

PADEL NEWS JUNE 2022

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

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VENUE NEWS

Coming soon the first public padel courts in Oxfordshire! [Oxford Sports LTC](#) have partnered with [MVP](#) and booking system [Matchi](#) as they prepare to open 3 panoramic courts on 18th June, with bookings opening from 14th May. To access all the information on their open days, memberships, special events and tournaments, you should register with the Matchi app which is available on iPhone and Android. Then search for MVP Padel Oxford in the venue section. You can also visit <http://www.matchi.com/facilities/mvpoxford/> and register!

The South-West of England has 3 new padel venues! Yay! Two courts a piece at [The Point at Polzeath](#) and [Trevose Golf & Country Club](#) and one court at [Bittescombe Lodge](#).

Coming soon an indoor 11 court padel venue in Derby!

Winchester Racquets and Fitness officially opens its third padel court - Billy Kerr reports

Following the installation of two padel courts back in October 2020, Winchester Racquets and Fitness officially opened their third court in May.

Club Vice Chair Matt Pye cut the ribbon to celebrate the additional court, and this was followed by a social padel tournament for club members.



Players from Winchester Rackets & Fitness club

Since installing the courts, which were provided by The Padel Court Company, the Winchester club has signed up over 110 new members on the new padel membership category, while the courts are also regularly used by a large section of the existing rackets and fitness members who also have access to the padel courts included in their membership package.

The total cost of installation was approximately £150K and based on the income generated in year one the club are already confident that they will have payback from court fees and additional membership income in as little as three years!

If any clubs in the county would like advice or guidance, Billy Kerr, the padel representative on the Hampshire LTA council, will be happy to assist. Billy who was GM at Winchester and oversaw the introduction of padel to the club, is also able to arrange visits or viewing of the courts at Winchester for any interested clubs. You can reach Billy at billy@winchesterracquetsandfitness.net

SENIORS PADEL

Over 39 & would like to compete for GB Seniors Women's team? Come to a Selection Event!

Building on the success of the GB Women's Senior Padel Team at the FIP World Championships in Las Vegas, the GB Seniors Women's Steering Group of Sally Fisher (Director of GB Ladies Senior Padel), Libby Fletcher (Head of Performance and National Teams), Anthea Hunt (Head of Communications and Sponsor Relations), and Nigel Garton (National Coach and Head of Selection Committee) continue their search for Britain's top female padel talent in age categories 40+ 45+ 50+ 55+ and 60+.

If you hold a British Passport, have strong padel match play and some competition experience at Club, League or LTA level, you are welcome to sign up for a selection event and come and play with some of the current GB squad and receive coaching input from our National Coach.

The June to October calendar of GB Senior Women's events (including two selection events) has recently been announced.

If you would like to sign up or hear more, please message our "gb_seniors_padel" Instagram account with your contact details and we will contact you.

GB SENIORS LADIES PADEL June - October 2022 Calendar
(Includes 40+ 45+ 50+ 55+ & 60+)

<p>All official GB Seniors Ladies Squad and Team selection decisions will be made by a Committee of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nigel Garton (National Coach for GB Senior Ladies)• Libby Fletcher (Head of Performance & National Teams) <p>Using these Selection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Player's LTA British National Padel Rankings• Results and performance on the World Padel Tour, FIP Tour or FIP Seniors Tour (main draw or qualifiers)• Players must have played in at least 4 LTA Padel tournaments or similarly recognised sanctioned events overseas in the 12 months prior to selection (qualifying events to be defined by the selectors)• Player's results & participation in LTA National League & I-Padel League will be considered• Attendance and performance at minimum 2 official GB Seniors Ladies Squad Training & Matchplay events in the prior 12 months• All 4 'Performance' Factors will be considered: Mental; Physical; Tactical; Technical• The selectors will have 1 'Wild Card' selection	<p>June - October 2022 Calendar of official GB Seniors Ladies Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sat 25th June 1:30-3:30pm - GB Squad Open Selection Event at Harrogate Surge Indoor Padel Centre (Open to anyone who has competed in Club, League or LTA padel competitions in the past 12 months and believes they are ready to be considered for the GB Seniors Squad)• Sat 25th 4:30-6:30pm & Sun 26th June 9:30-12:30pm - GB Squad Training & Matchplay at Harrogate Surge Indoor Padel Centre (by invitation before or after the Saturday Open Squad Selection)• Thurs 21st - Sun 24th July GB Squad Open Selection Event and GB Squad Training & Matchplay at Rocks Lane, Chiswick• Thurs 5th and/or Fri 6th August GB Squad Event (London area venue near NTC - plans tbc)• 15th August - Target date to confirm GB Team selection for Sotogrande Senior Masters Padel Tournament - based on official Selection Criteria• Thurs 6th - Sun 9th Oct Official Selected GB Team to play in the Sotogrande Senior Masters Padel Tournament for Senior International teams and Regional Spanish teams
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PADEL TASTER SESSIONS

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

COMPETITION

This year's competition calendar, up until the end of July, is now available [here](#). Teams can now enter the LTA Padel National League [here](#)

Stratford Padel club hosted a recent Men's and Women's tournament, featuring British Number 1 Tia Norton, who won with her Spanish partner. A healthy number of entrants with 12 women's pairs and 32 men's pairs.

National Teams: World Championships (Men's & Women) will take place Oct/Nov 2022 in either Spain, Italy, or Qatar (TBC)

- GB will most likely have to Qualify (July/Aug/Sep – exact dates TBC)
- Several training camps are taking place over next few months (supporting transparent selection)
- Additional training camps are running for other categories (Juniors & Seniors) at venues around the country to support overall pathway.

