

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT
BABOLAT OLTA WINTER LEAGUE 2018-19 AND WINTER MIDWEEK LEAGUES

BABOLAT LEAGUES

In the Babolat weekend leagues, 4 Mens and 4 Ladies teams competed for Faringdon again last winter. 66 players represented the club, 36 men and 30 ladies during the season, similar to the previous winter season.

Ladies A captained by Susanna maintained their status in the Premier division. Ladies B and C maintained their status with solid mid-table finishes and the D team captained by Andrea and Sian narrowly missing out on promotion from division 6.

Mens A after their second season in the premier division couldn't quite hold on to their top-tier status for a third year. The B team were solid in division 3, the C team just retained their status and the D team captained by David Curzon gained the 3rd promotion slot from division 7.

MIDWEEK WINTER LEAGUES

In new midweek winter leagues with each of the 2 pairs playing 2 rubbers, the ladies team finished third having 'enjoyed competitive and friendly tennis followed by sociable light lunches'.

The mens team captained by Steve Perry were champions pipping previous summer winners, a strong Woodstock side, to the title by a single set our final match of the season.

SUMMARY & LOOKING AHEAD

Overall, a successful winter with a promotion and a championship from our 10 teams

This coming winter we will again have 4 Mens and 4 Ladies teams competing in the Babolat League.

As last year, we have entered a team in both Womens and Mens Oxfordshire midweek morning winter leagues, with 7 fixtures for the ladies and 5 for men.

Additionally, we have entered a new Mixed team in the Swindon and District Winter League to be led by Tom Puffitt, with our home matches on Wednesday evenings. A different format, with ladies doubles, mens doubles and mixed doubles in the same evening.

Our thanks to all our winter captains, Andrea, Sian, Chris, Carol, Susanna, David Curzon, David Crawley, Mark Kiff and Adrian and our midweek captains Steve and Anne.

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SWINDON & DISTRICT MIDWEEK LEAGUES 2019**

BABOLAT LEAGUES

9 teams (3 Mens, 3 Ladies and 2 Mixed) competed for Faringdon this summer in the Babolat league with an additional mixed team captained Andrew Townsend. 57 players represented the club, 33 men and 24 women, an increase of 7 from the previous summer.

Ladies A have narrowly missed out on promotion from division 2 back to their top-tier for the third season running having finished on equal points with the second and third placed teams, but just losing out on the head-to-head matches. Ladies B and C finished comfortably in their respective divisions.

Mens A have lost their top-tier by status from a very tough division 1 despite Guy and Adrian winning all their rubbers as a pair. The B team captained by Mark Kiff gained promotion from division 8 and the C team led by David Crawley will be promoted from division 10 having secured back-to-back promotions.

Our Mixed A Team retained their status in division 3 with important sets won in their final match at Wantage. Our B team captained by Christine Noke were strong runners-up in division 5 and have also secured back-to-back promotions. Our new C team were able to give game time to no less than 16 players.

OXFORDSHIRE MIDWEEK SUMMER LEAGUES

In the Oxfordshire morning Leagues, we again had one Womens and one Mens team competing this summer. It is a great opportunity for players who may not be available at the weekends to have some 'friendly but competitive' tennis. The ladies managed to field 14 different players, hence succeeding in the objective to 'get more people playing tennis'. Nonetheless, both our teams still struggled a little with player availability and are looking more players to participate on a regular basis.

SWINDON & DISTRICT MIDWEEK LEAGUES

We entered 2 Mens team in the the Swindon & District 'Monday Night' Leagues for the first time in a while. The A team led by Guy finished a tight third in a strong second division and the Bs captained by Mark Mobey will be promoted (we believe) from 'joint second place' having scored exactly the same points, rubbers, sets, head to head results as Fairford.

SUMMARY & LOOKING AHEAD

Overall, a very successful summer with 4 promotions from our 13 teams.

One action will be to avoid all League fixtures on the weekend of the Club Championships going forward. This should allow us to have more spectators and players in the championships and less stress for team captains.!

Our thanks to all our summer captains, Andrea, Sian, Carol, Susanna, David Crawley, Mark Kiff, Adrian, Andrew, Chris, Julianne, Anne, Steve Perry, Mark and Guy.