



PADEL NEWSLETTER

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BBC FEATURES NEW COURTS IN WARWICKSHIRE

Mel Jennings from Kenilworth Tennis, Squash and Croquet Club (KTSCC) reports that they have recently opened two brand-new padel courts!



“ This eagerly-awaited facility has been met with much enthusiasm from our members and the local community. To mark the beginning of the construction, we held a ground-breaking ceremony earlier in the year where club members and local dignitaries came together to celebrate this significant development.

Having completed all the works with the courts now fully operational, we decided to celebrate the occasion by holding a public open day on 5th August.

Finding ourselves as the only club in Warwickshire which can currently offer padel, the BBC were keen to help us showcase the sport, by featuring KTSCC on their BBC CWR local radio sports slot!

The open day proved to be very well attended, despite the weather's best efforts to dampen the enthusiasm of the people attending. All equipment was provided by the club. Most of the people who attended the event had never played this sport before and were clearly keen to get on court and have a go. The feedback from the day was very positive and the introduction of pay and play for this sport was equally positive.

The media coverage helped to showcase the positive impact KTSCC continues to have on the local sports scene, and the introduction of padel only amplifies our commitment to promoting physical activity and camaraderie within our community.



TOUR PERFORMANCE ROUND UP

A busy period on the international tour, with the majority of GB players in action.

At the FIP Rise event in Houten, Netherlands, nine women from the GB squad were in action, supported by the GB Women's coaches Libby Fletcher & Alvaro Fernandez. Tia Norton and partner Roselina Van Der Hoek (NED) continue to build a strong partnership, reaching the quarter-final stages, followed by Lisa Phillips and Sophia Haine reaching the last 16.

The recent FIP Rise event at the National Tennis Centre saw GB number 1 Christian Medina-Murphy reach the semi-finals with partner Miguel Sobles (ESP), losing a close match 6-7, 4-6 to Nuno & Miguel Deus of Portugal.

Strong performances continued at FIP Rise event in Coboda, Spain, which saw Medina-Murphy reach the quarter-finals with partner Belar Vera Lopez (ESP).

Christian also qualified for the Premier Padel Major at Roland Garros, where he partnered with Belar Vera Lopez, losing narrowly to Aliago & