ripon Tennis Centre
- Rotherham Moorgate Lawn Tennis Club
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- Rowntree Park CYC
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- Salts Tennis Club
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- Scalby Tennis Club
- Shadwell Tennis Club
- Shepley Tennis Club
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- Skipton Tennis Club
- Slazenger Sports & Social Club
- Sledmere Tennis Club
- South Cave Tennis Club
- Sproatley Tennis Club

- St Andrews Tennis Club
- St Chad's (Leeds) Tennis Club
- St Mary's Tennis Club
- St Peters Tennis Club
- Stamford Bridge Tennis Club
- Starbeck Tennis Club
- Stocksbridge Tennis Club
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- Strensall and Towthorpe Lawn Tennis Club
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- Tadcaster Lawn Tennis Club
- Thirsk Tennis Club
- Thongsbridge Tennis and Fitness Club Ltd
- Thorncliffe City Tennis Club
- Thorner Victory Hall Tennis Club
- Thornhill Tennis Club
- Todmorden Lawn Tennis Club
- Wakefield Tennis Club
- Wellholme Park Tennis Club
- West Tanfield Memorial Tennis Club
- West Yorkshire Tennis Club
- Westfields Tennis Club
- Wetherby Castlegarth Lawn Tennis Club
- Wheatley Hills Tennis Club
- Wheldrake Tennis Club
- Whitkirk Lawn Tennis Club
- Wigginton Tennis Centre
- York Tennis Club

Commercial Clubs

- David Lloyd Club Harrogate
- David Lloyd Club Hull
- David Lloyd Club Leeds
- David Lloyd Club York

CITCs

- Batley Sports and Tennis Centre
- John Charles Centre for Sport

Local Authorities

- Premier Tennis Yorkshire
- Greenhead Park
- Leeds City Council
- Scarborough Borough Council

Education

- Bradford Grammar School
- Leeds Beckett University
- Leeds University Union Tennis Club
- York St John University Tennis Centre

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	Regional LTA representatives also attend

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- Hannah Knox – County Safeguarding Officer
- Matt Elkington – Disability Development Partner
- Jo Cunliffe – Workforce Development Partner

Barry Harpin Passed away 12/12/21

Father of ex-Yorkshire County players Mike and Alison, Barry Harpin, spent much of his life playing, coaching, and officiating tennis and in his retirement started a racquet stringing business.

He joined Heckmondwike Tennis Club and then moved on to Liversedge Tennis Club where he played for many years in a strong Men's 1st team and won many club championships.

As his family grew older, he took his LTA coaching certificates and supported in the running of the junior programmes at various clubs including Liversedge, Rastrick, Marsden and Sandal to mention a few. He took many groups who he coached to tournaments in the North of England.

He achieved a lifelong ambition to represent Yorkshire at veteran level and played for many age groups until he retired from competitive tennis well into his 70's.

Finally, his desire to be involved in all areas of tennis led him into officiating at local events which led to ten years at Wimbledon until the age limit of 65 kicked in.

Barry certainly was one of Yorkshire Tennis's true grass roots characters and will be sadly missed.



Mike Rogers Passed away 6/5/22

Tennis was Mike's passion and he joined Chapel Allerton at a very young age and became the club's men's captain and went on to represent Yorkshire in friendly matches in the late 1950s and early 1960s with regular partners from Chapel Allerton either Trevor Hardcastle or Graham Bell. In addition, Chapel A won the Yorkshire League Division 1 in the 1960s.

Whilst he never played County Week for Yorkshire, he did feature in the Hard Court

Singles Championships and the Men's Whitsuntide Tour in the early 1960s. He and his wife Pat moved to Doncaster and he became involved for many years with Doncaster Tennis Club and with others became involved in promoting Yorkshire Veterans Tennis and developing the various age groups which continue to flourish today.

He also became a linesman, umpire and a member of the LTA's Officiating group which kept him in contact with many people who had the passion for our sport. His claim to fame was being a linesman in 1993 for the Sampras v Courier Men's Single Final.



■ Audrey Mitchell

Audrey Mitchell Passed away 22/5/22

Mother of Sue, Jane and Tony and wife of Brian, who were all members of Queens Sports Club and Ackroyden in Halifax. Tony was a GB junior and senior player who sadly had to retire through a wrist injury and eventually settled in USA. Audrey played as a long term member of Queens from 1965 and won many of the club championship titles. Her last win was in 2000 and she then went on to play for the Yorkshire Ladies team (over 60s) and was awarded her County Colours and continued playing regularly until she was 83.

John Forster Passed away 26/6/22

John became a co-opted member of YLTA Council in 1999 and our Schools Liaison Officer. He became our President in 2005 and a Vice President in 2006 and remained a District Councillor for Harrogate and a member

of our Management Committee and School Liaison Officer to 2009.

A Cambridge graduate, with further degrees from Leeds and Oxford Universities the whole of his professional life has been tied up in teaching and education leadership commencing in Blackpool and forty years later he retired from King James's School Knaresborough.

Both his parents and he played at an early age at Ermysted's Grammar School in Skipton where his father was Head and as a family, they joined Craven Tennis Club. John also represented his School and recalled matches against Leeds Grammar School and a young Michael Hann.

John's first experience of tournament tennis came at Ilkley Tennis Club and played against Lord Mexborough with

trepidation when he saw the gentleman attired in long white flannels and wielding an old, but very effective, wooden racquet.

After university, the family moved to Ilkley and John became a member of the tennis club.

Through tennis John met his wife-to-be Beryl when he was on teaching practice at Ilkley Grammar School, and he got invited to the Secretaries 21st party, where they got talking about tennis and they ended up having their first date at Roundhay Park Leeds watching the touring professionals Hoad, Rosewall, Sedgeman and Segura go through their paces. It was a good start though it took another ten years to come to fruition when they were married.

After teaching positions in Blackpool and Tunbridge Wells



■ John Forster

John returned to Yorkshire and took a post at Batley Grammar School and it was here in 1963 that his forty years involvement in schools tennis really began.

At QEGS, Wakefield he found many youngsters wishing to pick up the game and they played School competition's and reached the National Finals and moved on via Wakefield College Grove Tennis Club, Horsforth Tennis Club, Tower's Tennis Club to Head of Salt's Grammar School in 1975 and then in 1981 he moved again to be Head of King James's School Knaresborough and this was probably the most fulfilling stage of his career from a tennis point of view.

Over a period of time, he was able, with the help of the LTA, to develop the facilities so that they were the best in any maintained school. Tennis became a major sport for many boys and girls and they reached the National Finals in the Granville and Aberdare Cup Competitions.

After a brief membership at Low Harrogate John became a founder member of the newly formed Knaresborough Tennis Club on school courts and after retiring, he took a wider role in schools tennis as our County Coordinator.

It's been a daunting task trying to establish the long term development of tennis in schools. The big plus has been the recognition of the value of school/club links and bringing together school and county competitions.



He made his county debut as a player in 2004 for the veterans and John firmly believed that tennis as a sport for life is a concept that John holds dear and has been a golden thread running throughout the tapestry of his life, both personally and professionally and it's why John had so much enjoyment introducing the game to others, particularly young people.

Evelyn Hustwit Passed away 13/8/22

It is sad to report the passing of Evelyn suddenly from pneumonia on Saturday 13th August 2022 at home in Canada where she had lived with husband Peter and family for over 50 years.

Evelyn continued her tennis in Canada after leaving the UK and represented them in all the veteran age groups and travelled with them all over the world.

Born in Wakefield into a tennis family saw her and sister Joyce

move to Chapel Allerton Tennis Club in Leeds where they qualified and played in the Ladies Doubles at Wimbledon on three occasions in the 1950s.

In the 1950s they had the unique achievement of appearing on Ladies County Week for Yorkshire as The Family Fulton, (mother and two daughters) Lesley, Evelyn and Joyce.

Evelyn had successes in the Yorkshire Championships as follows:

- Lost to Barbara Richardson Ladies Singles Final in 1963.
- Lost to Evelyn Moeller and Val Lewis Ladies Doubles Final in 1954 with sister Joyce.
- Won Ladies Doubles in 1957, 1958 and 1961 with Joyce on each occasion.
- Won Junior Girls Doubles 1952, 1953 and 1954 with Joyce on each occasion.
- Won Junior Mixed Doubles 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1954 with Michael Hann on each occasion.

Our condolences to the Hustwit, and Howden families

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Winter County Cup 2021



■ Above, L to R: Joseph Newman-Billington, Elliot Chang, Clay Crawford, Richard Crabtree (C), Finn Murgett, Kyle Brassington, Luke Johnson, Jonathan Gray, Jordan Reed-Thomas

Men's Winter County Cup

Competition, Group & Venue:
Group 1, Bath
Dates: 10-12 December

Captain: Richard Crabtree
Team members: Joseph Newman-Billington, Kyle Brassington, Finn Murgett, Jonathan Gray, Luke Johnson, Jordan Reed-Thomas, Elliot Chang, Richard Crabtree, Clay Crawford

After a tough three days in Group 1 Men's Winter County Cup, unfortunately the Yorkshire men came up just short in their quest to stay in the top group.

