

# 18U COUNTY CUP 2026

## GIRLS REPORT



### Captain's Report

The Avon U18 girls produced an exceptional performance at the LTA County Cup 2026 (Group 1) in Bath, competing against the very best counties in the country and ultimately being crowned National Champions after an unforgettable weekend.

The team opened on Day 1 against Surrey, setting the tone with a strong 6–3 victory. A key moment came in the doubles, where Jess and Sophia showed incredible composure and teamwork to battle through a very tough match, securing a vital point that helped swing the tie in Avon's favour.

Day 2 saw Avon take on Kent, where the team delivered another high-quality performance to win 6–3, showing depth, consistency and growing confidence across the lineup.

The final day against Middlesex proved to be a dramatic and fitting decider. In a tense and closely fought contest, Avon edged the tie 5–4, demonstrating real resilience and belief under pressure to secure the national title.

One of the standout performances of the weekend came from Izzie, who played an outstanding match against Hollie Smart, a top international junior ranked around No. 60 in the world U18s. In a high-level battle, Izzie pushed her all the way in a narrow defeat, showcasing the level, courage and quality that defined Avon's campaign.

Another exceptional contribution came from Nehir, who was the only player in the entire tournament to win all 6 of her matches, a remarkable achievement that highlights her consistency and impact across the weekend.

Across the three days, Avon finished with 3 wins from 3 ties, recording 17 rubbers to 10 and an impressive 40 sets to 20, underlining just how strong the team was throughout.

Every player contributed to this incredible achievement, with Izzie, Sophia, Jess, Alice, Olivia, Febe, Eloise, Emma and Nehir all playing their part in bringing the title home.

This victory also marks the end of an era for a core group of players. Huge credit goes to Izzie, Sophia, Alice, Jess and Nehir for their commitment and contribution to the Avon U18 programme over the past four years. To finish their journey as National Champions is a remarkable achievement, and they leave behind an incredible legacy for future teams to aspire to.

At the same time, there is great excitement for what lies ahead. The younger players—Emma, Olivia, Eloise and Febe—have already shown their quality and character, and there is a strong belief that they will continue to push forward, make this group proud, and fight to bring the title back again next year.

A truly special weekend, a brilliant team effort, and a moment that will live long in Avon tennis history.