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Kent's players have had a successful summer, with international wins for Ben Gusic-Wan representing GB 16U Boys in the Tennis Europe Summer Cup, and titles for our Seniors in the British Closed Masters Grass Court and ITF Masters events.

Over 2000 players from 51 clubs across the county have been competing in [Kent's HEAD Inter-club summer leagues](#) and the finals take place on 9 and 10 September.

The tournament season finished on a high with the Kent County Championships at the end of August, with nearly 400 players competing in over 800 matches from 8U through to adult categories, plus an Inclusive Tennis Festival to open the Championships and our 2023 Junior Awards and County Colours presentation to close the week.

Coming up on 16 September, all are welcome at the annual Kent Tennis Day at Meopham LTC this year. [Find out more here about what's on offer](#), including a Family Cup fun doubles competition for adults and children, free coaching sessions, an exhibition match, BBQ and cake stall.

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KENT TENNIS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

The Inclusive Tennis Festival for players with disabilities was the first event of the 93rd County Championships, attracting players of all ages from across Kent, including a former GB paralympic table tennis player. One rally during the fun, friendly

afternoon generated over 300 shots, and all the players received a medal and certificate at the end.

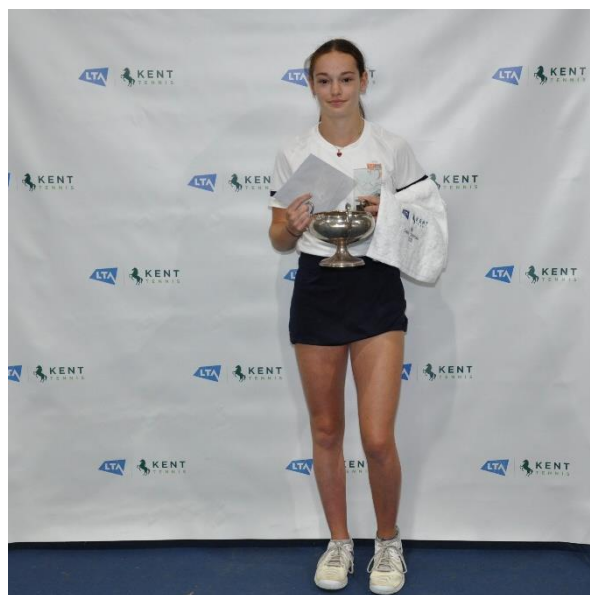


To find out more about disability tennis in Kent or to join the [LTA Open Court programme](#), contact Tom Defrates at disability.tennis@kenttennis.org.uk

The County Championships main draw events ran through the week at Bromley Tennis Centre, with the 8U finals on Friday 25 August and finals of all other age groups and adult competitions on Sunday 27 August. [You can see all the County Championship results here.](#)



This year's 18U Girls Singles Champion is Daisy Rowland, with Tim Viding winning the Boys 18U Singles event. [See details of all the finals here.](#)



Finals Day ended with a celebration of junior tennis, and the presentation of the 2023 Junior Awards and Junior County Colours.

In our Junior Awards, Ben Gusic-Wan is junior player of the year, the Boys 11U County team won junior team, and 10 young volunteers were recognised for their work at their clubs: Omar and Ethan from Old Wilsonians LTC, Avneet, Oscar and Isobel from Oakwood Tennis Club, Samuel and Thomas from Shooters Hill LTC, Ava-Lily from Hayes LTC, Simon and Max from Sevenoaks Tennis Centre.



Junior County Colours were awarded to Ewan Grieve, Adrian Leung, Jack Pegden, Matthew Wilkes, Daisy Carpenter, Becky Fisher, Daisy Rowland, Daniella Scotland.



Thanks to the team who ran this year's event – Jason Baker (Lead Tournament Referee), Graham Silvester (Tournament Referee), Sarah Langford (Tournament Director) and Siobhan Butler (Kent Tennis Lead), the Bromley Tennis Centre team, as well as jdm Estate Agents for sponsoring the Championships. [You can read more on the Kent County Championships here.](#)

BEN GUSIC-WAN REPRESENTS 16U GB BOYS

Canterbury player, Ben, won 6 of his 8 matches in the Tennis Europe Summer Cup in France, to help put the GB 16U Boys team through to the Junior Davis Cup Finals later this year.



35S COUNTY CUP MIXED RESULTS FOR KENT

Captaining the Men's 35s, Andy Burgoyne brought his number of appearances for Kent in this age group to 25, equalling the record of Paul Bourdon. The team of Andy, Zane Cheeseman, Alastair Filmer, Paddy May and Stephen Weatherall were unable to retain their place in Group 1, going down to Group 2 in 2023.

Playing in Group 3, the Ladies 35s team of Lindsey Goddard (Captain), Ania Chwiejczak, Catherine Edwards, Kate Green, Kate Hands, Karen Thomas secured third place, to remain in the group for next year.



PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON NATIONAL FINALS

Fourteen players from clubs across Kent qualified to play at Wimbledon, with Ruben Harris from Canterbury winning 2 of his 4 Men's Wheelchair Singles Finals matches, Robbie Taylor from David Lloyd Kings Hill reaching the Boys 14U Singles semi-final and Bella Thomson from Sevenoaks LTC reaching the Girls 14U Singles quarter-final.

[Read more about Play Your Way to Wimbledon](#)



TRAIN IN KENT TO BECOME AN LTA TENNIS REFEREE

There's a course running at Bromley Tennis Centre on Sat 4 and Sun 5 November for UK residents aged 16 or over. It costs £75 and runs from 9am -5.30pm on both days. If you're interested in organising competitions and you want to develop the knowledge and skills to become a referee, find out more here: [Referee Course - South East \(lta.org.uk\)](https://www.lta.org.uk)

In Kent, we're looking for referees to run our events and keen to increase the gender and ethnic diversity of our officials, so encourage anyone interested to take a look at the course and its requirements.

[Find out more about our free to join Kent Tennis Officials Network](#) which provides support and development opportunities for officials across the county.



SUCCESS FOR KENT'S SENIORS PLAYERS

30 Kent players were in action in age groups from Over 30s to Over 85s in the British Closed Masters Grass Court Championships, winning 5 titles, with 5 more players reaching the finals of their events:

Zane Cheeseman – Men's 40s Doubles Champion

Nayla Solh & Gillie Turner – Ladies 55s Doubles Runners-up

Colin Coombes – Men's 60s Doubles Champion

Jane Gentle & Sally Holmes – Ladies 60s Doubles Runners-up

Jasper Cooper – Men's 70s Singles Champion

Niall Sweeney – Men's 70s Singles Runner-up

Jasper Cooper – Men's 70s Doubles Champion

Bob Milner – Men's 85s Singles Champion



Kent players won 7 events at the ITF Masters in Tunbridge Wells, including an all-Kent Mixed 45s Doubles final between Jason Baker and Shan White and Kevin and Gillie Turner:

Colin Coombes – Men's 60s Singles

Peter Pharo – Men's 70s Singles

Katya Sheath – Ladies 40s Singles

Gillie Turner – Ladies 55s Singles

Colin Coombes & Keith Gill – Men's 60s Doubles

Peter Pharo – Men's 70s Doubles

Jason Baker & Shan White – Mixed 45s Doubles



KENT SENIORS COUNTY CUP UPDATE

Kent's fifteen Seniors County teams, in age groups ranging from Ladies 40s to Men's 80s, have played 41 matches this summer, winning 24, with another 24 to play. [Take a look at Kent's Seniors teams' results here.](#)

Five teams are in a strong position to reach the national finals at the end of October, having won all their Division 1 matches so far: Ladies 55s, Men's 45s, Men's 60s, Men's 70s and Men's 75s. Our Ladies 40s and Ladies 50s have made winning starts in Division 2, aiming for promotion to the top Division next year.



KENT JUNIORS AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kent players were in action in the 11U, 12U and 14U events, with 10 juniors reaching the national quarter-finals and 4 players losing out at the semi-final stage:

11U

Darnay Hunnygen – Boy's 11U Singles Quarter-finalist

Kate Murray – Girls 11U Singles Quarter-finalist

Matyas Oprchal & Luke Pratten – Boys 11U Doubles Quarter-finalists

Tony Keohane – Boys 11U Doubles Quarter-finalist

Kate Murray – Girls 11U Doubles Semi-finalist

12U

Judy Zhang – Girls 12U Singles Semi-finalist

James Meachen – Boys 12U Doubles Semi-finalist

Judy Zhang – Girls 12U Doubles Quarter-finalist

14U

Nate De Mariveles – Boys 14U Singles Semi-finalist

Tommy Cuomo & Nate De Mariveles – Boys 14U Doubles Quarter-finalists

Eva Hutchins – Girls 14U Doubles Quarter-finalist

JUNIOR COUNTY TRAINING UPDATE

Preparations are well underway for the 2023/24 programme for 180 players from 8U to 18U, which starts later this month. Craig Allen, County Performance Manager, and

Siobhan Butler, County Competitions & Performance Coordinator, caught up with the Junior County Captains during the County Championships to work through the plans.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

- **Saturday 9 September:** Men's and Ladies Kent HEAD Summer Inter-Club League Finals.
- **Sunday 10 September:** Mixed Kent HEAD Summer Inter-Club League Finals.
- **Saturday 16 September:** Kent Tennis Day at Meopham LTC. [More details on the Kent Tennis Day](#)
- **Tuesday 26 September:** Kent Tennis Coffee Morning. [Contact Janice White](#) for more details.
- **Friday 29 September to Sunday 1 October:** 12U County Cup National Finals at Nottingham
- **3-7 October:** [Safeguarding in Tennis Awareness Week.](#)
- **Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 November:** [LTA Referee Course](#) at Bromley Tennis Centre.

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