

THORNER TENNIS CLUB COACHING



Celebrating Junior Tennis Throughout 2023



Well done to everyone who has been involved in tennis this year. I am so proud of the efforts of each player and it is fantastic to see so many enjoying their time on court as well as improving!

A big thank you from me to coaches Tom Horsfall and G Gambhir, who have been fantastic at helping excel the programme and player development.

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2023

Red Ball Awards

Most Improved Rallying 2023:

Bea Birdsall
Bertie Chinery
Seb Willingham

Most Improved Serve 2023:

Grayson Heald
Nate Flaherty

Most Improved Forehand 2023:

Imogen Birtwell

Overall Most Improved 2023:

Nate Flaherty



Players of the Year 2023:

George Waring
Amber Hodgson

Red Ball Ultimate

Superhero 2023:

Barnaby Wilkinson



MESSAGE FROM NIC

Well done to all of our red ball players, you have all shown great effort and enthusiasm. I find it so exciting how much you're all continuing to improve as players and as competitors.

Orange Ball Awards

Most Improved Rallying 2023:

Florence Birdsall

Wren Graham

Overall Most Improved 2023:

Aiden Atkinson

Players of the Year 2023:

Austin Guy

Evie Loukes

Orange Ball Ultimate Superheroes 2023:

Brodie Mackinnon

Elliot Spong



MESSAGE FROM NIC

Well done to all of our orange ball players, you all bring fantastic energy to sessions and it's brilliant seeing you enjoy points based drills and building confidence on the singles and doubles court.

Green Ball Awards

Most Improved Rallying 2023:

Fred Loukes
Flo Storey
Maddie Flaherty

Players of the Year 2023:

Pippa Day
Lois Perrin

Overall Most Improved 2023:

Rose Osborne
Lily Tullock



MESSAGE FROM NIC

Well done to all of our green ball players. You all bring a fab attitude to tennis, and it's amazing to see so many of you enjoy competing in internal or external tennis this year.

Yellow Ball Awards

Most Improved Rallying 2023:

Noor Malik
Hayley Rogers

Overall Most Improved 2023:

Annebelle Guy
Edie Storey
Will Day

Players of the Year 2023:

Alice O'Boyle
Joe Lennon
Tom Copas



MESSAGE FROM NIC

I love the fact that we have 3 different groups of full ball taking place each week. It is brilliant to see you all enjoying your tennis and being determined to keep progressing.



Red Ball Superheroes



Bea Birdsall

Superpowers: ferocious forehand, listening, super speed to turn sideways, chopper grip volleys, recovery, split step, serve and third ball.

Henry Scales

Superpowers: Using left hand when preparing forehand, adding topspin to groundstrokes, listening, fast feet moving in different directions, recovery and ready position, hitting to space.

Grayson Heald

Superpowers: listening, super work ethic to improve serve and rallying, split step.

Martha Graham

Superpowers: super focus, work ethic, rallying consistently and confidently, recovery and ready position, sharp backhand volleys, hitting to space.

Amber Hodgson

Superpowers: beating the bounce, recovery and ready position, consistent split step.

Barnaby Wilkinson

Superpowers: listening and excellent effort to improve rallying and recovery, split step.

Nate Flaherty (began tennis this year)

Superpowers: recovery and ready position, constant effort working on serving in chopper grip and returning, timing breathing with smooth preparation.

Bertie Chinery

Superpowers: working hard and listening to improve rallying, split step, varying heights of shots depending on rallying, attacking or defending.

Seb Willingham (began tennis this year)

Superpowers: Competitive spirit, rallying, overarm throwing, volley points.

George Waring

Superpowers: super work ethic, listening, topspin on groundstrokes, recovery and ready position, split step, timing breathing with smooth preparation.

Imogen Birtwell

Superpowers: Listening, working hard to improve backhands and forehands and movement to these, split step.



Orange - Green Ball Superheroes

Aiden Atkinson (started tennis this year)

Superpowers: fantastic readiness and early preparation, consistent athletic ready position, rapid recovery, ready position, smooth preparation - timing breath with swing.

Florence Birdsall

Superpowers: fantastic focus, big eyes, excellent energy, beating the bounce, split step, great competitor, fight for every point.

Lois Perrin

Superpowers: focus and determination to 'play each shot with purpose', upper body initiating movement to the ball, explosive recovery and ready position.

Brodie Mackinnon

Superpowers: beating the bounce, rapid recovery, super effort.

Wren Graham

Superpowers: Strong use of non-dominant hand on forehand, recovery and ready position.

Flo Storey

Discipline with ready position, split step and recovery, teamwork, communication, energy and fight on the doubles court.

Evie Loukes

Superpowers: Speed and determination to consistently beat the ball, excellent team work in doubles, focus on footwork.

Elliot Spong

Superpowers: excellent teamwork in doubles, focus on footwork, beating the bounce, explosive recovery and ready position.

Sam McLarkey

Superpowers: forwards and backwards movement beating the bounce, focus and determination to 'play each shot with purpose'.

