

Yorkshire Badminton Quarterly Newsletter

December 2022 Edition



Welcome to the ninth edition of the Yorkshire Badminton newsletter!

The interactive newsletter will be produced quarterly throughout the year and will provide the county association, community badminton networks, clubs, coaches, volunteers and players with current news, opportunities, information and support across Yorkshire.

About Me

I'm sure the majority of you have been in contact with me by now but, for anyone who doesn't know, my name is Holly Robson and I have been a keen badminton player, coach and volunteer for a number of years now, representing the Durham County senior teams and Elmfield Badminton Club in Newcastle as well as playing an active role on the Durham County Badminton committee. In May 2018, I joined the Badminton England team as the North East Relationship Manager (covering Durham & Northumberland) then, as a result of the Badminton England staff restructure in November 2020, I am now also the local point of contact for Yorkshire.

I work closely with the badminton community across these three counties to further develop badminton and provide more opportunities for people to get involved and grow the sport across the region.



Holly Robson
North East & Yorkshire
Relationship Manager

Badminton England Club & Coach Surveys

Badminton England have just launched two surveys – a Club Survey & a Coach Survey as we want to hear more about your experiences with Badminton England and understand more about the things that matter most to you.

In order to support clubs and coaches effectively, we need consistent feedback to ensure we are providing the correct tools, resources and guidance to meet your needs. Please be open and honest with your feedback so we can prioritise the support needed for clubs, volunteers, and the wider badminton community.

All Clubs who complete the survey will automatically be entered into a prize draw to win one of the following prizes:

- 🏸 3x Club Affiliation Memberships for the 2023/24 season (starting 01.11.23)
- 🏸 2x Level 2 Coaching Bursaries worth up to £200
- 🏸 3x £100 equipment vouchers

All Coaches who complete the survey will automatically be entered into a prize draw to win one of the following prizes:

- 🏸 5x One year Coach Memberships (valid once current membership expires)
- 🏸 2x Coach Education Bursaries worth up to £200
- 🏸 3x £100 equipment vouchers

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Coach Survey

Club Spotlight

ViveSport Halifax Hawks & Huddersfield Eagles Junior Badminton Clubs

Huddersfield Eagles

Huddersfield Eagles was established over 50 years ago by local Huddersfield coaches Graham and Linda Howe. During their many years running and coaching the Eagles, they sowed the seeds for most of the players who now play in the Huddersfield Badminton League, many junior and senior Yorkshire players, and also many Junior England players including: Sarah Bok, Paul Trueman, Helen Calverley, and Olympic Medal Winner Marcus Ellis.

In 2012, after many, many years Graham & Linda decided the time was right to pass the Eagles baton on, and Ron Mellor and Mike Hall took over the coaching of the club, with help from Helen Calverley. The club continued to go from strength to strength under Mike and Ron's guidance; however the time came for them to also step down from running the club in 2016 and they wanted to pass the baton on to Helen and ViveSport. Since ViveSport have been running Eagles, they have grown and grown! Many current junior county players started their badminton journey at Eagles, and they have three teams in the Huddersfield Badminton League. Currently over 60 juniors enjoy playing badminton at Eagles every week, the youngest member is 4 and the eldest is 17. The club also encourage their players to volunteer as assistant coaches and help them to complete their coaching qualifications if they want to. In fact, the current assistant coaches to Helen, Daniel, Louise and Huria, all began playing at Eagles! The club are looking forward to the future and to keep engaging lots of juniors in badminton!

Halifax Hawks

After the success of taking over Huddersfield Eagles from Ron, Mike, Graham and Linda, and lots of enquiries about whether they ran a junior badminton club in Halifax, Helen decided to go for it and start Halifax Hawks Junior Badminton Club in 2017! The aim was to replicate Huddersfield Eagles and ensure there was the opportunity for juniors to play badminton in Calderdale. Hawks started off slowly, but with persistence and ensuring everyone had fun and kept improving every week numbers started to improve. They now have 25 players at Hawks every week, and they love it! They constantly are getting new members, purely by word of mouth, and are extremely proud of how Hawks is developing, and how keen and committed the players are. They're really looking forward to seeing how they improve and are also looking forward to seeing some of their players volunteering as assistant coaches in the years to come as they get older.

