



## Avon 14U Girls Secure Second Place at County Cup 2025!

It was a fantastic weekend for the **Avon 14U Girls team—Eloise, Emma, Amalie, Olivia, Lara, and Anya**—who delivered strong performances, team spirit, and brilliant doubles to finish **2nd overall** at the County Cup, held at Halton Tennis Centre on the red clay courts of Aylesbury.



### Day 1: Settling In & Starting Strong

The team kicked off with a lively practice session under sunny skies before heading into town for a fun team dinner at a fancy Italian restaurant. Spirits were high, and the girls were ready for action.



### Match 1: Avon vs Kent – 4–3 Win (Shootout)

The girls opened their campaign against **Kent**, one of the strongest teams at the event. Most singles matches were real battles, going to three sets. **Lara** raised her game in a crucial moment, dominating her second set and clinching the third, keeping Avon in the tie.

We went into the doubles **3–1 down**—and with both pairs behind early, the situation looked tough. But something clicked. Suddenly, the girls came alive—**attacking the net, hunting the interceptions, and playing brilliant doubles**.

From the brink of defeat, they turned it around to **level the tie at 3–3**, forcing a match shootout.

With confidence in their doubles form, **Eloise and Olivia** teamed up for the decider. Kent were very strong, some outrageous clutch moments from them. However, at 10-9, Eloise dominated the net, and the girls cheered in celebration to win the tie.



### Match 2: Avon vs Berkshire – 4–2 Win

Straight into the second tie, the girls showed no sign of fatigue. Anya was cold jumping into the singles and couldn't find her rhythm. She had supported and cheered on the girls all day and was in hindsight unfairly asked to get one of the singles played early. The only beauty of this was seeing all our girls in actions on 4 courts at the same time. **Lara** bagged her second win of the day with a frustrating match. Line and score disputes throughout. Lara wasn't having any of the nonsense and made sure she played an honest and fair match.

With another dominant doubles performance—including **Amalie showing real finesse at the net**—Avon secured a confident **4–2 win**.

The team wrapped up Day 1 full of energy and pride. Post-match burgers and sugar-fuelled drinks kept spirits high, and the minibus ride back to the hotel was filled with laughter and singing to entertain the captains!

## 🌟 Day 2: One More Challenge

**Emma** started Day 2 with a commanding singles win—too athletic and too strong for her opponent. More solid doubles wins followed as the girls continued to shine with their teamwork and attacking style, especially at the net. Avon completed the group stage with another **4–2 win over Berkshire**, setting up a final clash with **Hertfordshire** to decide the title.

## 🎾 Match 3: Avon vs Hertfordshire – 1–5 Loss

Hertfordshire proved incredibly strong, fielding three of the top 25 girls in the country. The Avon girls gave it everything, and **Lara once again stepped up** to secure Avon’s only win in the tie. However, despite their earlier doubles dominance, the energy just didn’t carry into this final match.

## 🏆 A Weekend to Remember

The girls finished **2nd overall**, showing incredible fight, maturity, and team unity throughout the weekend. The doubles performances were a standout highlight, as was the spirit on and off the court.

A huge well done to **Eloise, Emma, Amalie, Olivia, Lara, and Anya**—you made Avon proud!