Fred Loukes

Superpowers: Super judgment of space on groundstrokes, early unit turn, creating space with great footwork.

Austin Guy

Superpowers: Fantastic feel on 2 step volleys, beating the bounce, maintaining groundstroke technique when on the move, great competitor, fight for every point.

Maddie Flaherty

Superpowers: relaxed wrists to generate spin, catching racquet over shoulder on forehand, listening and super effort, focus and determination to 'play each shot with purpose'.



Thorner players Alice O'Boyle, Betsy Storey, Annabelle Guy, Edie Storey, Max Walmsley and Charlie Moxon qualified as Tennis Leaders



We had great fun at our first year of full day summer camps. A big thanks to Tennis Leaders Ellie Riley, Alice O'Boyle and Will Day for helping to lead the camps.





3 of our hardest working players Bertie Guy, Alice O'Boyle and Evie Loukes attended the Nottingham Open WTA and ATP Challenger Event to watch some of the top players in the world.

Lots of players competed in internal competitions.

Easter Event Yellow Ball:
Winner: Harvey Spong
Runner Up: Edie Storey

Easter Event Orange Ball:
Winner: Wren Graham

Easter Event Green Ball:
Betsy Storey

French Open Themed Event Yellow Ball:
Winner: Joe Lennon

French Open Themed Event Red Ball:
Winner: Freddie Clark
Runner Up: George Waring

French Open Themed Event Orange Ball:
Winner: Lily Tullock
Runner Up: Wren Graham



Team Tennis 2023



Maddie Flaherty, Ellie Clark, Pippa Day, Austin Guy and Elliot Spong competing in a friendly orange ball team match for Thorner vs. Roundhay Tennis Club, Skipton Tennis Club and Horsforth Tennis Club.



Charlie Moxon, Bertie Guy, Pippa Day and Ellie Clark competing in a green ball team match for Thorner vs. Roundhay Tennis Club, Skipton Tennis Club and Horsforth Tennis Club. Well done to Charlie for winning all his singles matches.



Lois Perrin, Evie Loukes, Brodie Mackinnon and Fred Loukes playing in a friendly orange ball team match for Thorner vs. Skipton Tennis Club.



Joe Lennon, Harvey Spong, Cameron MacLeod and Will Day competing in a yellow ball team match for Thorner vs. Roundhay Tennis Club, Skipton Tennis Club and Horsforth Tennis Club. Well done to Joe for winning all his matches and to the team for winning the event.



Flo Storey, Ava McLarkey, Maddie Flaherty and Lois Perrin playing in an orange ball team match for Thorner vs. Roundhay Tennis Club, Skipton Tennis Club and Horsforth Tennis Club.



Annabelle Guy, Edie Storey, Ellie Riley, Tom Copas and Alice O'Boyle playing in a yellow ball team match for Thorner vs. Roundhay Tennis Club, Skipton Tennis Club and Horsforth Tennis Club.



Bertie Guy, Seb Herbert, Charlie Moxon, Barney Sugarman and Betsy Storey playing in a green ball team match for Thorner vs. Roundhay Tennis Club, Skipton Tennis Club and Horsforth Tennis Club. Well done to the team for taking the win.



Tom Copas, Alice O'Boyle and Joe Lennon competing for Thorner as part of our U14 Leeds League Team.



Tom Copas, Harvey Spong and Joe Lennon competing for Thorner as part of our U14 Leeds League Team. Other team members included Edie Storey, Annabelle Guy, Sophia Leadbeater and Millie Leadbeater.



Lois Perrin and Ava McLarkey competing for Thorner as part of our U10 Yorkshire League Team. Other team members included Sam Smith, Pippa Day and Ellie Clark

Austin, Fred, Lois and Evie competed for Thorner in the U9 Yorkshire Youth and National Summer League 2023. The team travelled to Hull for the event, the first LTA team event for Austin, Fred and Evie. All players showed brilliant fight and determination, taking a 10-2 win over Boston Spa and competing hard against Fulwood and Hull.



Team of the Year

Players of the Programme

Henry Scales and Martha Graham (aged 5) at the recent Yorkshire Talent ID Day.

Henry and Martha have both been playing tennis for 2 years, starting in tots tennis aged 3. I am so proud of them for their amazing improvements this year, in particular regarding movement and playing competitively. They both have shown fantastic commitment, both play 3 times per week and I am excited to see where 2024 takes them on their tennis journeys.



Ellie Riley (aged 15) continues to display brilliant commitment to her tennis, playing at least 4 times per week. She represented our adults team in the Barkston Ash League in the summer and has represented Roundhay U16 and Women's Teams too. Throughout the summer Ellie also gave up time to help out at the summer camps and it is fantastic to see her being such a role model for the younger players.

Adult and Child Doubles Tournament

Well done to all the junior players that competed in the adult and child doubles tournament and showed the adults just how its done!



Well done to Sophia Leadbeater for winning the event with her Dad, Michael.



Thank you all for a wonderful 2023. Here's to Thorner Tennis 2024!