The first day saw us take on a very strong Kent team. Joseph Newman-Billington equalled the score at number five singles making it 1-1, however Kent took a commanding lead

with strong performances in the middle of the order. Unfortunately, after a strong start Jonathan Gray was unable to complete his match due to an ankle injury. Yorkshire finished with some strong doubles performances and the final result ended in a 6-3 loss.

The team had very little time to respond with a battle against local rivals Lancashire the following day. Fortunately, Yorkshire had the required battling spirit and raced into a 3-0 lead with clinical performances from Joseph Newman-Billington, Jordan Reed-Thomas and Finn Murgett.

Lancashire battled back to a 3-2 score, however a dominant performance from Luke Johnson put Yorkshire into a strong position of 4-2 after the singles. Yorkshire stayed focused in winning two of the three doubles and leaving the match score ending in a 6-3 victory.

The final day was a straight shootout against a strong Essex team with the winners retaining their status in Group 1 as runners up. Essex was able to bolster its line up with an additional player who arrived for the last day of the event.

Joseph Newman Billington was involved in a very high level close match at number six singles, unfortunately he came up just short after a three hour battle and this put Yorkshire 2-0 down. Finn Murgett put us on the scoreboard with a 6-3, 6-3 win. However, Essex pulled away with some dominant displays at the top of the order resulting in a 5-1 loss for Yorkshire.

Overall, the team gave their best effort in every match over the course of the weekend. The squad are extremely excited about the prospect of Group 1 at Eastbourne in summer and then fighting for promotion back to group 1 next Winter. Good effort Yorkshire!

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■ Above. L to R: Serena Nash, Isabelle Hearnshaw, Savannah Dada-Mascoll, Orla Cooper, Jo Craven (C), Sofie Woon, Rebecca Hill, Bronte Murgett

Ladies Winter County Cup

Competition, Group & Venue:
Group 2a, Nottingham Tennis Centre

Dates: 10-12 December

Captain: Joanna Craven

Team members: Bronte Murgett, Savannah Dada-Mascoll, Serena Nash, Orla Cooper, Rebecca Hill, Sofie Woon, Isabelle Hearnshaw.

Overall, it was a very successful weekend in Nottingham and great to be back competing after Covid to have a shot at promotion into Division 1.

Day 1 vs Nottinghamshire

Sofie Woon and Serena Nash came through tough three setters to put Yorkshire up 5-1 after the singles rubbers. In the doubles Yorkshire only lost eight games across all three doubles matches to take the tie 8-1.

Day 2 vs Essex

Yorkshire ladies faced Essex. A series of strong singles performances put Yorkshire 5-1 up after singles to be followed by more solid doubles performances, finishing the day 8-1 up.

Day 3 vs Hertfordshire

Yorkshire ladies faced Hertfordshire on the final day, playing for promotion to Group one. After the singles,

Yorkshire were 4-2 up with Savannah Dada-Mascoll beating Erin Pearce in a three set battle which put Yorkshire in a great position for the doubles knowing one doubles win would secure promotion. Bronte Murgett and Orla Cooper secured the win with a 6-0, 6-0 score line against Hertfordshire's third pair gaining the ladies promotion into Group 1 at Bath next year!

Men's Summer County Cup

Competition, Group & Venue:
Group 1, Eastbourne
Dates: 18-22 July

Captain: Steve McLoughlin
Team members: Luke Johnson, Kyle Brassington, Finn Murgett, Matt Clegg, Jordan Reed-Thomas, Joseph Newman-Billington, Elliot Chang, Richard Crabtree, Joe Gill, Matthis Ross

An excellent week overall retaining Group 1 status, the last time being 2013! Great lessons learned by all playing again at this level, with there being no easy matches and the

margin between winning and losing is wafer thin.

The fight shown by the entire group was superb and especially the match vs Kent on the Thursday was simply stunning with the level from both teams being excellent throughout.

After a tricky and disappointing start against East of Scotland the team responded and got stronger every day and eventually secured a superb win on the last day vs Cambridgeshire 5-4 to retain Group 1 status, recovering from 1-2 down after the first round.

A fantastic group of players to captain, great spirit and fantastic responses to the challenge of the level. This

group of players gave everything for the shirt which is fantastic for Yorkshire Tennis. Well done indeed.

Day 1 vs East of Scotland, lost 6-3

Day 2 vs Essex, won 6-3

Day 3 vs Hertfordshire, lost 6-3

Day 4 vs Kent lost, 5-4

Day 5 vs Cambridgeshire, won 5-4

A final word for the superb support of the 'Yorkshire Ultras'...thank you ever so much for your support, it is appreciated. It is sad Audrey Mitchell passed recently; Audrey had booked to come to Eastbourne as always so "this one's for you Audrey" with love from the Yorkshire Men.



■ Above. L to R: Jordan Reed-Thomas, Steve McLoughlin (C), Matthis Ross, Joe Gill, Luke Johnson, Kyle Brassington, Matt Clegg, Finn Murgett, Joseph Newman-Billington, Richard Crabtree, Elliot Chang

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■ Above. L to R: Orla Cooper, Jayanne Palma, Isabelle Hearnshaw, Sofie Woon, Serena Nash, Victoria Lapthorne, Savannah Dada-Mascoll, Sarah Copley, Jo Craven (C), Rebecca Hill

Ladies Summer County Cup

Competition, Group & Venue:
Group 1, Eastbourne
Dates: 18-22 July

Captain: Joanna Craven

Team members: Savannah Dada-Mascoll, Rebecca Hill, Orla Cooper, Sarah Copley, Serena Nash, Isabelle Hearnshaw, Sofie Woon, Victoria Lapthorne, Jayanne Palma

It was a very warm week down in Eastbourne and the team did well competing in the heat. The LTA made a decision early in the week to make scoring no-ad to keep games shorter which definitely made the event more interesting.

Day 1 vs Hertfordshire

Yorkshire ladies faced Hertfordshire, the reigning champs who were at full

strength with a similar team to previous years. Sarah Copley and Rebecca Hill had a couple of battles going down in third set tie-breaks to the 2nd and 3rd pair but sadly Yorkshire didn't get on the scoreboard and the team lost 9-0.

Day 2 vs Northumberland

Yorkshire ladies faced Northumberland who had been promoted from Division two. Northumberland played some very good doubles and our ladies went down 7-2. The match felt a lot closer than the score suggested with three of the rubbers lost in third set tie-breaks which could have gone either way.

Day 3 vs Hampshire

On day three, the team were to play at an offsite venue where they faced Hampshire. Hampshire proved too strong and the tie was lost 7-2. Savannah Dada-Mascoll and Rebecca Hill had a tight match with first pair Freya Davies and Hannah Smith, narrowly losing 10-8 in the third set tie break.

Day 4 vs Kent

Going into day four and after three defeats, Yorkshire picked themselves up and came out fighting showing some great tennis against Kent taking the tie 6-3.

Day 5 vs Surrey

The final day was always going to be tough as the team had to win 8-1 against Surrey to avoid relegation. The girls had a good start with Rebecca Hill and Savannah Dada-Mascoll plus Sarah Copley and Serena Nash winning their matches putting us 2-1 up after round one.

A long rain delay interrupted the second round matches but the Surrey first pair proved too strong again and despite winning the tie 4-2 it meant Yorkshire were to be relegated on rubber count.

On the whole the team did great despite missing some key players from 2021. Hopefully the team can win in Division two next year and be back in Division one in 2024!

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8&U Mixed

Venue: Sunderland Tennis Centre

Dates: 13 March

Yorkshire A

Captain: Sam Salt

Team members: Ala Kaliszewicz, Amal Khan, Thea Hodgkinson, Matilda Gaskell, Sammy Goldthorpe, Sebastian Brock, George He, Jonas Robinson

Yorkshire B

Captain: Ben Mitchell

Team members: Elena Kalango, Hannah Lazenby, Jessica Nichols, Heidi Topham, Hugo Asmussen, Tommy Morris, Joel Morton, Henry Nailer, Monty Truss

Yorkshire C

Captain: Bailey Cole

Team members: Isla Mitchell, Aanya Bhambra, Matilda Bonner-Spragg, Marissa Couldwell, Jack Sullivan, Isaac Ellis, Oli Dawes, Hunter Henderson, Huxley Taylor

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all 26 players for their incredible effort and attitude. I would also like to thank the families of our squad who gave up their time to bring the players to the training sessions at John Charles and the event in Sunderland. Every Yorkshire player was a credit to their county, coaches and families and everyone should be so proud of them.