THE PROFESSIONAL GAME

At the top end for the game, the season has kicked off in style with both the World Padel Tour and FIP offering events all over the world – With such a global platform the sport is quickly living up to its reputation to being the fastest-growing-sport-in-the-world. Top British players continue to compete at FIPs and World Padel Tour events. Major in Rome at the end of May, and then Roland Garros in July will feature some Brits.

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WORLD PADEL TOUR – 2022 CALENDAR



The Danish Padel Tour May 2022 – a fantastic day out - Katherine Montague reports



Hosted in the Royal Stage Hillerød, 30 minutes north of Copenhagen, tickets for the main show court cost £40 each, purchased from the WPT website. We watched the Round of 16 and enjoyed some tight matches between some of the best padel players in the world, including Lebrón and Salazar. I can fully recommend watching world class padel with world class Danish beer, hot dogs and cinnamon buns!

In a separate hall, the main padel brands were selling their rackets, clothing and equipment and provided mini walls on which to test their rackets.



The venue had 4 courts and it was very easy to find a seat on any court to watch matches. Players wandered around the venue, so it felt very intimate and informal.

Some of the matches featured on World Padel Tour TV, which, once registered, is free to watch.

FIP Tour Rome May 2022 - Tom Murray reports

Two of our top British players (Sam Jones & Christian Murphy) competed last weekend in Rome Italy at the first FIP/Premier Padel European event (Men's only) – They lost a tight second round Qualy match after beating a top Italian pair in the first round.

The atmosphere was buzzing on Centre Court for the semi-finals and final. There were 6000+ for the final. The games were terrific, and the 'Freed from Desire' soundtrack got the crowds going! You can see videos on Premier Padel Instagram. The event was a huge success, and the Semis & Finals were broadcast on Sky Sports in UK. See FIP website for results.





Sam Jones (player), John Leach (coach), Christian Murphy (player) and Tom Murray (LTA's Head of Padel)

Tia Norton competed last weekend in Mallorca at a World Padel Tour event hosted at the Rafa Nadal Academy. See WPT for results.



All of our top ranked Brits (men's & women) will now head to Marbella to compete in the next World Padel Tour event. The next FIP/Premier Padel event will be at Roland Garros in July 11-17 where we will have 2-4 Brits competing as well.

****SAVE THE DATE****

We are excited to announce that the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton will host the FIP Rise (pro tournament) in the first week in August. Spectators are very welcome. A draft outline of the event is as follows. More details to follow.

FIP Rise (Men's & Women's event)

Tournament dates: Aug 4-7

- Aug 4 (Thu): Tournament starts (Qualification rounds)
- Aug 5 (Fri): Main-draw matches
- Aug 6 (Sat): Main-draw matches
- Aug 7 (Sun): Semi-Finals & Finals Day

LTA Grade 2 Women's Tournament Attracts a Large Draw

Following closely on the heels of a Grade 1 tournament at Stratford the previous weekend, which had attracted a women's draw of 24 pairs, it was fantastic to see another large women's draw on a sunny weekend in mid-May at the Grade 2 tournament held at the NTC.

16 pairs, ranging in ages from early 20's to late 50's, had a fantastic and long day of excellent padel competition. Many congratulations to Abigail Tordoff and Lila Simpson who were overall champions, winning the final against another strong partnership of Jo Ward and Helen Crook.





COACHING UPDATE

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

The LTA Coach Development & Support team has produced the new Padel Coaching Qualifications, the first 4-day Padel Instructor qualification launched at the end of March; anyone interested can register their interest [here](#). The next pilot session will be held in Scotland, details to come soon.

AN INTRODUCTION TO PADEL COACHING, STRATFORD, EAST LONDON

On a sunny May bank holiday, I participated in a coach training session delivered by Javier Fernandez from the Wimbledon Experience Limited team (WimX Learning). Our group consisted of mostly, but not exclusively, tennis coaches.

Aside from the tennis coaches, one was a sports teacher and keen padel player from the south coast and another, Michael, a retired, passionate padel player, keen to learn how to coach with a view to teaching beginners.

Michael plays at Stratford and has noticed a huge number of beginners new to the club, who might benefit from his knowledge and experience. The three of us were the only regular padel players of the group. So, if you are thinking about doing this course, it's not just for seasoned padel players. Completion of this course equates to 5 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points towards the LTA tennis coach licence.



Most of the tennis coach contingent hadn't played much padel previously, so Javier started us off with some basic positioning and rules of the game. I was reminded of my first foray into padel, coming from tennis, forever trying to nip into the net too soon, applying too much pace, hitting the back glass and finding the court too small for my volleys! However, the tennis coaches were quick learners and soon adjusted their play to better suit padel.

Javier progressed to different types of feeding, for single and double glass shots, varying the feeds for green, amber and red shots off the back glass. He explained how to hold the racket, the use of slice or flat hitting rather than top spin. He covered the underarm serve and set up target practice, to vary the service feed. All in all, it was an enjoyable day with some of us using the lunch break to play a game.

[Stratford Padel Club](#) is a great venue, very sociable and friendly, with 5 indoor courts and is easy to access from central London – just a short walk from Stratford Station.

Coaches or enthusiastic padel players interested in the fundamentals of coaching padel can find a course in the [LTA training courses section](#). Please remember this is not a padel coaching qualification.

OFFICIATING NEWS

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

Call to action!

Similarly, to the LTA website please make sure you have a padel page on your County Website and promote the opportunities padel can offer to venues.

For more information or if you have any padel news, please share with katherinemontague22@gmail.com or stephtrill@gmail.com