Head Coach, Helen Calverley: *"2023 will be a really exciting year for the younger players at Eagles and Hawks as we are looking to develop a junior round robin match system with Eagles, Hawks and our two Lancashire junior badminton clubs Rochdale Ravens and Manchester Falcons. We can't wait to see our younger players at all our junior clubs getting the chance to test themselves against each other!"*



Yorkshire Senior Restricted Results 2022

Congratulations to the winners and runners up of the 2022 Yorkshire Senior County Restricted Tournament!

The Yorkshire Senior County Restricted took place on Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October at York Railway Institute.

Men's Singles:

Champion – Jamie Bonsels
Runner Up – Alex Marritt

Ladies' Singles:

Champion – Yulia Tang
Runner Up – Grace Sachdeva

Men's Doubles:

Champions – Nathan Rossiter & Steven Strickland
Runners Up – Archit Sachdeva & James Youle

Ladies' Doubles:

Champions – Yulia Tang & Jenny Wallwork
Runners Up – Susan Prosser & Emily Arksey

Mixed Doubles:

Champions – Nathan Rossiter & Katherine Arksey
Runners Up – James Youle & Victoria Brewis



Yorkshire Senior Restricted 2022
Men's Singles Winner, Jamie Bonsels (left)
& Runner Up, Alex Marritt (right)



Yorkshire Senior Restricted 2022
Ladies' Singles Winner, Yulia Tang (left)
& Runner Up, Grace Sachdeva (right)



Yorkshire Senior Restricted 2022
Men's Doubles Winners, Steven
Strickland & Nathan Rossiter
(right) & Runners Up, Archit
Sachdeva & James Youle (left)



Yorkshire Senior Restricted
2022
Ladies' Doubles Winners, Yulia
Tang & Jenny Wallwork



Yorkshire Senior Restricted
2022
Ladies' Doubles Runners Up,
Susan Prosser & Emily Arksey



Yorkshire Senior Restricted 2022
Mixed Doubles Winners, Nathan
Rossiter & Katherine Arksey (left) &
Runners Up, James Youle &
Victoria Brewis (right)

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to visit **Tournament Software** to view the full results from
the **Yorkshire Senior Restricted Tournament**

The winners in each County Restricted event were invited to attend the English Counties Champion of Champions Tournament at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes on 5th & 6th November.

The winners of all five events travelled to play in the tournament where Jamie Bonsels was the runner up in the Men's Singles, Steven Strickland & Nathan Rossiter won the Men's Doubles, Yulia Tang won the Women's Singles then also claimed the Women's Doubles title with Jenny Wallwork!



English Counties Champion of Champions
Ladies' Doubles Winners –
Yulia Tang & Jenny Wallwork

Hull Racket Pack Festivals

Friday 4th November & Thursday 8th December saw primary schools across Hull come together at Hull University to take part in Racket Pack Festivals.

Pupils took part in a carousel of Racket Pack activities and the first event, held on 4th November, saw over 170 Year 3 & 4 children from 13 primary schools taking part in the festival then the Year 5 & 6 event was held on Thursday 8th December with over 140 pupils from 14 primary schools enjoying their badminton!

Thanks to Alex Sherwood (Hull Active Schools Primary Manager), Paul Pratt (local Level 2 coach) & student leaders from Sirius Academy & St. Mary's College for organising and delivering the festivals!



Upcoming Junior & Senior Circuit Tournaments

Junior Circuit Tournaments – January to March 2023

- ✦ Yorkshire Under 19 Bronze – Sunday 8th January 2023 at York Railway Institute
- ✦ Yorkshire Under 15 Silver – Saturday 18th February 2023 at York Railway Institute
- ✦ Yorkshire Under 17 Bronze – Sunday 19th February 2023 at York Railway Institute

Senior Circuit Tournaments – January to March 2023

- ✦ Yorkshire Masters Gold – Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th March 2023 at York Railway Institute
- ✦ Yorkshire Senior Bronze – Saturday 11th March 2023 at York Railway Institute

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Gold

Gold Circuits (Tier 1)
Are for the elite and top level players competing to qualify for the English National Championships.




Silver

Silver Circuits (Tier 2)
Aimed at strong county players and the very best club players.




Bronze

Bronze Circuits (Tier 3)
Aimed at strong local league and club players, open to players grade D and below.



Tier 4

Tier 4 Tournaments
Are for players who have competitive experience in local tournaments and leagues, open to players below E grade.



Tier 5

Tier 5
The first step onto the competition pathway, played in a structured but friendly tournament atmosphere.

