



Faringdon LTC Coaching Programme

Report 2020/21

The Faringdon LTC Coaching Programme has been a great success this year. We have survived a difficult covid-19 year and we have all loved being back on court after the lockdown periods.

Our aims this year were to continue to develop the Junior Coaching Programme whilst raising the playing level of players in our Adult Coaching Programme.

Junior Programme

The Junior Coaching Programme has developed well this year and we have tried to continually keep players engaged, whilst creating a comprehensive programme for players of all ages and levels.

During the lockdown periods, we created several creative and active videos to keep Faringdon LTC members and players of all ages healthy and active. These videos included physical, technical and racket skill elements and received many views and hopefully were enjoyed by all.

Outside of the lockdown periods, we have had 55 players involved in the weekly term time coaching programme. We now have a comprehensive programme available for players aged 3-18. The programme continues to take place on a Wednesday and Friday evening and a Saturday morning.

We have introduced three new initiatives this year; a Tots Tennis session for 3-5 year olds to get our very youngest players enjoying the game and two new Advanced 'Invitation Only' Squads for our performance players at 12&U and 18&U age groups. These new Advanced 'Invitation Only' Squads have been kindly subsidised by the Faringdon LTC Development Fund and have really benefitted our strongest players. Several of these players have had some great results in the Summer season 2021 tournaments and are now knocking on the door of the Oxfordshire County squads, which is brilliant for Faringdon Tennis Club.

We have also organised 4 weeks of successful holiday camps during the school holidays in the Easter, May Half Term and the Summer holidays. Over 60 players attended the camps during the year and we will continue to run these in 2021/22.

Our main aims for 2021/22 are to form strong links with some local primary schools and talks are already underway to run some lunchtime and after school clubs at some of the local schools. We also hope to introduce coaching on another evening in the week at Faringdon Tennis Club as the programme grows.

Adult Programme

We had an aim in 2020/21 to raise the level of the adult tennis players at the club and engage with more of the adult members. After receiving interesting feedback from a Faringdon Tennis Club Adult Coaching Survey, we found out that many members wanted 'small group' and 'team only' coaching.

We have worked with many players from adult beginners to Men's & Ladies A team players throughout the year. Several of the adult club teams have accessed small blocks of coaching which have led to improved results in the Oxfordshire Dunlop Leagues. Once again, we are very grateful to the Faringdon Tennis Club Committee for helping subsidise these sessions for its members.

We have also organised a trial 'Cardio Tennis' session for parents of players in our Junior Programme. 12 parents attended the trial session and we would like to continue to run 'Cardio Tennis' at the club going forwards.

We hope to continue to work with as many of the adult members as possible in 2021/22. Our coaching team are available for individual, group or bespoke lessons and we want to provide memorable and useful sessions for the Faringdon Tennis Club members.

Thank You

We would like to send a massive thank you to Paul Butcher, Guy Mobey, Max Mobey & Luke Thomas for all of their excellent coaching throughout the year, Donna Beckett for her impressive efficiency as our Coaching Administrator and Jessica Tuck for her help in promoting our services on our Social Media Platforms.

We would also like to thank the Faringdon Tennis Club Committee and all of the junior and adult members for their continued support throughout the year.

We look forward to running a successful programme in 2021/22. Please do get in touch if we can be of any assistance.

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Faringdon Tennis Club Head Coaches (September 2021)