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Kent's Orange Bowl Champion!

Winning the European Super Auray 12U Boys singles and being crowned National Boys 12U Boys Singles and Doubles Champion would be a brilliant year in most players' eyes, but Canterbury's Ben Gusic-Wan excelled even further in December by following in Andy Murray's footsteps to win the world's most prestigious 12U junior tournament, the Orange Bowl. Andy Murray won the tournament in 1999.

Ben won 7 matches in the Florida based tournament, finishing with a straight sets victory over the top seed from Colombia in the final.



To read more about Ben, [click here](#)

Emma Conquers India

Congratulations to Kent player, Emma Raducanu, (right) who also had a brilliant result in December when she came through qualifying to take her first WTA \$25k title in Pune, India.



To read more about Emma, [click here](#)

Kent Teams Make it 5 in 2019

Kent were crowned National County Cup Champions in the summer in both the Men's and the Men's 35s. In November, the Ladies won the Winter County Cup for a 4th year running, and then Kent's year was topped off nicely with the Men's 65s and Men's 70s both winning their National Finals too. This made it 5 National Titles in one year, the first time ever for Kent. In addition to that success, a further 5 junior or seniors teams reached their respective age group National Finals (Boys 12U, Boys 9U, Girls 9U, Ladies 50s, Ladies 75s).





To read more about the Kent Teams, [click here](#)

Sadie Bristow Inter County Challenge

Kent and Surrey juniors played a friendly inter-county match in memory of Sadie Bristow on 2 January 2020. 128 boys and girls from all age groups, (8U through to 18U), played in 162 matches starting at 7.30am and finishing at 7.30pm. It was organised by Kent's Performance Coaches, Rob Smith and Harry Bushnell, refereed by Graham Silvester and hosted by Bromley Tennis Centre. It was a hectic schedule with lots of exciting matches. Surrey won the challenge this year, but the real winner was tennis, with so many players enjoying the friendly, yet competitive games.



To read more about the Sadie Bristow Inter County Challenge, [click here](#)

Padel Tennis Coming to Kent

The Sundridge Park Club members recently voted in favour of replacing 2 grass courts with 2 Padel courts. Padel Tennis is an exciting opportunity for all. It's a great game for families, an attraction for new people to try a game that's easy to learn, social and fun to play, and it helps mature tennis and squash players play racquet sports for longer. The club hopes to raise funds for the new courts with an offer to their existing membership and to get support from the LTA, who manage Padel Tennis nationally.



To read more about Padel Tennis, [click here](#)

Sandi Procter Appointed LTA Deputy President

2020 brings an exciting new adventure for Kent's Sandi Procter becoming the new LTA Deputy President. The role will take her around the UK and the world, representing the LTA at official events, learning the ropes prior to becoming President in three years' time. She follows in the footsteps of fellow Kent Tennis volunteer Stuart Smith OBE, who was LTA President from 2006-2008. Sandi has been in Kent Tennis for over 40 years as a player, coach and centre manager and for over 25 years as an active and dedicated volunteer. She is delighted about the new role and looking forward to the challenges and the fun.



To read more about Sandi, click [here](#)

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