U13, U15, U17 & U19 National Championships 2022

During November & December, the U13, U15, U17 and U19 National Junior Championships were held at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes and the University of Warwick.

31 players from Yorkshire competed in the junior National Championships with a lot of excellent results!

Under 13:

- 👉 Oliver Wu was runner up in the Boys' Singles & also reached the semi-finals of both the Boys' Doubles (with George Yuxiao Wang from Hertfordshire) and the Mixed Doubles (with Risheka Sathyanathan from Cheshire)
- 👉 Shreya Urs reached the quarter finals of the Girls' Singles

Well done to Fausto Ku & Lucy Parker who also competed at the U13 National Championships.

Under 15:

- 👉 Eeva Lunn was the runner up in the Mixed Doubles (with Laurence Chen from Surrey) and also reached the quarter finals of the Girls' Singles
- 👉 Sia Pandit was runner up in the Girls' Singles and was also runner up in the Girls' Doubles ((with Mili Patel from Kent)
- 👉 Mia Fox reached the quarter finals of the Girls' Singles
- 👉 Lilly Mae Wood reached the quarter finals of the Girls' Doubles (with Martha Franklin from Nottinghamshire)

Well done to Tahmid Ahmed, Anson Tsz Yan Fong, Adam Metcalf & Shreya Urs who also competed at the U15 National Championships.

Under 17:

- 👉 Grace Sachdeva won the Girls' Doubles (with Lucy Brierley from Nottinghamshire) & also reached the semi-finals of the Girls' Singles
- 👉 Sia Pandit was runner up in the Girls' Singles & also reached the semi-finals of the Girls' Doubles (with Mili Patel from Kent) & the quarter finals of Mixed Doubles (with James Song from Berkshire)
- 👉 Hugh Simpson was runner up in the Mixed Doubles (with Matilda Franklin from Nottinghamshire) & also reached the semi-finals of the Boys' Doubles with Sumedh Reddy Chittamuru
- 👉 George Camp & Ethan Fox reached the quarter finals of the Boys' Doubles
- 👉 Yawei Li & Angie Zhu reached the quarter finals of the Girls' Doubles
- 👉 Eeva Lunn reached the quarter finals of the Girls' Singles

Well done to Mia Fox, Connor Jones, Scarlett O'Grady, Molly Whitaker & Lilly Mae Wood who also competed at the U17 National Championships.

Under 19:

- 👉 Katherine Arksey was the runner up in the Girls' Doubles (with Leona Lee from Hertfordshire & also reached the quarter finals of the Mixed Doubles (with Joseph Scott from Warwickshire)
- 👉 Asish Chittamuru reached the quarter finals of the Mixed Doubles (with Lucy Dodd from Northumberland)
- 👉 Emily Harper & Alice Parker reached the quarter finals of the Girls' Doubles
- 👉 Sia Pandit reached the quarter finals of the Girls' Singles
- 👉 Grace Sachdeva reached the quarter finals of the Girls' Doubles (with Holly Clayton from Hertfordshire)
- 👉 Krithicck Sivakumaar reached the semi-finals of the Boys' Doubles (with Joseph Scott from Warwickshire)
- 👉 Vidun Wedagedera reached the quarter finals of the Boys' Doubles (with Alex Lewis from Lancashire)



**Katherine Arksey – Under 19
Girls' Doubles Runner Up**

Well done to Sumedh Reddy Chittamuru, Sneha Masawan, Hugh Simpson, Alex Speakman, Lucy Erin Walker, Benjamin Whitaker & Molly Whitaker who also competed at the U19 National Championships.

Yorkshire Senior Silver Tournament Write Up

The 2022 Yorkshire Senior Silver Tournament was held on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November at York Railway Institute

The tournament had a good entry, spread across a wide variety of counties. The entry to the Women's Singles event was pleasing. Although well below the number of entries in the Men's Singles, there were more women's singles players than in the past.

The Men's Singles event was somewhat of a changing of the guard with youngsters Harry Lines (Buckinghamshire) and Max Flynn (Leicestershire) beating Yorkshire players, Jamie Bonsels and Alex Marritt respectively in the semi-finals. Flynn then went on to claim the Men's Singles title.

The Women's Singles was also very much a youngsters' event. Raye Wan (Nottinghamshire) beat Ashleigh Mok (Cheshire) in the first semi-final with Gemma Atkinson (Surrey) beating Yorkshire's Mia Fox in the second. Fourteen-year-old Raye Wan took the title in a hard fought final which went to three ends.

