

DTSC Coaching Newsletter Summer 2018

We have now reached the end of the summer term, and the coaching year. In the accompanying email are the coaching groups for your child/ren for next term. Please check to see whether their times have changed.

The coaching has gone extremely well this year, helped this term by the glorious weather. As far as the Club is concerned, progress is being made towards the resurfacing of the tennis courts, but as yet I can't give you any further information as to when they are going to be done, or to confirm the surface that has been chosen. It may mean that we have to carry out the coaching elsewhere for up to 6 weeks but we will keep you posted, and it will all be worth it to get decent courts again.

Junior Team Results

We entered junior teams in the Dorset Team Tennis this summer, with some great results, all of which are outlined below. Some of our juniors have been playing regularly in the adult teams in both the Dorset league and the Yeovil & District League, and we are gradually adding more juniors to these teams. Greg Charles, Ellery Ford, Ed Keegan, Charlie Barnett have joined regulars Joe Chambers, Alex Baker and Matt Smith in the teams.

Team	Result	Players
Boys 16 & under team	4th Dorset Division 1	Matt Smith, Ellery Ford, Cameron Robinson, Ethan Robinson, Dani Quinn-Comas, Ed Keegan, Charlie Barnett,
Boys 14 & under team	Won Dorset Division 1	Eddie Keegan, Ethan Robinson, Ben Sanders, Noah Jarvis-Woodbridge, Nathaniel Skinner, Raffy Davies.
Boys 12 & under A team	1st Dorset Division 2	Ben Sanders, Henry Theobald, Josh Jackson, Joe Slowther, Rafferty Davies, Nathan Soley.
Boys 12 & under B team	4th Dorset Division 2	Joe Slowther, Noah Smith, Sam Smith-Rose, Louie Jasaragic, Ben Edwards, Archie Moore.
9 & under Orange A team	Won Division 2	Herbie Andrews, Joe Sanders, Otis Richards, Oscar Lovell
9 & Under Orange B team	4th in Division 2	Ben Randall, Thomas Edwards, Sam Hall, Theo Savva.
8 & under Red	Won West Dorset and 3rd in Dorset	Herbie Andrews, Ben Randall, Felix Soley, Toby Vincent.

Very many thanks to Michael for his work with teams, especially the Orange and Red teams, and for the extra time he put into training them and to attending their matches.

**9 & under Orange A team
Winners**



8 & under Red Winners



Junior Club Championships

Age Group	Winner	Runner-up
Girls	Immi Reid	Yasmin Radivojsa
Boys 18 & under	Joe Chambers	Lorenzo Conti
Boys 16 & under	Ellery Ford	Eddie Keegan
Boys 14 & under	Dani Quinn-Comas	Louis Young
Boys 12 & under	Ben Sanders	Rafferty Davies
Mixed 9 & under	Otis Richards	Joe Sanders

For the first time in a few years we have been able to hold a girls singles championships and actually had 4 girls taking part. They found it extremely hard work to play matches in the heat, but did it, and I hope they are proud of themselves. We have 42 girls taking part in the coaching, for which I am very pleased. I think we have the largest number of girls regularly taking part in coaching in the County. Keep going girls and we will be doing our Pizza and doubles day in the Autumn. We ran out of time this term. The current group of senior girls will soon be playing in the ladies teams, whether they like it or not!!

Girls:

Winner Immi Reid (right)
Runner-up Yas Radivojsa (left)



Boys 18 & under:
Winner Joe Chambers (right)
Runner up Lorenzo Conti (left)



Boys 16 & under:
Winner Ellery Ford (right)
Runner-up Eddie Keegan (left)



Boys 14 & under:

Winner Ethan Robinson (left)
Runner-up Eddie Keegan (right)



Boys 12 & under:

Winner Ben Sanders (right)
Runner-up Rafferty Davies (left)



12 & under competitors



9 & under competitors



Holland Tour

Michael & Kevin are taking 2 groups of boys to Holland this year. They have split the age groups, so that it is mainly 14 & unders going in one group, and the older ones in the other group. 2 of the older boys are also going as coaches for the younger group, which will be a great experience for them. I am not sure how Michael & Kevin do it, and I don't really want to know, but they are obviously doing something right as some of the boys are going for the 4th time! But this year they are taking some younger children, so the age range for the 2 trips will be from 8 to 18 years old.

Adult Coaching

The coaching groups have grown over the past year and we have been able to add in a new adult group which takes place on Friday afternoons. This is mainly comprised of mothers of the children within the coaching programme. We are definitely starting a Dad's group on Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm at St. Osmund's in September. We already have 4 on the list, so if anyone is interested please let me know. We also run an advanced adult group on Monday evenings, and a ladies group on Wednesday evenings. A group of the ladies from the coaching groups came together, with some of the girls, on a Saturday afternoon for doubles, Pimms and giggles. There were some initial nerves, but the standard of tennis improved during the afternoon, to the extent that they played for 3.5

hours, and had a great time. This will lead to more social get togethers as it does wonders for confidence.

Club Membership

All those who receive their tennis coaching at the Club, who are 9 years old and over, are required to be Club members. This covers them for insurance whilst at the Club, and allows them to book courts and play at times other than in their coaching groups. They will then have a 'fob' which allows them access to the Clubhouse and the courts. The gate onto the tennis courts will only be used in exceptional circumstances from now on, so everyone must enter via the club's main door. The viewing from the clubhouse is excellent, tea & coffee is available for a nominal fee and it is warm in there in the winter!

For those who aren't already members of the club the cost for Junior Annual Membership is £51 from 1st April, but this is reduced for those joining throughout the year and from September the cost is only £30. Please contact Adam in the Club's office at admin@dtsc.org.uk for details. For any adult joining, the cost for a Full Tennis member, who can play at all times is £123 from September to the end of March, and for a Day member, if you only want to play between 9am-4pm Monday-Friday the cost is £83.

Individual coaching

Michael, Kevin and I are all available for individual coaching throughout the year for those wanting to enhance their technique. Michael & Kevin are running coaching sessions during the holidays for which you should already have received an email with the information on it. If you haven't please don't hesitate to contact me for details.

Thank you

Many thanks to all the parents who have been fantastic at bringing your children to the coaching groups, providing transport to team matches, making match teas and to those who are venturing on to the court themselves! I also need to thank Michael and Kevin for their support over the last year. We do work very much as a team. Also Alex, Joe, Greg, Cameron and Maddy for their help with the groups. We wouldn't be able to work without them.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any more information, and Michael, Kevin & I look forward to seeing everyone on court over the summer holidays, and back in the coaching groups in September. The term time coaching will re-start from Saturday 8th September and run for 12 weeks, with the exception of half term, leaving a week spare for weather issues. The group your child/ren will be in is shown in the accompanying email, together with the costs for each group.

Have a great summer holidays, keep playing tennis. Remember that you don't need to have one of the coaches around to play tennis. All members can play at the club at any time that courts are available. Make use of the courts, and keep playing. And we all look forward to seeing you next term.

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