In the inaugural 8U County Cup, in which 74 children across three counties were given their



Yorkshire A

Match 1: vs Durham and Cleveland A, won 15 – 5 Overall position: 2nd

Match 2: vs Lancashire A, lost 9 – 11

Yorkshire B

Match 1: vs Durham and Cleveland B, won 14 – 6 Overall position: 2nd

Match 2: vs Lancashire B, lost 9 – 11

Yorkshire C

Match 1: vs Durham and Cleveland C, won 14 – 6 Overall Position: 1st

Match 2: vs Lancashire C, won 11 – 9

county debuts, an outstanding attribute of the Yorkshire team was our teamwork. As coaches, we enjoyed seeing the players bond as a team and support each other when they were waiting for their next matches.

Furthermore, each fixture contained four doubles matches – the first competitive doubles experience for many of our players.

Watching the players put the tactics we worked on in training into practice on the match court was very rewarding, and the players really enjoyed competing in pairs.

Lancashire proved the team to beat on the day, with just a handful of points separating our teams in a tense 'Battle of the Roses'! A strong 11-9 win for Yorkshire C was enough to ensure that plenty of medals came back to Yorkshire.

Some of our key achievements over the day were:

- Keeping our concentration levels high throughout the day, both on and off the match court – an impressive feat for the 5-8 year olds, who were on court for over five hours!
- Being tough to beat – chasing every ball down.
- Developing our doubles

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- skills, using tactics we had worked on in county training.
- Loud and positive communication between partners.
- Supporting our teammates.
- Taking on coaches' feedback in between matches.

A final thank you goes to Sabeehah Khan, Neo Hodgkinson and Max Hodgkinson, three of Yorkshire's older junior players. The three did an excellent job of scoring throughout the day and warming up the Yorkshire players in the morning.

It was a privilege to captain these players and I look forward to seeing them continue to succeed in their tennis, and hopefully represent Yorkshire for many years to come.



■ Above. L to R: Alessia Piani, Thea Hodgkinson, Laura Hopton (C), Evie Capewell, Emmanuella Idemudia, Nayvie Simpson

9&U Girls

Competition & Venue:
Qualifying: John Charles, Leeds
North Area Finals: Graves, Sheffield
Dates: 20 March & 24 April

Captain: Laura Hopton
Team Members: Alessia Piani, Emmanuella Idemudia, Thea Hodgkinson, Evie Capewell, Nayvie Simpson

The girls qualifying at John Charles began with a solid 6-0 win over Derbyshire. Next up was a tough match against Cheshire in which they were 2-2 after singles. The girls then won both doubles to take us to a 4-2 win meaning no tiebreak shootout. Alessia Piani and Evie Capewell played a great doubles match which they won in a tiebreak 4-3 (3). This took the girls through to the finals.

In the finals at Graves the girls unfortunately had a slow start and lost in their first match

against Cambridgeshire who were the eventual winners. After the slow start we had a great team talk, did another physical warm-up focusing on fast feet and reactions. The girls then won their next three matchups against Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, and North of Scotland.

This resulted in the girls claiming second place behind Cambridgeshire. The girls had an extremely close match against North of Scotland, eventually winning after Alessia Piani and Emmanuella Idemudia paired up to win the tiebreak shootout which was the last match of the day and most definitely the highlight.

Overall, throughout qualifying and the finals the girls had great team spirit and fight. A special mention to Emmanuella who won ten out of twelve of her matches throughout qualifying and the finals and also Alessia Piani, who was a real team leader, particularly in doubles, helping her partners.

9&U Boys

Competition & Venue:
Qualifying: John Charles, Leeds
North Area Finals: Graves, Sheffield
Dates: 20 March & 24 April

Captain: Paul Johnson
Team members: Max Hodkinson, Piotr Janda, Harrison McHugh, Seb Beetlestone, Lucas Mitchell

The Yorkshire 9&U Boys team qualified for the North Area Finals with some strong performances in the qualifying stage at John Charles Centre. Our team for qualifying was Max Hodkinson, Piotr Janda, Harrison McHugh, Seb Beetlestone and Lucas Mitchell.

The boys came through their box, which included Cheshire, Derbyshire and North Wales, winning all their matches and all sets played. Most importantly the team spirit was great, and they maintained good concentration over the day.

For the finals they were without Harrison, and with no reserve the boys had to play every match. They responded to this pressure well, and all played eight sets across the day with great energy.

The boys played Cambridgeshire (winning 5-1), Lancashire (winning 5-1), Nottinghamshire (winning 5-1), and West of Scotland (winning



■ Above, L to R: Max Hodkinson, Piotr Janda, Paul Johnson (C), Seb Beetlestone, Lucas Mitchell

4-2), meaning that they are the National Champions!

Max led the team well at number one winning all his matches, with the loss of three games across the day showing very impressive concentration and level of Tennis.

Piotr did brilliantly to win all doubles matches with Max and two very good singles wins. Seb managed to take every singles match (even winning a set 4-3 from 0-3 down) and all but one doubles match. Lucas had some great singles matches, managing to win two of them, and paired up very well with Seb in doubles to get three out of four.

Things to consider: takeaways from the event are how great the Yorkshire team spirit is, how well all the players supported each other when their teammates were on court and how well everyone came together in the doubles rubbers to win seven out of eight matches.

10&U Girls

Competition & Venue:
Qualifying: Uddingston, Glasgow
Dates: 21/22 May

Captain: Sam Salt & Bailey Cole
Team members: Isabella Asmussen, Molly Dear, Sylvie Nichols, Alessia Piani, Tilly Sullivan

I would first like to congratulate all five players for their outstanding effort, attitude and commitment. I would also like to thank the girls' families who have dedicated a lot of time to the event, both in bringing the players to county training sessions and supporting them over the weekend. Our team was a credit to their county, coaches and families and we should all be very proud of them.

Our weekend began on Friday with a training session in

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■ Pictured, L to R: Molly Dear, Sylvie Nichols, Isabella Asmussen, Tilly Sullivan, Alessia Piani, Bailey Cole (C)

Leeds. We used this opportunity to discuss our goals for the weekend. We knew a weekend competing outdoors in Scotland on AstroTurf would be challenging at times, so we placed an emphasis on process goals and 'controlling the controllable'.

Saturday morning began with a warm up at the club, giving us time to get used to the surface and conditions. A successful morning of singles saw us go 3-1 up against the North of Scotland, and 4-0 up against the South of Scotland. We then moved on to doubles.

A dominant display of doubles at pair one and a tense tiebreak victory (12-10!), in which match points were saved. A win by pair two ensured we beat the North of Scotland. Two victories against the South of Scotland finished off a very successful day in Glasgow.

As a coach, it was rewarding to see the girls put our doubles-focused learning from County Training into practice, with I-formations and Australian

Doubles a common feature of our matches. The East of Scotland were our first opponents on Sunday, with singles going on first. Some tough losses left us 3-0 down, but Alessia made an enormous comeback from a set down to win 10-7 in the final set, meaning it was all to play for in the doubles.

Likewise, two three set losses and two great wins against the West of Scotland left us at 2-2, making the afternoon of doubles crucial. Against the East of Scotland, two 4-3 first sets went against us, and ultimately it was not to be, as a combined total of over two hours of doubles saw us come up just short. The girls fought hard, and proved their character shortly after by bouncing back to take both doubles against the West of Scotland.

It has been a privilege to work with this group of players over this County Cup Year and I look forward to seeing them continue to improve and succeed in their tennis.

10&U Boys

Competition & Venue:
Qualifying: Wrexham
National Finals, Bath

Dates: 21/22 May and
10 to 12 June

Captain: Ben Crichton
Vice-Captain: Jake Prime
Team members: Max
Hodkinson, Maxim Sokol,
Deyvon Butlin, Sam Hawkins
and Piotr Janda

Following a successful qualifying campaign against other Northern Counties, the Yorkshire 10&U Boys earned their way to the finals in Bath. The boys were in a group with Warwickshire, Wiltshire and Middlesex.

Yorkshire v Warwickshire 6-0

First up was Piotr and after a lot of emotional ups and downs throughout the match Piotr managed to pull through 1-4, 4-3 (7-1), 10-6. After Piotr's battle the rest of the boys were relaxed and managed to roll through their opponents taking every set either 4-1 or 4-0. Great to be 4-0 up. Max and Maxim and Deyvon and Sam in the doubles showed some good quality tennis, securing a 6-0 victory.

Yorkshire v Wiltshire 4-2

Piotr kicked off proceedings for the team again turning his match around to win in three sets. Max put in another exhibition performance winning 4-0, 4-1, never giving his opponent a chance to get going

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and proving very hard to get the ball past. Sam came up against a very strong player from Wiltshire and showed some good fight but his opponent proved too solid and too strong resulting in a 4-0, 4-2 loss. Maxim's singles performance against Wiltshire was excellent. His constant application of pressure on his opponent resulted in a 4-1, 4-1 win making the team 3-1 up after singles.