Harry Lines took another title, playing with Ben Jarvis (Derbyshire) in the Men's Doubles. They beat Jamie Percy (Gloucestershire) and Yorkshire's Mark Pratt in the semi-final. Nick Hodgson (Lancashire) and Ben Wheatley (Nottinghamshire) took the other semi-final against Norfolk's Feng Hong and James Salter but couldn't match Lines and Jarvis in the final.

Yorkshire was well represented in the Women's Doubles as Vivian Cheng (Lancashire) played with Cici Lu (Yorkshire), putting out Sri Anantha (Warwickshire) and Dorsa Yavanivafa (Worcestershire) in the semi-final. Abby Downing (Derbyshire) and Natasha Lado (Hampshire) won the other semi-final against the Yorkshire pair of Yu-Chieh Chen and Yinija Zhu. Downing and Lado took the title, beating Cheng and Lu in a very tight final.

There was compensation in the Mixed Doubles for Cici Lu when she won the title with Philip Pahatouridis (Northumberland). They beat Shane Wilson and Raye Wann (Nottinghamshire) in their semi-final. The other semi-final was won by Harry Goode (Hertfordshire) and Natasha Lado (Hampshire) against Yorkshire pair Tom Summers and Emily Arksey.

Thank you to Janet & Dave Wobey for running the tournament and providing the write up and photographs!
[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full results from the tournament.

Below:
Women's Doubles
Champions –
Annie Lado (left) & Abby
Downing (Right)



Below:
Men's Singles
Champion –
Max Flynn with Tournament
Organiser, Dave Wobey



Above:
Tournament Organiser, Dave Wobey, with Men's
Doubles Champions –
Harry Lines & Ben Jarvis (right) & Runners Up –
Ben Wheatley & Nick Hodgson (left)



Senior County Championships 2022-23 Update

The first weekend of matches for the Senior County Championships was held on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November.

Yorkshire 1st Team

The 1st team are competing in the Premiership Division this season where they faced Buckinghamshire, Middlesex & Lancashire in the first round of matches at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes. The team lost to Buckinghamshire (9-2) and Middlesex (8-3) but claimed a close 6-5 win over Lancashire.

Yorkshire 2nd Team

Yorkshire 2nd team are competing in the Championship Division and played their first matches of the season against Leinster, Glasgow & NS and Northumberland at Tyneside Badminton Centre in Newcastle. They lost 7-4 to Leinster then narrowly lost 6-5 to Northumberland but claimed a good 9-2 win over Glasgow & NS.

Yorkshire 3rd Team

The 3rd team are in Division 1 North for the 2022-23 season and were up against Lanarkshire & Lothian at Thornaby Pavilion Leisure Centre where they suffered two tough losses (both 10-1), against both teams.

Yorkshire 4th & 5th Teams

The 4th and 5th teams are competing in the same division this season (Division 2 North) at Concord Sports Centre in Sheffield. In the first round of matches they played each other, with Yorkshire 4 coming out on top with an 8-3 win then Yorkshire 4 faced Durham (winning 9-2) while Yorkshire 5 were up against Isle of Man (where they lost 9-2).



[CLICK HERE](#) to view full results and league standings for the 2022-23 Senior County Championships



Yorkshire County 2nd Team who were competing at Tyneside Badminton Centre

All five teams are in action again on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd January for the second round of matches!

2022 UK Para Badminton Championships

The 2022 UK Para Badminton Championships took place at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December.

The event brought together the best players from across all four UK nations, with various different para-badminton classes represented including WH1, WH2, SL3, SL4, SU5 & SH6!

Congratulations to all the winners of the various events!



[CLICK HERE](#) to view all match results from the 2022 UK Para Badminton Championships

New No Strings Badminton Sessions

New 'No Strings' Badminton Sessions

Two new No Strings Badminton sessions were launched in Yorkshire in the last few months, linked to Cleveland Cobras Badminton Club and Cayton Corsairs Badminton Group. The aim of No Strings Badminton is to provide adults with a friendly and welcoming environment to play badminton socially. Sessions are low-cost, fun 'pay and play' and are open to adult players of any age or ability.

