

14U LTA County Cup Finals 2023 Boys – Taunton Tennis Club

Captains: Pete Evans / Rob Hawkins

Boys: Finley, Oliver, Tobiasz, Joshua, Zante

The lads were off to a strong start, winning every rubber without dropping a set. Some brilliant points but our boys were just too smart and too solid for the southerners. Joshua, playing his way. Serve and volleying, taking on the shot balls and overwhelming his opponent.

Beat Cornwall 6-0

Unfortunately due to some flight issues, the Channel Islands weren't able to field a full team. Nonetheless, our team stayed focused and once again proved too strong.

Zante skipping off the court after his tough singles match.

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The Final

A very tough second day. But our boys were right there, all four singles were tight. With Finley, battling back before just missing out on the win.

Ollie played some unbelievable tennis against a very clever opponent who just didn't miss and got everything back, and who inevitably just edged it.

Ollie did reset and with his partner Tobi (the poach master), won a rubber in the doubles.

Lost to Hampshire 5-1

This meant our boys team finished a fair 2nd best at the event.

A great effort for the boys, and we managed to celebrate with a cheeky trip to Las Iguanas for dinner!

14U LTA County Cup Finals 2023 Girls – Torquay

Captains: Martyn Bray / Elly Shearman

Girls: Connie, Daisy, Lexi, Ava, and Kadie

The girls team played the South West version of the National event in Torquay.

Passionate Captains thought: This year means we miss out on competing in the National qualification, which now only invites the top 14 teams, fine on the accurate LTA ranking system.

The event wouldn't therefore give the winners a chance to play at the National finals, which we won last year. This decision made by LTA, is certainly not supported by all counties.

Anyway, it was going to be a fun event for our girls with the idea of winning it.

We started out strong against a solid Devon team, and although went in 2-2 after singles, we had match points in 2 of these matches, so we were very unlucky. But with 2 strong winning doubles performances, a close but deserved 4-2 win.

Next, on Sunday morning, was the Channel Islands and a 6-0 win was the result.

Later in the day was the final against a solid Wiltshire team, and like the Devon match a tough match was expected. But for once our opposition, looked a little nervous and we managed to win all of the first sets 4-0 in the singles and going on to win 3 out of 4 of these matches.

Again with solid performances in the doubles, we clinched both and a convincing 5-1 win, which was never going to be an easy match, so very well played to all and champions.

Daisy and Ava I believe undefeated all weekend.

Well done team: Connie, Daisy, Lexi, Ava, and Kadie