

Coaching Report 2023

Dear Members,

It has been a hectic start to my role as Head coach over the past couple of months and I would like to share with you of the highlights of our achievements:

Junior Development Tennis

6 out of 7 of the after-school development groups are completely full. These groups range from red ball through to yellow ball.

I am pleased to say that we have done our talent identification in 4 of the local schools and invited 24 children to join our project red class with 18 of them accepting their places. We will do more talent ID next spring. We have also started an after-school program at St. Edmund Campion Primary School and another at Oldfield Primary School to help grow our links with the local schools.

Adult Tennis

The adult group sessions have been fantastically attended with cardio tennis, rusty rackets, adult beginners, improvers and advanced classes often being fully booked. We have also brought in ladies match practise which has started off successfully thanks to the efforts of both Lewis Brown and Anita Moiser.

Performance Tennis

Junior Members of Maidenhead LTC continue to deliver exceptional results at all levels. The majority of our Red, Orange and Green ball players represent Berkshire at their respective age groups. These players will be representing the club in the upcoming Winter Youth League matches. We have over 50 players in our current performance program which is mainly run down at Cox Green Leisure Centre Monday – Friday 4.30-8pm and Saturday 9-1pm. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented group of players and a set of parents who show their commitment on a daily basis supporting their children's aspirations.

LTA Performance Tennis & Berkshire LTA County Training

The MLTC Coaching Team continue to deliver the coaching programme for the Berkshire LTA 8&Under, 9&Under and 10&Under Squads. The MLTC Coaching Team recommend the players to attend County Training, select the teams to represent Berkshire LTA and accompany, coach and manage the teams at the Inter County events.

Alumni of MLTC

I am pleased to say that Ollie Okonkwo (University of Iowa & Illinois) picked up his first ATP World Ranking points last month and his younger brother Alex has flown over to the USA to start his journey in Collegiate tennis on his full scholarship to the University of Tulsa. Eva Lancaster and Amber Knight has gone to New Zealand for 8 months to coach tennis. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing about their learnings and adventures when they return.

Coaching Team

The MLTC Coaching Team have enjoyed a very busy period in 2023 both on and off court. Each member of the Coaching Team is currently at full capacity delivering lessons to MLTC Members and Berkshire LTA. It has been a time of transition with Nigel stepping down and me taking over. I am very grateful to Nigel for all his time in handing over to me and to the rest of the team for supporting me in the start of the journey. We are a great team and work well as a unit. I am pleased to say that Lewis Brown is our Head of Mini Tennis Performance (under8-under11) and Andrew Flynn is the Head of Yellow Ball Performance (11years and above). I am also pleased to welcome our newest member of the team Gauri Gautam who is a level 3 Coach and is fitting in really well.

We, as a team will continue to put in our best efforts both on and off court to deliver an extensive program to both the adult and junior membership as well as trying to create a great atmosphere around the club on a daily basis.

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone for their time and support in making the start of my role here so enjoyable.

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