New Sessions Details:

Cleveland Cobras Badminton Club –

- 👉 Ladies Only No Strings session runs on Mondays, 7.30pm – 9pm at Huntcliff Secondary School (Saltburn-by-the-Sea), £3 per session

Cayton Corsairs Badminton Group –

- 👉 No Strings session runs on Wednesdays, 7pm – 9pm at Pindar Leisure Centre (Scarborough), £4 per session

Well done to the club volunteers & coaches who have completed the No Strings Coordinator Training to enable them to deliver these new sessions!



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badminton* 

Hull Senior Bronze Tournament Report

The 2022 Hull Senior Bronze Tournament was held on Saturday 8th October at Hull & East Riding Sports Club.

The tournament was hit by COVID at the last minute, but this time amongst the officials, which meant a bit of quick rearranging was required at the start of the day!

Congratulations to the unseeded Yorkshire player, Chin Tze Ng, who beat the number one seed, Alex Wilson, in three ends in the Men's Singles final. The Women's Singles winner was more predictably the number 1 seed, Emily Carpenter, who beat second seed, Charlotte Forbes, in a tight final match, 22-24, 21-14, 21-19!

Philip Pahatouridis and Jack Taylor were successful in the Men's Doubles final, beating Ed Telfer and Alex Wilson in the final then the Yorkshire pair of Wanwimon Lloyd and Laura Wall took the Women's Doubles title, beating Molly Price and Brodie Towler. Finally, in Mixed Doubles, Jack Taylor and Olivia Clark beat Ed Telfer and Olivia Frankland in the final.

Well played to all competitors and thanks to Janet Wobey for the Tournament Report!

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**to view all match results from the 2022 Hull Senior Bronze
Tournament**



Upcoming Coaching Courses

Foundation Award (Level 1) in Coaching Badminton

The Foundation Award is the starting point for people who would like to get into coaching badminton and become a coaching assistant. This course will teach you to:

- Lead fun games, activities and tournaments
- Understand the badminton landscape and structure in England
- Support a Level 2 coach in the delivery of sessions
- Deliver Badminton England programmes such as: No Strings, SmashUp! & Racket Pack Lite
- Effectively support the development of clubs/sessions and maximise participant experience

Upcoming Foundation Award:

🏸 **Dates:** Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th February 2023

🏸 **Times:** 9am – 5pm on both days

🏸 **Venue:** Sheffield Hallam University, Pearson Building, Broomgrove Road, Sheffield Hallam University Collegiate Campus, Sheffield, S10 2BP

🏸 **Cost:** £175 for Badminton England members & £195 for non-members

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for more information on the upcoming Foundation Award at Sheffield Hallam University and to book a place

1st4sport Certificate for Coaches in Badminton at Level 2 (Club Specialism)

The Certificate for Coaches in Badminton at Level 2 provides the opportunity to train to coach independently through a bespoke learning journey, tailored to coaches' own environments. Formed of a core module and a specialism module where coaches get to choose whether to apply the knowledge and skills learnt to a 'club' or 'talent' environment, this course allows coaches to focus on their learning needs.

Upcoming Certificate for Coaches in Badminton at Level 2:

🏸 **Dates:** Saturday 4th March, Sunday 5th March, Saturday 15th April, Sunday 16th April & Sunday 14th May 2023

🏸 **Times:** 9am – 5pm on all 5 days

🏸 **Venue:** Pontefract Squash & Leisure Club, Stuart Road, Pontefract, Yorkshire, WF8 4PQ

🏸 **Cost:** £390 for Badminton England Coach Members, £400 for Badminton England members & £420 for non-members

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for more information on the upcoming Certificate for Coaches in Badminton at Level 2 at Pontefract Squash & Leisure Club and to book a place

COACHING



YONEX All England Tickets 2023

The 2023 YONEX All England Open is taking place at the Utilita Arena in Birmingham from Tuesday 14th March to Sunday 19th March.

Whether you are a badminton supporter or player, a sports fan or simply looking for an unforgettable experience, the YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships won't disappoint!

A Super 1000 and top tier event on badminton's World Tour, the YONEX All England brings the best players from around the globe, including World, Commonwealth and Olympic Champions – wowing spectators year after year at the Utilita Arena Birmingham.

With tickets starting from just £19 for adults and £5.25 for children, the YONEX All England offers a great value day out for the whole family!



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to purchase your tickets for the 2023 YONEX All England Open Championships!



May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

If you would like more information or guidance on anything included in this newsletter or would like to see something featured in the next newsletter edition (March 2023), please get in touch.

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