Max and Maxim and Piotr and Deyvon in the doubles saw Max and Maxim still proving too strong for their opponents and taking the win.

Deyvon and Piotr found themselves in a battle. After a disappointing first set losing 1-4 the boys went out and played some of the highest quality 10&Under doubles, I have witnessed winning 4-0 in the second set. Unfortunately, after going a few points down they left themselves with a bit

too much work to do, going down 10-6 in the third set tiebreak shootout.

Yorkshire v Middlesex 5-1

Due to Middlesex having a deceptively effective player at four, the order of the team was switched around. We could do this due to the situation with World Tennis Numbers which gave us a bit more flexibility. Max had to really dig deep and be prepared to be incredibly patient and won to put Yorkshire 1-0 up.

Sam followed the game plan perfectly and showed how solid he could be. The Middlesex player showed some real quality however he just couldn't find a way through Sam's excellent play. Sam managed a 4-1, 4-1 win. Deyvon was up next; his opponent was very solid and didn't make many mistakes. Although the score line was 4-0, 4-1 to Middlesex, this did not do the

match justice with most of the games going to sudden death deuces. Maxim managed to pull through 4-1, 4-1 putting the team in a strong position for the doubles.

Max and Maxim showed their quality in the doubles and closed out the match 4-1, 4-2. Piotr and Deyvon, after the setback of losing the first set, responded superbly, managing to take the second set to a tiebreak and won it 7-5. They stayed solid and aggressive taking the breaker 10-6.

Final – Yorkshire v Kent 3-3

Max, although nervous for his match, stepped on court producing another great 10&U performance. Max's first set went to a tiebreak winning 7-0. After losing the tiebreak, his opponent became frustrated and started to miss more regularly. Max went on to win the second set 4-1.

The next two singles fell in quick succession with Deyvon and Sam coming up against very strong opponents and losing. Maxim's singles at No1 was excellent to watch. A very mature and impressive performance to take us to 2-2 going into doubles.

Up first in the doubles were Deyvon and Piotr. Kent had loaded their second pair to ensure that they would get one doubles to take it to a shootout as it looked like they were not confident of beating Max and Maxim. Deyvon and Piotr were faced with a tough challenge from the outset, against two top level national players. 4-0, 4-2 to Kent.

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Due to Kent loading their second pair with their best players, Max and Maxim faced what was a straightforward task for players of their quality. They managed to come through their doubles 4-1, 4-1 taking us to a shootout.

Max and Piotr were selected for the shootout. The shootout got off to a good start with the boys going 3-0 up. As the Kent boys found their rhythm, resulting in a 6-6 score line at the changeover. Kent kept applying pressure at the net and managed to find some quality volleys at pressure situations. The shootout finished 10-7 to Kent, giving them the National title and Yorkshire runners up.

The team fought very well all weekend and did themselves proud. Two out of the five boys are still eligible to play the event again next year so hopefully we can go back and bring home the title next year.

11&U Girls

Competition & Venue:
Qualifying: Newcastle
National Finals: Wrexham
Dates: 18/19 June & 8 to 10 July

Captain: Ellie Makin
Vice-Captain: Bailey Cole
Team members: Olushola (Shola) Adenekan, Sabeegah Khan, Roberta Gaskell, Olivia Jackowska, Darcey Lawton

Qualifying was a very convincing weekend for the



■ Above, L to R: Bailey Cole (VC), Darcey Lawton, Olivia Jackowska, Olushola Adenekan, Roberta Gaskell, Sabeegah Khan, Ellie Makin (C)

team. Yorkshire firstly, took on Durham and Cleveland and started with a strong 6-0 win. They then went on to play rivals Lancashire and achieved a 6-0 clean sweep with all girls playing a very high standard on the first day. The results showed how hard they worked.

Day Two saw Yorkshire play Northumberland and Cumbria, beating both teams 6-0, 6-0 to finish off an outstanding performance from all five players.

Finals at Wrexham

The 11&U Girls County Cup was held at Wrexham Tennis Centre, with the four other teams in Yorkshire's group being Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Nottinghamshire & Warwickshire. The team consisted of Shola, Sabeegah, Roberta, Olivia and Darcey.

The girls faced East of Scotland in their first match on Friday. After playing some great Tennis in both singles and doubles they won the match

5-1. All the girls showed fantastic attitudes throughout every match, both on and off the court.

Next round of matches was against Essex who were a very strong team to take on. Each player was faced with tough opponents; however, they all had extremely positive attitudes and fought right to the end.

A highlight of the day was Olivia's match. Olivia showed great focus and determination to turn her match around and win in the match tie-break. Although the girls didn't manage to win the match, they all played some great tennis and should be very proud of how they carried themselves throughout the day.

The girls' final match of the weekend was against Warwickshire taking the win 4-2 on the Sunday finishing off with a medal coming third in the Country and resulting in a fantastic effort by everyone. Well done, Girls!

11&U Boys

Competition & Venue:

Qualifying: Troon

National Finals: Wrexham

Dates: 18/19 June and 8 to 10 July

Captain: Ben Crichton

Vice-Captain: Jake Prime

Team Members: Max Hodkinson, Maxim Sokol, Oliver Wright, Ben Winterbottom, Reuben Revell

After a successful qualifying campaign in Scotland, defeating North of Scotland, South of Scotland, East of Scotland and West of Scotland, the team earned themselves a spot at the national finals in Wrexham.

Yorkshire v Devon 4-3

After some excellent singles matches the team found themselves at 2-2 with the doubles left to play.

Maxim and Ollie were first up for their doubles. They showed real organisation and far better communication than their Devon opponents and managed to win their doubles fairly easily 4-2, 4-0.

Next up were Max and Ben. They were up against two very consistent boys who were very confident from the back but not so much around the net. A 16-14 loss in the match tie break. So close.

The match was tied at 3-3 which meant a tiebreak shootout. Ben and Maxim were selected to play this. The boys were tight with their opponents



■ Pictured:
Reuben Revell,
Ben Crichton (C),
Neo Hodkinson,
Ollie Wright, Max
Hodkinson, Jake
Prime (VC), Ben
Winterbottom

all the way up to around 6-6 and then Ben managed to take control of the net resulting in a 10-6 win and an overall match win.

Yorkshire v Surrey 2-4

Maxim was up first against Surrey and won. The match resumed the next day with Ollie playing number three. He fought hard but lost. Max went on to play his singles but retired due to injury, making the tie 2-1 to Surrey.

Reuben had to face some early challenges but he fought hard and, in the end, proved just a little bit too strong and consistent. Maxim and Max faced a tough challenge against Surrey's second pair and lost in a tight match. Reuben and Ben managed to get the win in their match 4-2, 4-1 making the tie 4-2 to Surrey overall.

Yorkshire v Buckinghamshire 2-4

Maxim found himself 4-0, 3-0, 30-0 down at which point he played an excellent point which rattled his opponent. Maxim kept the pressure on and maintaining his level taking the match to a tiebreak. He managed to dig deep and win the tiebreak shootout 10-4, completing an excellent comeback. Ollie managed to take the first set on a tiebreak and unfortunately lost the second set 4-2.

The tiebreak was a close fought affair, a 10-6 loss. Ben's first set was incredibly tight with him only losing it 11-9 in the seven point tiebreak and losing in two sets. Reuben faced a tough challenge against a very consistent player and having given his very best he went down 4-2, 4-1. The match

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was now down to the doubles.

Ben and Ollie were up first and played so well to seal a win. Reuben and Maxim were up next in the deciding doubles. They lost the first set, fought very hard and managed to get the match back to a level footing, winning the second set in a hard-fought tiebreak, 10-8 after both teams having set points and match points.

By the time we got round to the third set tiebreak it was around 9:30pm at night and every other match had finished. The Yorkshire girls also came to watch the match. The atmosphere was really loud, and the pressure was on. The match was very evenly matched until 5-5 and then Buckinghamshire managed to pull away winning 10-6. Yorkshire would play Bedfordshire the next day for 5th place.

Yorkshire v Bedfordshire 4-2

Maxim got us off the mark against Bedfordshire to take us 1-0 up. Ollie was up next, managing to also get a convincing 4-0, 4-0 win, and Max equally cruised through 4-1, 4-1 putting Yorkshire 3-0 up.

Ben was tasked against a very solid left-handed opponent and a good battle saw Yorkshire losing out. Max and Maxim in the doubles lost the first set, won the second set and then convincingly won the tiebreak 10-3. The match was secured and 5th place was achieved. Well played everyone.

