

Yorkshire Badminton Quarterly Newsletter

June 2022 Edition



Welcome to the seventh 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 will be working 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

Club Spotlight

Pontefract Badminton Club

Pontefract Squash & Leisure Club opened 2016 with a small number of juniors playing, coached by Gill Topliss. In 2017, a SmashUp! session and a senior club started playing at the centre then in 2018 the juniors began playing in the Riding Primary League followed by the Castleford Primary and Junior League. In 2018, Paul Sibson joined the coaching team then, in 2021, Nathan Hale became the third member of the coaching team.

In 2021, because of the large attendances at the coaching sessions, the club was restructured and tiered into different levels with 40 players attending over three ability levels. There are now two senior clubs playing on three nights, age group county training every Wednesday and a performance session on one Sunday each month.

Two of the club's junior players have now developed and are England squad players and ten are now playing for Yorkshire in different age group teams, the bulk of them at Under 12 through to Under 16. The 2022/23 season will see the start of a club for deaf and hard of hearing players as well as a high performance group and the club coaches, Gill, Paul and Nathan, have also been invited by the Commonwealth Games Committee to represent badminton at an organised sports day for under privileged children in Wakefield in July.



**Pontefract Badminton Club Coaches, Gill, Paul & Nathan,
with players from the Yorkshire Under 13 Team**

Local Person

John Ellis

John Ellis became involved in badminton in Yorkshire as his son, Andrew, was an England player, having come through the Yorkshire ranks as a junior player.

During his time as a volunteer for the county, he managed the Under 11 and Under 13 junior teams, was Chairman of the Schools and Youth Committee (where he was part of the Yorkshire Badminton Association Executive Committee and Council), organised and ran many junior tournaments and also took on the role of Match Secretary for the Shires League.

John sadly passed away April 2022 and will be greatly missed by the badminton community. The passion and dedication he brought to the sport will always be remembered.



Helen Calverley:

“John was a great mentor, influence and friend to me since I took on the role of U18 Yorkshire Manager. He was always on the end of the phone for a chat or for me to ask advice. He gave me so much confidence to believe in what I do and my values and ethos. I miss him greatly, both as a mentor and a friend.”

Sport England Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Funding

Sport England have launched a new £5 million fund to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee that aims to use sport and physical activity to bring communities together and tackle inequalities.

Using money from the National Lottery, the fund will make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to community organisations in support of new projects providing opportunities to become more physically active. The funds could be used for things such as facility hire and coaching costs, or even small capital improvements.

The fund is open for applications now and will make awards to not-for-profit organisations helping inactive people to get active, or less active people to become more active. They particularly want to hear from projects working with people living in areas of disadvantage, as defined by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation areas 1-3.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Fund



87th Hull Senior Silver Tournament Write Up

The 87th Hull Senior Silver was held on the 9th & 10th April at Hull & East Riding Sports Club. Due to the COVID pandemic, the tournament was last held in 2019 and its return was well supported with both singles holders returning to defend their titles!

In the ladies' singles, Aimie Whiteman [Wales] succeeded in wresting the title from the previous winner, Cici Lu [Yorkshire], in a tough three-ender, 21-16, 23-25, 21-10.

Ben Dolman [Cheshire], the previous holder of the men's singles title, went out in the quarter finals, losing to the new title holder, Neil Bhabuta of Lancashire. Alex Marritt [Yorkshire], another previous holder, also lost [19-21, 16-21] in the semi-final against the runner-up, Ben John Muir [Hampshire].

In the other semi-final, Neil went one set down, losing the first end 20-22 to Garrylee McMullen [Northumberland] and had to work hard to win the second and third ends, 21-10, 21-9.

In the final, despite many long testing rallies, Neil Bhabuta was just too strong and came out on top against Ben John Muir, 21-15, 21-15.

Although Victoria Liang [Warwickshire] and Aimie Whiteman [Wales] had a convincing win in their ladies' doubles semi-final against Victoria Brewis [Yorkshire] and Ellie Wheatley [Nottinghamshire], 21-10, 21-7, they could not repeat it in the final. The women's doubles title went to Annie and Natasha Lado [Hampshire] who won the first end 21-12 and just edged the second end 22-20.

