

Leicester Squash Club Newsletter – April 2018



Leicestershire League Champions 2017/18

The 2017/18 Leicestershire league season is coming to a close and it has been a great season for the teams. All the teams finished mid-table or higher with two teams winning their league! Congratulations to the 2nd team and the 3rd team for winning division 2 and 3 respectively.

| Team | Division | Final League Position |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Leicester Squash 1 | 1 | 6 th |
| Leicester Squash 2 | 2 | 1 st |
| Leicester Squash 3 | 3 | 1 st |
| Leicester Squash 4 | 4 | 6 th |
| Leicester Squash 5 | 5 | 3 rd |
| De Montfort 1 | 5 | 4 th |



Leicester Squash Club 2nd team 2017/18

Al Lockhart-Smith, Matt Ysart and Robbie Dalby all finished in the top 5 players in the second division based on their results. On a similar note Paul Muttock, Jack Crawford and David Preston all finished in the top 5 players in the third division. Maybe we can get Ysart a bigger team top as a reward.



Leicester Squash Club 3rd team 2017/18

Handicap Tournament Round Up

The Leicester Squash Club Handicap tournament finals took place in January. The handicap event is where players are randomly drawn against each other. In each round of the tournament all players are given a different handicap based on who they are playing ensuring that there were several close matches throughout the event.



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In the main draw final Al Lockhart Smith took on Hans Billson. Al saved several game balls to take the first game 15-14. Hans' array of drop shots and boasts entertained the slightly partisan crowd. Hans claimed the title winning 14/15, 15/7, 15/1, 15/4. In the plate final two of our improving juniors made the final – Shashank Bhandari and Felix Griffin. Felix came through in a very tight 4 game match 15/14, 13/15, 15/13, 15/14.

Thanks to everyone who entered and supported the event – it will return in the autumn for the second edition.

Leicester Squash Club win East Midlands Regional titles!

Leicester Squash Club hosted the East Midlands Regional Junior Championships on the 18th March. The East Midlands regional championships sees the best players from Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Northamptonshire battle it out for the regional titles. It proved to be a very successful day for our juniors winning five titles and two finalists.

Congratulations to;

Kira Hartlett (Girls Under 11 Winner)

Claudia Osborne (Girls Under 13 Winner)

Jess Morgan (Girls Under 17 Winner)

Charles Bates (Boys Under 13 Winner)

Simon Herbert (Boys Under 17 Winner)

Amy Clarke (Girls Under 17 Runner-up)

Krish Mistry (Boys Under 15 Runner-up)





Club Championships are underway!

The draws have been released for the 2018 edition of the club championships. The results are now starting to come in. This year sees the welcome return of Racketball to the club championships.

The finals day will be Saturday 28th April – save the date! There will be a full programme of finals (main draw and plate competitions) followed by a presentation and food! Leicestershire league team presentations will also take place on the 28th.

All are welcome to attend – further details will be confirmed soon.

The junior club championships will be taking place during the day on the 28th April – entries close on Saturday 21st April.

Brian Tumour 48 hour Charity Squashathon raises over £2000

February 9th saw the start of the forty-eight hour charity event launched by Peter Soulsby, Leicester City Mayor. Organised by the University of Leicester Squash Club and the Leicester Squash Club the challenge was to play continuous squash for two full days and nights.

The event was inspired by the story of a young squash player, Sumner Malik, who was diagnosed with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), a rare brain tumour, just over eighteen months ago. The Brain Tumour Charity helps fund research into cancer cures.

Over the course of the event a wide range of abilities and ages mixed on court and the atmosphere was fantastic at all times. Krish Mistry played for at least 12 hours straight, meanwhile Jack Crawford did not leave the building once over the two days, and around 100 other University of Leicester Squash Club and Leicester Squash Club members who showed great dedication to the cause.



Thanks to everyone who donated and supported the event – final amount raised £2106.30!

De Montfort University Squash claim BUCS history

De Montfort University who train here at Leicester Squash Club have become the first sport at the university to win the British University College Sport (BUCS) Midlands League and Cup titles in the same season!



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The men's 1st team were unbeaten all season in BUCS winning 14 out of 14 matches to finish as the top ranked sport at the university. Tremendous achievements for the students and just rewards for all their efforts in training this season. The achievements have been noticed by the Vice Chancellor of DMU who attended one of the home matches at Leicester Squash Club.

De Montfort have now been promoted to division 1 in the university leagues, which will be tough (but we will give it a go!).

Leicester Squash Club partners with PDH Sports

Leicester Squash Club is proud to partner with PDH Sports.com, the UK's largest online racket sports specialist. PDHSports.com have a philosophy of combining technical expertise with a commitment to delivering superb customer service and highly competitive prices.

As part of our partnership with PDH Sports.com, club members receive an extra 5% discount on all online or showroom purchases.

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Further Tournament Successes for the LSC Juniors

The Leicester Junior Open saw Kira Hartlett and Krish Mistry win their respective age groups with Charles Bates and Harry Parkinson finishing as runners up.

The week before saw Kira and Krish win the Nottingham Junior Open with Harry reaching the final.

The most recent event in Derbyshire saw Kira win the Brampton Manor Junior Open and she has now reached the top 10 in the country in the England Squash national rankings.

Congratulations to them all – keep up the good work!

Leicester Squash Club Open Day

The club open day will be on Saturday 28th April running alongside the junior and adult club championships.

If you have items that you would like to put forward for the next newsletter please contact coach@leicestersquash.club



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