



Coaching Report 2018

COACHING TEAM

James Grindell – Head Coach, Ashley Broomhead – Performance Coach, Gareth Griffiths – Development Coach, Lauren Whiteman – Assistant Coach, Oli Storr Assistant Coach, Keith Reynolds – Ambassador Coach.

JUNIOR TEAMS

Winter Indoor Mini Tennis League – played at David Lloyd from October to Easter. Duffield had a Mini Red, Mini Orange and Mini Green teams plus U12 boys and U16 Girls. Winning U12 boys and U16 girls plus runner-up in U10 (green).

It has been very positive to see so many juniors playing in adult teams and making a valuable contribution. Approximately 20 juniors played big part in another successful year of league tennis. Great to see so many girls continuing to be involved in ladies' tennis. This will hopefully carry on and grow this year.

SUMMER JUNIOR AEGON DIVISIONS

Teams were entered into Mini Red, Mini Orange, Mini Green, U12 boys, u12 girls, U14 boys, U14 Girls, U18 boys and U18 girls. Approximately 40 juniors played competitive team matches and we were runners-up in 3 of the divisions but won the U12 boys, U14 girls, U14 boys and U18 boys divisions. Fantastic performances from everyone involved.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

Many juniors have been participating in junior tournaments at Duffield and other venues around the country, throughout the year.

Special mentions should be given to Oliver Wood, Seb Harrison, Chantal Griffiths, Isabella Knighton, Evania Livingston, Evie Bryan, Charlie Spurr, Ben Robinson, Adesh Takhar, Jake Jackson, Dylan Cockle, Joseph Sanders, Kieran Edworthy, Kate Watson, Harry Cooper, Noah Humphries, Harry Bexson, Oliver Whiteley, Danny Houghton, Stanley Jackson, Max and Zach Hargreave. Well done to Izzy Knighton and Adesh Takhar for representing Duffield the county finals of the **Road to Wimbledon** tournament.

Well done juniors! Myself, Gareth and Ashley all visited juniors playing in tournaments and team matches. The **Duffield Junior open** – a Grade 4 event run by the DTA on the 19th August was again successful last year.

COUNTY JUNIOR TEAMS

Special mention to all juniors from Duffield who got selected to represent the county. Oliver Wood, Adesh Takhar, Kieran Edworthy (U12), Seb Harrison (U14), Chantal Griffiths (U14, U18), Evania Livingston (U14), Kate Watson (reserve U18), Charlie Spurr (Reserve U18). This is a great achievement from all the juniors mentioned. It takes a lot of time and commitment to achieve a county standard level.

Approximately 22 promising juniors from Duffield attend County training in various groups at David Lloyd and DTC.

COACH EDUCATION

Six juniors attended and successfully passed their Tennis Leaders course.

Many pupils enrol onto the **Duke of Edinburgh Award** at Ecclesbourne School. Part of this award, is the requirement to give 30 hours voluntary service. Many juniors offer these hours in terms of assisting the coaching. This is of great benefit to the club, coaching programme and school/pupils. This scheme continues to grow.

COACHING PROGRAMME

The junior coaching programme continues to grow and develop with more competing opportunities at the club in the form of grade 6/7 Saturday afternoon events. More mini-tennis children playing, than ever before. Plus more performance groups, catering for more children. Gareth Griffiths continues to deliver the school programme which covers 2 local primary schools and sessions continue for Ecclesbourne School.

Holiday clubs continue to run throughout school holidays. Numbers are still strong.

Junior/Adult Match Practice – thanks again to Chantelle Stamp, Julie Corne and Sally Hargreaves for continuing the encouragement of girls integration within the ladies teams and match practice sessions.

Cardio tennis along with more **adult coaching opportunities** resulted in a continued increase in uptake of adults accessing coaching. Groups are available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This will continue to grow in 2019.

CHARITY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Each year a tennis party is donated to William Gilbert School for fundraising via the school ball. This year the party raised £340. Funds go to the school.

The Keith Murcutt Memorial Tournament was again very successful running on Wimbledon men's finals day.

We ran two **open days**, one clashed with an England world cup match but still 40 people attended, we also ran an open day on Carnival week, which was very well attended and generated lots of interest.

SUMMARY

2018 was yet another great year for juniors breaking through into representative county tennis and increasing participation in both junior and adult teams. The coming season will be another successful year with an increase already in both Adult and Junior teams. The new (ish) courts continue to be a fantastic asset to encourage new members (we just need good weather). We have an open Day planned for April and an open evening for carnival week. Internal tournaments for juniors will be on most weekends along with the continuation of social Saturdays plus daytime cardio.

Many thanks to Chris Hubbard, Dave Nappin, Sally Hargreaves, Linda Harrison, Alison Knibbs, John Eisenberg and Moira Miller for continuing to drive the club forward.

James Grindell, March 2019.