12&U Girls

Competition & Venue:

Qualifying: Carlisle

Finals: Nottingham

Dates: 24/25 September & 30 Sept to 2 October

Captain: Laura Hopton

Vice-Captain: Ed Appleyard

Team members: Sevil Parviz, Amelia Baranska, Olushola Adenekan, Roberta Gaskell, Sabeegah Khan

The girls qualifying in Carlisle began with two solid 6-0 wins over Cumbria and Durham & Cleveland. Next up, the girls had a tough match against Lancashire in which they were level at 3-3 after singles and doubles meaning the match would be decided by a tiebreak shootout. Sevil Parviz and Amelia Baranska did a great job in the shootout to come back from 4-0 down and 7-4 down to win 10-8, taking us into the finals.

Finals Nottingham

In the finals at Nottingham Tennis Centre, the girls had some extremely close

matches in the group stage against Suffolk and Surrey which they lost both 4-2. Both matches had lots of match tiebreaks which unfortunately didn't go our way, but the team put up a good fight until the end and I was proud of their performance. We then had a solid performance against Avon which we won 5-1, meaning we came third in our group.

Our final match was against Cheshire, to determine 5th and 6th place. After singles we were level at 2-2 meaning it came down to the doubles. The girls put in some great performances in doubles and won them both, resulting in a 4-2 victory and a 5th place finish.

Overall, throughout the qualifying and finals, the girls had great team spirit and fight. They were very unlucky to not win their group as their matches against Suffolk and Surrey were extremely close. Standout player being Sevil Parviz, who won all her singles matches, two of them winning 10-8 in a match tiebreak.



■ Pictured, L to R: Amelia Baranska, Sevil Parviz, Roberta Gaskell, Olushola Adenekan, Sabeegah Khan

12&U Boys

Competition & Venue:

Qualifying: Leeds

Finals: Nottingham

Dates: 24/25 September
and 30 Sept to 2 October

Captain: Kyle Brassington

Vice-Captain: Paul Johnson

Team members: Jan Janda,
Charlie Taylor, Harry Foster,
Ben Winterbottom, Daniel
Davies-Riand

All five boys played their part in what turned out to be an emphatic weekend of qualifying results for the 12's Boys team, beating Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Leicestershire over the two days and only dropping one rubber in the process. Spirits were high going into the finals in Nottingham.

The team of Jan, Charlie, Harry, Ben & Daniel triumphed on the first day of the Finals event against Avon. The match was 2-2 after the singles when the heavens opened and we were forced indoors. Jan & Charlie alongside Harry & Ben played brilliantly to secure the team a 4-2 win.

The whole team pulled together in the next match beating a strong North of Scotland side 5-1. On to Surrey which we knew would be our toughest challenge. After some tight matches the boys were forced to stop at 3-2 up in rubbers due to bad light.

The boys came back the next day a set down in the final doubles. Ben and Daniel did



■ Above, L to R: Charlie Taylor, Jan Janda, Harry Foster, Daniel Davies-Riand, Ben Winterbottom

really well but lost in a tight two set match leaving the match to be decided by a final tie-break shoot out to determine the finalists. Jan and Daniel stepped up, fought brilliantly but

eventually lost 10-8. A tough match to lose but the boys rallied together and beat Sussex 5-1 to clinch the bronze medal. A huge well done to the players from both captain, Kyle and vice-captain, Paul.

14&U Girls

Competition & Venue:

Qualifying: Hillhead Tennis Club, Glasgow

Dates: 30 April to 1 May

Captain: Nicola Tweedy

Vice-Captain: Bailey Cole

Team Members: Beth Pratt,
Folasade (Fola) Aladese,
Elizabeth Tate, Emilia Linley,
Isabella Swanborough

Well done to all the players for their fantastic determination and unity over the weekend. I would also like to thank all of the families of the players for their support leading up to and throughout the weekend. All five Yorkshire team members

represented their county, coaches and families brilliantly and they should be proud of their efforts.

The team started the first day with a strong win against the South of Scotland 6-0. We then battled hard against the West of Scotland, with four of the six matches going to at least one set tie break or a third set tie break.

Despite a tough end to day one, I was really impressed with the team's resilience going into day two. After going 3-1 down to the East of Scotland, following some tight singles matches, the players showed great camaraderie and fire in the doubles, with Fola and Elizabeth winning their match



■ Pictured: Bailey Cole, Emilia Linley, Elizabeth Tate, Beth Pratt, Isabella Swanborough, Folasade Aladese, Nicola Tweedy

in two tie break sets and Beth and Emilia just falling short 10-8 in a third set tie break.

We were able to carry this energy on to finish the weekend with a 4-2 win against the North of Scotland, with the doubles matches again deciding the outcome of the tie.

Some key achievements over the weekend were:

- On the Friday evening we had a team chat at dinner about how we wished to be as a team over the weekend. The players led the discussion and we concluded on three key words: resilience, confidence, unity. The players all did themselves proud by showing great effort to achieve these throughout.

- All players off court were excellent at supporting their teammates who were on court competing.
- Playing positive and aggressive doubles.
- Being responsive to feedback given by the captains during or in between matches.
- Fighting for each point and chasing down each ball.

It was a pleasure to captain these players and I wish them all the success possible moving forwards.

14&U Boys

Competition & Venue:

Qualifying: Repton

Finals: Nottingham

Dates: 30 April & 1 May and 30 Sept to 2 October

Captain: Richard Crabtree

Vice-Captain: Josh Gledden

Team members: Thomas Nailer, Oliver Wilson, Toby Shaw, Isaac Sallu, Tom Oliver, Louis Stewart

Yorkshire were located at Repton for the qualifying event for the County Cup finals. It was a round robin event of five teams with the winning team making it through to the next stage. The other teams in our group were Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire.

Yorkshire had the task of facing Derbyshire in the first match. Thomas, Oliver, Tom and Louis all put in convincing performances to win in straight sets and secure an encouraging start. Isaac and Toby were brought in for doubles with the other pair being Tom and Louis. Both pairs played clinical Tennis to secure a 6-0 victory.

Next up was Nottinghamshire, we made a slight change in singles bringing in Isaac to the line up. All players again won in straight sets securing the victory, the doubles were split meaning Yorkshire prevailed 5-1. A successful day one!

Day two started with a match against a strong Leicestershire

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■ Below, L to R: Thomas Nailor, Toby Shaw, Isaac Sallu, Tom Oliver, Louis Stewart, Oliver Wilson



team. We faced our first major challenge of the weekend with Oliver and Isaac going a set down in the first singles matches of the day.

Fortunately, they showed some Yorkshire grit and both came back to win in third set match tiebreaks to put Yorkshire 2-0 ahead. Senior players Tom and Louis finished the tie off with convincing performances to give Yorkshire an unassailable 4-0 lead.

The last match saw us play a resilient Lincolnshire team. With the team knowing a win would get us through to the National finals they played with great tenacity and focus to secure a 6-0 win. A great effort from the team with strong contributions from all six members of the team.

At the National finals Yorkshire were in a round robin group

including South Wales, Northamptonshire and North of Scotland.

Our first match was against Northamptonshire where Oliver and Isaac got us off to a 2-0 lead with solid performances. At the number two position, Tom came through an extremely tough battle to win 10-8 in the 3rd set.

Louis secured the match with a 4-2, 4-1 victory at number one singles. Thomas and Toby were drafted in for doubles to make it 5-0. Oliver and Louis lost a tough match at number one meaning a 5-1 victory.

Next it was onto a match against South Wales who were one of the favourites and eventual winners. Isaac and Oliver both fought hard but came out on the wrong side of close matches meaning we were 2-0 down.

Tom responded with a dominant performance to put us back to 2-1. Louis put in a great performance but just fell short in a third set tiebreak having held a match point in the second set. The typical Yorkshire grit was still evident with Isaac and Tom winning at number two doubles. Unfortunately, the South Wales team were a little too strong at number one doubles meaning a 4-2 loss for Yorkshire.

The last match of the group was against a very tough North of Scotland team. After four tough singles matches the score was tied at 2-2. The boys then played fantastic and dominant doubles to come through the match with a 4-2 victory.

This meant we had one last match in the 3rd/4th play-off against a strong Surrey team. After giving everything, they had and unfortunately losing five out of five tiebreaks the match ended 5-1 to Surrey meaning Yorkshire had an overall finish of 4th place. It was an absolute pleasure to captain this team; all of the players made a strong contribution along with a great team spirit and fought very hard on the court. Well done Yorkshire!

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18&U Girls

Venue: University of Bath
Date: 4 to 6 March

Team Captain: Calvin Betton

Vice-Captain: Jo Craven

Team members: Daniella Piani, Sarah Copley, Gabriella Lindley, Molly Robinson, Alice Brook, Isabella Gibson, Sophie Marshman, Cheyenne Fee

Day 1: Yorkshire vs Sussex

This year was a strange County Cup as there were a lot of unknown quantities after two years off from the event. We started the weekend against Sussex, who we would favour ourselves to beat and this proved the case.