After winning a tight three-ender against Harry Goode [Hertfordshire] and Ewen Stephen [Warwickshire] 19-21, 21-17, 21-18 in the men's doubles semi-final, Paak Shing (Raymond) Chong [Durham] and Lap Yan (Larry) Pong [Avon] went on to beat Jamie Pearcy [Gloucestershire] and Mark Pratt [Yorkshire] 21-19, 21-14 in the final.

The mixed doubles proved a hotly contested affair with both the final and one of the semi-finals going to three ends with the Lado girls featuring prominently. In the first semi-final, Steven Elliot [Hertfordshire] and Annie Lado [Hampshire] beat Josh Young [Yorkshire] and Annabel Hong [Leicestershire] 21-16, 21-19.

The other semi-final saw Nathan Rossiter [Yorkshire] and Terri-Lee Holmes [Lancashire] win a long three-ender against Harry Goode [Hertfordshire] and Natasha Lado [Hampshire] 17-21, 21-19, 21-13.

In an exciting final, having lost the first end to Nathan and Terri-Lee 18-21, Steven Elliot and Annie Lado pulled out all the stops, going from 15-20 down in the second end, to take the set 23-21 and then went on to win the third 21-13.

Dave Wobey would like to thank all the players for their support in entering the tournament, as well as the umpires and all the helpers who worked over the two days to make the tournament a great success!

[CLICK HERE](#) to view all matches results from the 87th Hull Senior Silver!



Ladies' singles winner, Aimie Whiteman, being presented with her trophy by Margo Witty who won the title herself in 1972, exactly 50 years ago!



Men's doubles winners: Paak Shing (Raymond) Chong [Durham] & Lap Yan (Larry) Pong [Avon]



Mixed doubles winners: Steven Elliot [Hertfordshire] & Annie Lado [Hampshire]

Upcoming Junior & Senior Circuit Tournaments

Junior Circuit Tournaments – July to September 2022

 Huddersfield Under 13 Gold – Saturday 3rd September 2022

Senior Circuit Tournaments – July to September 2022

 Hull Senior Copper (Tier 4) – Sunday 11th September 2022

 Harrogate Senior Silver – Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September 2022

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to visit Tournament
Software to view and
enter circuit
tournaments online



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.

2022 European Badminton Championships

The 2022 European Badminton Championships took place from 25th – 30th April in Madrid, Spain.

Men's Singles Champion: Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)

Men's Singles Runner Up: Anders Antonsen (Denmark)

Ladies' Singles Champion: Carolina Marin (Spain)

Ladies' Singles Runner Up: Kirsty Gilmour (Scotland)

Men's Doubles Champions: Mark Lamsfuß & Marvin Seidel (Germany)

Men's Doubles Runners Up: Alexander Dunn & Adam Hall (Scotland)

Ladies' Doubles Champions: Gabriela Stoeva & Stefani Stoeva (Bulgaria)

Ladies' Doubles Runners Up: Linda Efler & Isabel Lohau (Germany)

Mixed Doubles Champions: Mark Lamsfuß & Isabel Lohau (Germany)

Mixed Doubles Runners Up: Thom Gicquel & Delphine Delrue (France)



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to view all matches & results from the Championships

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to watch all matches from the 2021 European
Championships on Badminton Europe TV



Hummersknott Badminton Club & Ukraine Support

As part of the support offered to the Ukrainian community, Hummersknott Badminton Club in Darlington have created the opportunity for a few Ukrainian youth players to join the club's annual tour to Cyprus and Greece in July 2022.

After the invasion of Ukraine, Hummersknott Badminton Club made early contact with the Ukrainian Badminton Federation and Badminton England, who are offering support to badminton-playing Ukrainian refugees. As a gesture of international friendship, the club have invited four of the young refugees to join their annual summer badminton tour to Cyprus and Greece.

Hummersknott Badminton Club have a long history of international links (they have toured 42 countries to play badminton) which gives them a good foundation for this work and have already raised £8,000 to cover the costs of travel and accommodation. They are hoping to raise another £1,500 before the summer tour which will enable the mother of one of the Ukrainian players to accompany them.

