## **COUNTY CUP REPORT**

# LTA 18U County Cup 2025 - 21/23 MARCH

# GIRLS - NUFFIELD HEALTH, HULL (GROUP 2A)

# Captains – Martyn Bray, Mike Kopacki Assistant Coach – Jess Peace

#### Avon 18&U Girls Shine in County Cup and Secure Division 1 Promotion!

From March 20-23, Avon's 18&U girls' team competed in the County Cup in Hull, delivering an outstanding performance to earn promotion to Division 1. The team, consisting of Isabelle Britton, Sophia Kovacheva, Jess Gunter, Alice Zelley, Nehir Tuna, Alexia Marsh, Olivia Adamska, and Emma Fitzgerald, displayed skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the event.

### Day 1 – A Strong Start Against Yorkshire (8-1 win)

Avon faced a young but talented Yorkshire side and dominated the singles matches, with Isabelle, Sophia, Jess, Nehir, Alice, and Alexia all securing victories and winning 2 out of 3 doubles, securing a 8-1 win. After the matches, some players celebrated with Nando's, while others relaxed at the hotel with Domino's pizza.

#### Day 2 - Another Commanding Victory 9-0 v Cambridgeshire

Avon continued their strong form against Cambridgeshire, winning all six singles matches, with an impressive singles win for Olivia: with Alexia having a rest with a slight injury. In doubles, the team continued with the winning format of Jess and Sophia, Izzy and Nehir and we brought Emma in to partner Alice, and a clean sweep was achieved Pizza again was the choice food, followed by gelato, with the incredible gelato being a highlight of the trip.

#### Day 3 – Final Battle for Division 1 Promotion (7-2 win)

The final challenge came against Cheshire, with Division 1 promotion on the line, it was going to be a battle. Avon led 4-2 after the singles, with some very solid but very nerve raking wins , making us just need one of the 3 doubles matches, normally a formality , if you fix your line up but to be honest we weren't expecting to go 4-2 up , so we had planned on being very competitive in 2 of the doubles , to try and scrape a 5-4 victory but the thrilling finale, saw the girls hold their nerve, all played superbly and won all three doubles matches but all in tense tie-breaks , to secure promotion!

The journey back was filled with celebration, and the team is already looking forward to competing in the top division next year, which puts us amongst the top 4 teams in the country.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches for a fantastic County Cup!