Alice and Isabella started off proceedings with two 6-2, 6-0 wins to put us 2-0 up. The other girls all followed suit – Sarah, Molly, Gabriella and Daniella all winning in comfortable straight sets wins to give us a 6-0 lead after the singles. We then won two of the doubles to give us an 8-1 win overall and put us in a good position for the weekend.

Day 2: Yorkshire vs Middlesex

As always at this event, Middlesex were strong favourites for the title. All 9 members of their squad were ranked inside the top 25 in the country for the age group. We were confident going into the tie though, with a strong team spirit, even though we would be heavy underdogs in every match on paper.

Below, L to R: Gabriella Lindley, Cheyenne Fee, Alice Brook, Isabella Gibson, Sophie Marshman, Sarah Copley, Molly Robinson, Daniela Piani



Isabella lost in the first tie against a current national champion, but Alice put in a huge performance at number five to level the tie up at 1-1.

Molly put in a fighting performance, but eventually losing, but again Sarah played superbly against Middlesex's number three winning impressively 6-0, 6-0 in the performance of the weekend. Gabriella then went on to win at number two seed but Daniella couldn't quite hold off the current British number one at the top of the order, so we were 3-3 after the singles.

The doubles was a real heartbreaker. Sarah and Daniella won at the top of the order, but Molly and Gabriella lost, making it 4-4. The final match decider was with Alice and Isabella, who played some phenomenal tennis against a much higher ranked pair, but eventually lost 9-11 in a final set tie break, for us to lose the tie 4-5.

Day 3: Yorkshire vs Herts

On to the final day, in what was essentially a play off to stay up.

Again, we were underdogs in most ties. Alice played a great match at five to win a close one in two tie breaks to level the tie up at 1-1 after Isabella suffered a close defeat.

Molly and Sarah then both put in massive performances to win close ties and give us a 3-1 lead. Gabriella lost a close one, but Daniella gave a strong performance at the top to give us a 4-2 lead after the singles. We needed one doubles win to come second and stay in Group one.

There was redemption for Alice and Isabella after the previous day's heartbreaker. They both played brilliant doubles to give us the win, 6-4, 6-2 and it meant we finished second and stayed in Group one for another year.

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■ Above, L to R: Luke Hoyland, Joseph Mazingham, Louis Hull, Alex Tikhonov, Jamie Duffin

18&U Boys

Venue: University of Bath
Date: 4 to 6 March

Captain: Elliot Chang
Vice-captain: Paul Johnson
Team Members: Alex Tikhonov, Scott Hillerby, Joe Mazingham, Luke Hoyland, Harry Abel, Louis Hull, Jamie Duffin, Joe Conaghan

Day 1: Yorkshire vs Kent

Day one saw the first day of the round robin event against a strong Kent team. Singles number six, Louis Hull and five, Harry Abel were up first, both 15&U players playing in their first 18&U County Cup. The boys gave very good accounts of themselves

fighting hard to force the matches into three sets with Louis narrowly going down 6-4 in the third set after 2 hours 45 minutes and Harry coming through with a win in 2 hours 58 minutes against older opponents.

The match was finely poised at 1-1 going into singles three and four with Joe Mazingham and Luke Hoyland. Unfortunately, both lost in straight sets to leave us needing four of the remaining five matches.

It wasn't to be as Kent proved too strong at one and two led by a player inside the top 250 in the World Juniors and we went into the doubles needing some rubbers on the board. This was well delivered by Joe Mazingham and Harry Abel at number three pair winning on a match tie break. Scott Hillerby

and Luke Hoyland came up just short at number one pair, also forcing a match tie break but eventually losing out after saving multiple match points. Alex Tikhonov and Jamie Duffin performed well but ultimately lost out at number two pair to finish the tie.

It was a difficult first day for the team but lots of good experience for the players getting a feel for the first time of what 18&U County Cup is all about. We needed to use that match to kick us forward and highlight the areas we needed to be better in to take on Lancashire on the following day.

Day 2: Yorkshire vs Lancashire

The second day saw us face Lancashire as per 2019, when Yorkshire had come out on top comfortably then so we knew

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there would be a response from their team that we would have to be ready for.

The team remained the same in singles and straight out of the blocks the boys repaid the faith shown in them at singles five and six. Even under significant pressure from the opposition team on the balcony Harry and Louis both came through in straight sets.

It was key we capitalised on this momentum to stretch the lead further.

Luke Hoyland and Joe Mazingham came through really gritty affairs to get over the line whilst not producing their best tennis. The team spirit and support were much improved from day one and the team could sense one last push of effort would get the job done.

Scott Hillerby finished the job off superbly against a big serving tricky opponent in a little over an hour to put the team 5-0 up, with the score finishing 5-1 after singles.

Joe Conaghan saw his first piece of action coming in at doubles pair number three with Jamie Duffin, a pair that had played together and done well at the Yorkshire County Closed last year.

The pair continued their good form coming out on top and kicking us on towards a comprehensive win to see the team high on confidence heading into the last day in a straight shoot out against Middlesex to see who would

take second place (presuming Kent didn't slip up against Lancashire).

Day 3, Yorkshire vs Middlesex

The final day vs Middlesex was expected to produce a close contest given the previous two results for both teams.

The singles line up remained unchanged and again both Louis and Harry were involved in tight matches with Harry's again nearing three hours. He fell in the end 6-4 in the third set to leave us 2-0 down after Louis had just come up short after serving for the first set in his match, eventually losing 7-6, 6-3.

The pressure was then on for Luke & Joe to keep us in touch at singles three and four but it proved not to be for both boys. Luke fought hard but couldn't quite close out the match from a set up and Joe's opponent proved too strong on the day beating him in straight sets. At 4-0 we needed a miracle come back if we were to remain in the division.

Alex Tikhonov got the ball rolling with a very mature performance at singles one against a very tricky opponent and he was closely followed by Scott Hillerby at singles number two. Both players as the elder statesmen on the team producing under pressure and doing what was required of them.

This small momentum shift was carried into the doubles and became bigger after Joe and Harry took their rubber in straight sets to make the

match 4-3. Twenty minutes or so later Luke and Scott came through two tight sets to level the match at 4-4 and mean the tie would be decided by the remaining doubles still being played. This match went all the way to the wire but in the end after a valiant fight the boys couldn't quite take it losing out on a match tie-break 10-8.

It was again a pleasure to captain the boys all weekend and the boys will be much better for the experience with the starting six singles players all being available to play again next year.

Yorkshire U12 Boys & Girls

Competition & Venue:
Home Nations England U12
Scotstoun Tennis Centre,
Glasgow
Date: 22 to 25 September

Captain: Sam Salt
Vice-captain: Ellie Makin
Team Members: Charlie Taylor,
Harry Foster, Amelia Baranska,
Sabeegah Khan

Having performed well in this year's county cup events, Yorkshire were invited to represent England in this year's Junior Home Nations event for the second year running. With a very busy tournament schedule and the event sandwiched in between 12&U county cup, this allowed Yorkshire to give some different players the opportunity to experience the championships and gain valuable experience.

We travelled to Glasgow on the Thursday and had a good 2-hour practice ahead of Friday's first match against Wales. Wales were a very strong prospect on paper and they went on to win the group comfortably rarely dropping a match. We competed hard and certainly learnt a great deal about ourselves as a group and the areas we needed to work on moving forwards in the event.

Saturday then allowed us to build on Friday's experiences

■ Below, L to R: Ellie Makin (VC), Amelia Baranska, Sabeegah Khan, Harry Foster, Charlie Taylor, Sam Salt (C)



against Ireland. We were very competitive and had clearly taken a great deal away from Friday with our doubles looking worlds apart- we had players using the 'I' formation, plenty of squeezing the middle and players generally wanting the ball- we looked a different team.

We went 1-0 up early with Amelia Baranska winning her singles 12-10 in the 3rd set. We then narrowly dipped out of a couple of tight singles matches played at a good level. Harry Foster was a stand out performer here, narrowly losing to a very strong Irish boy but really leading the team well with real positive energy and courage.

Amelia and Sabeegah then

went on to win their girls doubles 10-8 in the third set and we lost the boys doubles to lose 2-4 overall. I can safely say that I cannot remember a team improving as much as this team did between day one to day two and was really pleased with their application and bravery.

After a late night on Saturday at the Home Nations meal, the team then had to play Scotland on the final day to try and gain valuable points for the team and finish as high up the table as possible. On paper, this fixture was the most evenly matched and promised to be competitive.

Amelia once again opened our account with a 6-3 6-3 win over Scotland's number 2

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before both Sabeehah and Harry narrowly lost third set breakers to find us 3-1 down after singles which was disappointing to say the least. We then had a regroup and fired back up for the doubles, if we could sneak both ties, we had a great shout of a winning draw with two of our singles losses being so tight.

Amelia and Sabeehah then fought hard and narrowly lost again 10-8 in another third set with Harry and Charlie losing 6-7 2-6. The team were highly competitive all day and 1-5 felt wholly inaccurate but we accepted it was part of the game and there were areas we could improve and clear takeaways from the experience.

