

Herts County Performance Network

Pathway to Tarbes and Herts Inspires Tennis

Herts Tennis is committed to supporting the development of young players and makes considerable financial contribution towards advancing club programmes and player levels from mini-red upwards.

Herts Tennis provides funding supporting to Club's delivering the **Pathway to Tarbes** and **Herts Inspires Tennis** programmes that provide training support for selected players in the u8, u9 and u10 age groups.

The **Pathway to Tarbes** programme has been in place since 2007 and is a fundamental part of Herts Tennis Talent Development system. Pathway to Tarbes is a partnership between Herts Tennis, Batchwood and Gosling Tennis Centres; the programme identifies and provides enthusiastic under 10 tennis players with subsidised performance training designed to set them on the pathway to international tennis. In addition the programme guides players and parents to achieve peak performance whilst promoting enjoyment, competitive spirit, respect, courage and excellence.

Herts Inspires Tennis is designed to encourage successful, forward thinking Hertfordshire Clubs with recognised quality performance programmes working with Herts Tennis towards its aim of 'making their better players better'. The clubs currently involved are Legends Tennis, Letchworth, Langley and Harpenden. These clubs are supported financially by Herts Tennis; each club has subsidised training programmes specifically targeting the identification and development of under 10 tennis players who are showing the potential, determination and enthusiasm to become performance level players.

The **Pathway to Tarbes** and **Herts Inspires Tennis** clubs work closely together and alongside their weekly training programmes join forces in providing regular and quality competition. The **Herts Inspires Tennis Red Tour** is a series of mini-red tournaments starting in September and scheduled alongside the timetable of major international competitions finishing with the Hertfordshire Junior Championships in the following August. The results of these competitions are recorded on a leader board giving a good indication of player development.

It is apparent that the positive collaboration between Herts Tennis and Clubs is having a direct impact on the success of player development in the county and this is clearly reflected in the success of the Herts County teams.

Herts Tennis has open access to clubs who are keen to be involved with our goal to "make our players better players". For details and applications please contact the County Office.