

8U LTA County Cup 2024 – Bideford

Captains: Lauren English / Mike Kopacki

Girls Team A: Cara, Zara, Lola, and Lois

Girls Team B: Olivia, Ety, Gigi, and Darcey

Boys Team A: Noah, Jesse, Dashi and Gabriel

Boys Team B: Richard, Freddie, Alan, and James

In 2024, the U8s County Cup marked the second occasion since the LTA introduced the initiative.

This year, we once again entered two boys' and two girls' teams to represent Avon.

The event took place in Bideford on the 28th of April at the fantastic Atlantic Racquet Club.

Teams were captained by Avon coaches Mike Kopacki and Lauren English.

First to play were the boys' teams. Team Avon A was in box 1 with Devon A, Somerset A, and Cornwall. Team Avon B in box 2 was with Somerset B and Devon B.

Boys Team A consisted of Noah, Jesse, Dashi, and Gabriel, and they stormed through their matches, losing just 3 out of 30 matches, winning 301 points and losing 166. That's approximately 140 points played by each player on Avon Team A.

Team B, with Richard, Freddie, Alan, and James in box B, had extremely close matches with both Devon B and Somerset B. After winning 10 and losing 10 matches, they came runners-up in their box.

The boys' team showed great determination and sportsmanship, and both teams were rewarded with impressive medals!



Time for the girls. Avon was the only team represented by two teams, as other counties had just one each. Girls played against the same counties as boys: Devon, Somerset, and Cornwall.

Team A consisted of Cara, Zara, Lola, and Lois, and Team B consisted of Olivia, Etty, Gigi, and Darcey.

Both teams came out of all their matches with a positive win-loss ratio.

Team A won 34 out of the 40 matches, which gave them overall 1st place in the competition, and Team B won 21 out of 40 and came overall 3rd, just behind Devon.

Girls showed great team spirit and support for each other, fought for every point, and left everything on the tennis court, which, like the boys, rewarded both teams with amazing medals.

Overall, it was a great day for Avon Tennis and our **youngest super talents**. Players' parents also showed huge support both cheering and helping score the matches.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and came home with a big smile on their face.

Huge thank you to Atlantic Racquets Club for hosting and making sure kids felt it was a very special day for them.