All in all, the players were a total credit to the county and I'm sure they will cherish the memories for a long time to come. Giving our county players the chance to compete against other countries number 1 and 2 players should hopefully stand us in good stead moving forwards and I hope the players took a great deal from the event.

Results

England U12 vs Wales U12, 0-6
England U12 vs Ireland U12, 2-4
England U12 vs Scotland U12, 1-5

Below, L to R: Michael Tolman, Peter Hall, Martin Calvert, Ben Gudzelak (C), Richard Crabtree



Men's 35&O

Competition, Group & Venue:
Over 35s County Cup,
Group 2b, Eastbourne
Dates: 12 to 14 August

Captain: Ben Gudzelak
Team Members: Martin Calvert, Richard Crabtree, Ben Gudzelak, Pete Hall, Mike Tolman

After a disappointing 2021 competition we were keen to make amends and that we did! The introduction of both Richard Crabtree and Mike Tolman this year meant we were greatly strengthened.

We played Suffolk on the first day and Richard kicked us off with a strong 6-1, 6-0 win. Ben Gudzelak lost at one in a couple of close sets and then Mike and Martin plus Ben and Richard beat the doubles pair without

losing many games, with Martin and Mike finishing with a strong performance to take the tie 4-1.

Saturday saw the war of the roses go the same way as the match against Suffolk. We beat Lancashire 4-1, with Pete stepping in for Ben in the last doubles of the day, beating the Lancashire doubles pair with the loss of just one game.

Sunday was a straight shoot out with Dorset for promotion, as they were also on two wins from the Friday and Saturday matches. Again, the match went exactly the same way as the other two days and at 3-1 we had sealed promotion back to Division 1.

Our promotion meant we have overtaken Middlesex in the 2022 County Race. Next year will be very tough but we are looking forward to the challenge! Let's go Yorkshire!

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■ Pictured (L to R) Men's 45&O: Richard Hutchinson, Paul Ranson, Martin Calvert, Steve Shipley (C)

Men's 45&O

County Cup, Group 1b

Captain: Steve Shipley

Team members: Steve Shipley, Paul Ranson, Martin Calvert, Richard Hutchinson, Dave Kitchen, Dave Mangham

Captained by Steve Shipley, the county team started the season in Division 1 with a 5-0 whitewash of Cambridgeshire and required a win against Hertfordshire to win their division and reach the inter county final in October. They managed this in a really close tie against a strong Hertfordshire team.

In the final the team played Middlesex at Graves, Sheffield with Martin Calvert first up beating Ali Karbaschi Tehrani 6-1, 6-1 and Paul Ranson also playing fantastically well to win 6-0, 6-0 against Paul Clutton. Richard Hutchinson and Steve Shipley lost a very close doubles 10-8 in the final set tie break.

The second round matches both went to Yorkshire but were very tight and exciting.

Paul and Martin winning 6-4, 6-3 whilst Richard and Steve impressively beat the Middlesex first pair again 10-8 in the third set tie break. This resulted in the men's 45&O team winning the national county final 4-1 ending a fantastic season.

Paul Ranson and Martin Calvert were undefeated throughout the season and were well supported by the rest of an impressive squad including Steve, Richard Hutchinson and 50&O captain Dave Mangham.

Men's 50&O

County Cup, Group 3a

Captain: Dave Mangham

Team members: Dave Mangham, Gary Bridgeman, Nathan Wright, Glyn Smith, Czes Wegrzynski, Dave Driscoll

Captained by Dave Mangham, this is the first season for this new squad in Division 3. Having narrowly lost to both Cornwall and Sussex 3-2, they won the remaining matches without having to pick up a racket as other teams conceded, resulting in a third place finish.

Men's 55&O

County Cup, Group 1b

Captain: Paul Layfield

Team members: Paul Layfield, Andy Hutchinson, Gareth Hutchinson, Cord Spilker, Roger Kuhlmann, Ian Blakeman

Captained by Paul Layfield, this Yorkshire team were the defending champions and after a close victorious match away at Surrey, winning three of the final set tie breaks, the team completed other easier wins against Lancashire, Staffordshire, Cheshire and Devon.

Paul deserves a special mention for some impressive entertaining singles wins and Andy Hutchinson for remaining undefeated for the third year in a row.

Gareth Hutchinson played some great doubles with a new member of the squad Roger Kuhlmann with Cord Spilker also returning to county tennis after a few years sabbatical. It was also great to see Ian Blakeman joining us and playing the final rubber of the season after returning from a serious injury.

Yorkshire men's 55&O won their final with a resounding 4-1 win against Leicestershire. After Paul Layfield got the team off to a flying start beating Johnson 6-2, 6-2, Andrew Hutchinson had a tough encounter with Steve Brett the Leicestershire

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number one losing 7-6, 6-3. Gareth Hutchinson and Ian Blakeman won their first doubles match 6-4, 6-0 after going 3-0 down in the first set!

Andrew and Paul then won their doubles match 6-2, 6-2 with Gareth and Ian then completing the win in a close three set match.

A great team effort with special mention going to Paul with a fantastic achievement of going through the whole season without dropping a rubber. The team retained the championship that they won in 2019 before covid interrupted the event.



■ Above, (L to R) Men's 55&O: Paul Layfield (C), Gareth Hutchinson, Andrew Hutchinson, Ian Blakeman

Men's 60&O

County Cup, Group 1a

Captain: Myles Collett

Team members: Myles Collett, Dave Brown, Peter Vann, Jim Mellor, Andrew Mears, Paul Blackett

Captained by Myles Collett, the county team started with a great win against Dorset and was hoping for great things for the rest of the season. Myles selected the experienced and reliable Dave Brown and Peter Vann and also due to great performances in the Yorkshire senior's tournament, Jim Mellor, Andrew Mears and Paul Blackett were introduced to the rigours of senior's county tennis. Congratulations to these guys.

Unfortunately, due to a

recurring theme of injuries during the next few matches, the team lost the remaining matches to Leicestershire and Essex who also had their top teams out on the day. The team after doing well to stay in Division 1 previously is now relegated to Division 2 but hopefully will bounce straight back next season.

Dave Nichol, Mike Butterworth and Brian Barrowman. Unfortunately, Chris Day carried an injury all season so was unable to compete this year.

The first match saw a close 3-2 win over Nottinghamshire followed by another tight win against Lincolnshire. After losing to Warwickshire who remained undefeated all season, we won a third match against Devon.

This left Yorkshire and Cheshire tied in second place and to battle out for outright runners up position in their rearranged match in October. Unfortunately, Yorkshire lost out 4-1 but finished a credible third place.

Special mention goes to Brian Barrowman, Andy Clipson and Chris Day who are nominated for their county seniors' colours.

Men's 65&O

County Cup, Group 2b

Captain: Steve Batte

Team members: Steve Batte, Andy Clipson, Andrew Potter, Dave Nichol, Mike Butterworth, Brian Barrowman

The men's 65&O team competed in Division 2 during 2022. The squad consisted of six players, Steve Batte, Andy Clipson, Andrew Potter,

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■ Below (L to R) Men's 70&O: John Andrews, Greg Pearson, Wilf Jessop (C), Alan Cockman



Men's 70&O

County Cup, Group 1a

Captain: Wilf Jessop

Team members: Wilf Jessop, Greg Pearson, Alan Cockman, Dave Allerton, John Andrews, Giles Hinchcliffe

Yorkshire's 70&O team played in Division 1a, along with Dorset, Surrey, Kent, Middlesex and Warwickshire. After last year's interim regional leagues in which the team had to play doubles only, this year singles were back on the agenda!

That task became even more of a challenge, due to the loss of earlier years singles stalwart Dave Whitelaw, who finally succumbed to his dodgy knee and was only available to

play doubles as an emergency replacement.

We opened with losses to the two strongest counties, Dorset (2-3) and Kent (1-4), both of whom were benefitting from new, "young" blood in their teams! From there it was a question of who we could beat to try to stay up. True Yorkshire spirit came to the fore with victories over Surrey (4-1) and Middlesex (4-1).

Our final match was away to Warwickshire - a match played at the tail end of September, outdoors, in the drizzle, on totally unfamiliar damp and heavy synthetic grass courts. Chances of a win looked bleak, with two close rubbers lost and the captain struggling to keep the match alive in a tough singles. But that rubber was eventually captured - and an extremely unlikely win became

a reality with both the final doubles claimed on championship tie-breaks!

And so we finished in a very satisfying 3rd place - not bad for a team at the upper end of the age-group!

A special mention goes to Giles who turned out against Surrey - after a 9 year hiatus at just a few hours' notice due to Alan's overnight illness.

Thank you to all our senior county players who have spent their weekends travelling up and down the country to represent our county and thank you to the county captains who have had the difficulty of arranging and rearranging Covid affected matches through the season. The senior's teams are always looking for new players to be introduced into the squads.