To watch the promotional video or to donate, please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hummbad22>

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the news article in the Northern Echo



Yorkshire No Strings Badminton Sessions

No Strings Badminton is a national participation programme offering low-cost, fun 'pay and play' sessions. Providing participants with a friendly and welcoming environment to play badminton, socialise and keep fit on their terms, No Strings is fully inclusive and open to adult players of any age or ability.

Do you know anyone who would like to play badminton recreationally?

There are over 30 No Strings Badminton sessions in Yorkshire which are open to players of all ages and abilities and the emphasis is on fun, keeping fit and socialising!

If you're a club or coach who is interested in setting up a new No Strings session, either to generate additional income for your club or yourself, grow your pool of players or meet local demand, we have free online No Strings Coordinator Training available (which anyone can complete) and a whole host of resources to help you to get your new session up and running!

Use the [Badminton England Session Finder](#) to find a No Strings session near you!

[CLICK HERE](#)
for more information on setting up a No String session or email
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Yorkshire Under 18 ICT team 2022

The team from Yorkshire travelled down to Nottingham to compete in the Under 18 ICT from Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th April 2022.



In the first group stage of the competition on Monday 11th, Yorkshire faced Cornwall, Hertfordshire & Sussex where they claimed three impressive wins (10-0 against Cornwall & Hertfordshire then 9-1 against Sussex).

On Tuesday 16th, they were up against Northumberland, Surrey & Middlesex where they continued their winning streak claiming 9-1 victories over both Northumberland and Surrey then rounding off the day with a 10-0 win against Middlesex!

The final day of the competition saw Yorkshire competing for either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place, and they did not disappoint! They claimed a cool 9-1 win over Leinster then went on to defeat Cheshire 7-3 and be crowned champions!



Yorkshire Team:

Asish Chittamuru, Sumedh Reddy Chittamuru, Fred Robertson, Hugh Simpson, Alex Speakman, Alice Parker, Sian Phillips, Grace Sachdeva, Yulia Tang & Lucy Walker

[CLICK HERE](#) to view all match results from the Under 18 ICT

17-21 English County Championships 2022

The 17-21 English County Championships took place on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2022 at York Railway Institute.

In the first group stage of the Championships on Saturday 9th, Yorkshire were up against Sussex, Leicestershire & Cornwall where they claimed 5-1 victories against all three teams.

This meant that they were battling for either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place on Sunday 10th where they faced Avon and Devon. Their first match saw a 3-3 draw with Avon then they beat Devon 4-2. As Avon had also beaten Devon 4-2, it came down to points and Yorkshire took the trophy with 538 points to Avon's 513!

Well played to the whole team – another great result for Yorkshire!



Yorkshire Team:

Thomas Macrae, Oliver Stapleton, Archit Sachdeva, Owen Walker, Romilly Calvert, Jasmine Lidster, Katherine Arksey, Lucy Walker & Emily Harper

[CLICK HERE](#) to view all match results from the 17-21 English County Championships

Upcoming Coaching Courses

1st4sport Certificate for Coaches in Badminton at Level 2 (Talent 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 10th September, Sunday 11th September, Saturday 8th October, Sunday 9th October & Sunday 6th November 2022
- 🔥 **Times:** 9am – 5pm on all 5 days
- 🔥 **Venue:** Sheffield Hallam University, Pearson Building, Broomgrove Road, Sheffield Hallam University Collegiate Campus, Sheffield, S10 2BP
- 🔥 **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 (Talent Specialism) at Sheffield Hallam University and to book a place

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 22nd & Sunday 23rd October 2022
- 🔥 **Times:** 9am – 5pm on both days
- 🔥 **Venue:** Pontefract Squash & Leisure Club, Stuart Road, Pontefract, Yorkshire, WF8 4PQ
- 🔥 **Cost:** £175 for Badminton England members & £195 for non-members

[CLICK HERE](#)

for more information on the upcoming Foundation Award at Pontefract Squash & Leisure Club and to book a place

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 (September 2022), please get in touch.

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