Ladies County Seniors

■ Below (L to R) Ladies 35&O: Becki Fong, Carina May, Natalie Gill (C), Danielle Brown, Nicola Mooney



Ladies 35&O

Group 2a, Eastbourne
Dates: 29 to 31 July

Captain: Natalie Gill

Team Members: Nicola Mooney, Carina May, Danielle Brown, Becki Fong, Natalie Gill

Yorkshire ladies 35&O team were placed in Group 2b for this year's County Cup held at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne.

The weather for the weekend was fantastic, full of sun and a gentle breeze, giving us perfect tennis weather.

The first day we beat Cheshire with solid performances from the team.

The second day saw us gain a solid win against Essex with a masterclass from Carina and Nicola meaning we went up 2-0

in the match. Essex have amazing doubles players and we knew it would be a tough match and our doubles pairs played well but Essex were excellent and with two wins leaving the score at 2-2 with all to play for. Carina and Nicola teamed up in the doubles and battled well to win resulting in a hard fought 3-2 victory and everything riding on day three against Somerset.

Our last match against Somerset would determine who would win the group and ultimately be promoted. They also came into this round with two wins under their belt.

The team played excellent tennis, in a close encounter but unfortunately, were beaten 3-2 on the day with superb performances under pressure from both teams and all players.

We were proud of ourselves as a team narrowly missing out

on promotion and will be ready to go again next year to go one better!

Ladies 40&O

County Cup, Group 1b

Captain: Sarah Everest-Ford

Team Members: Jenny French, Nicky Brind, Helen Hirst, Sarah Everest-Ford, Jo Fitzpatrick, Helen Myles, Jen Lewis

It has been a tough season, with very strong opposition and we have a mix of experienced county players and new members to our team. We have had three away matches all three plus hours away, which has made it difficult for availability. We have also had injuries, which have affected availability of our team.

Our first match was away at

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Somerset on the first Saturday of the school holidays, which meant 5.5 hours in a car to Taunton, not the best preparation for a tennis match!

Jenny French and Helen Hirst played singles against very experienced singles players with Sarah Everest-Ford and sister Jo Fitzpatrick having two tough doubles matches, losing to a GB over 55s player, that had just come back from playing a tournament in Florida!

We sadly lost 5-0. We did enjoy an overnight stay on the way home in Bristol for some team bonding however!

We were then due to play Hertfordshire at home on 26 June but unfortunately, they couldn't get a team due to illness so we rearranged it for the end of September, which again they couldn't get a team and had to concede.

Then followed another away trip, this time to High Wycombe to play Buckinghamshire. Nicky Brind and Helen Hirst had tough singles matches against very experienced singles players and Sarah and Jo again paired up for doubles, a very high standard of tennis which resulted in a 5-0 loss.

We then travelled away again to Bracknell for a match against Berkshire. Helen Myles and Helen Hirst starting with singles and then Nicky Brind and Jo Fitzpatrick for doubles, unfortunately resulting in a 5-0 loss but enjoyable tennis had by all.

Finally, we get a home match, played in Sheffield on Sunday 18th September against Middlesex who are top of the table. Helen Myles had a good singles match, having not played much competitive tennis this year and Nicky played a seasoned No2 who has played over 100 competitive matches this year, Nicky had played ten! We had two excellent doubles matches, with Sarah Everest-Ford and Jen Lewis losing and

Nicky and Helen winning (yey!) but sadly resulting in a loss on the day of 4-1.

Our only other home match has sadly been cancelled which would have seen Jill La Pla, Catherine Baker and Claire Morrell's first matches of the over 40s league this year. A big thank you to everyone who has played, I know it has been tough and resulted in relegation but we will come back stronger next year.



■ Pictured, (L to R)
Ladies 50&O: Karen Mitchell, Gill Kilner, Sarah Gorman, Jo Wright, Becky Lee (C)

Ladies 50&O

County Cup, Group 1a

Captain: Becky Lee

Team members: Becky Lee, Gill Kilner, Catherine Baker, Sarah Gorman, Cath Davies, Sarah Thomas, Jo Wright, Karen Mitchell, Sally Bickerton, Clare Johnson

A great squad of players could mean that Yorkshire win Division 1a. Becky Lee and Gill Kilner were unbeaten throughout the season in singles and doubles playing all

five fixtures. Catherine Baker, Sarah Swift, Cath Davies, Sarah Thomas, Jo Wright, Karen Mitchell, Sally Bickerton and not forgetting Clare Johnson who filled in last minute to field a team to travel south to play back to back against Kent and Surrey played some great matches against stiff opposition. Yorkshire finished top of the group, winning four and losing once taking the team to the finals against Middlesex.

In the final played at Graves, Sheffield, the ladies were beaten by a very strong Middlesex team with the

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standard of tennis being high. Becky Lee & Gill Kilner had epic singles matches, both losing narrowly after almost two hours of tennis. Karen Mitchell and Jo Wright then went on court needing a win, which they got to keep the tie alive.

The final doubles matches went on but the Middlesex singles players were too strong. Captain Becky Lee was delighted with the team's performance and hopes to reach the play offs again next year. She would like to thank all the players for a great season.

Ladies 60&O

County Cup, Group 1a

Captain: Belinda Turnbull

Team Members: Gill Brook, Wendy Stirke, Sally Bickerton, Cathryn Johnson, Belinda Turnbull

Yorkshire ladies 60&Os team had a successful season in Division 1. Our geographical division comprised Kent, Surrey, Essex and South Wales.

Yorkshire beat Essex 5-0 and South Wales 3-2. We lost to both Surrey and Kent 2-3. We came very close to beating Kent as we had a match point in one of the doubles.

Thanks to a fantastic team for all their efforts. Gill Brook won all her singles and recently represented GB at the Worlds winning a bronze medal. She also won the over 60s Mixed World Championships.

Ladies 65&O

County Cup, Group 2b

Captain: Janice Ashman

Team members: Janice Ashman, Kath Green, Sue Graney, Susan Brass, Christine Dalton, Rosie Connell, Margaret Bottomley

This was a very problematic season for us: from the start, we were beset by injuries, with two of our regular players recovering from operations. It meant that matches had to be scheduled as late as possible, but in the end, this didn't help us as there were further injuries, illnesses, accidents and all sorts of bad luck.

The first match against Lancashire was marred on the day of the match when Christine Dalton had to pull out. Kath Green valiantly agreed to play two rubbers but was struggling with a shoulder injury and had to withdraw from the second. (She was unable to play any further matches for the rest of the season.)

She and Sue Graney won their first rubber which was a secure result. During the first round, the other pair, Janice Ashman and Susan Brass, had lost the first set to the first couple and were doing well in the second when Janice hit her head on a metal girder, spilled a lot of blood and had to withdraw from the match. Lancashire, therefore, had a 3-1 victory but this was a match

we believe we would have won.

In our second match against Kent in Canterbury, we only had four players available. Janice Ashman had covid for the previous ten days and struggled to find much form. Christine Dalton and Rosie Connell played really well and won one rubber. This was another match we lost 3-1. Our next match was at home against Essex and we were issue-free. We won the match 4-0. Sue Graney played with Susan Brass, Janice Ashman played one rubber with Rosie Connell and the other with Margaret Bottomley and secured two good wins.

Our final match was played in September. We had agreed to a rearranged fixture as two of the Hertfordshire players had covid in July. The match was really tough but we won by two games on a game count. Janice Ashman and Rosie Connell had a particularly exhausting day, on court for four hours, winning a match tie-break against their first couple which was massive. However, the two wins are not enough to compensate for the losses against Lancashire and Kent and it looks as if we will be relegated next year. The irony is that Hertfordshire, whom we beat, won the league and had their strongest team out against us.

All Yorkshire players need to be congratulated on their efforts and for playing with some serious injuries ending with a final position in the league of 4th.

Ladies 70&O

County Cup, Group 1b

Captain: Rosemary Carter

**Team members: Sue Welch,
Audrey Reed, Pauline Knight,
Rosemary Carter**

Unfortunately, Sussex withdrew from our division at the beginning of the season, leaving us with three matches.

Our first match was against Lancashire - rubbers were equal 2-2, however Lancashire had one extra set.

Our second match was against Kent. This involved three championship tiebreakers and after some long battles we won 3-1.

Our final match was against Buckinghamshire and we ended up as winners, 4-0.

Three counties ended equal on points, but Yorkshire finished the season having won more rubbers/sets so end up on top, which is very exciting. Yorkshire took on winners of Group 1a, Surrey, in a playoff to determine the overall winners. It was a tough match with Yorkshire 70&O ladies losing out to Surrey 4-0.

■ Pictured, (L to R) Ladies 70&O: Rosemary Carter (C), Pauline Knight, Audrey Reed, Sue Welch





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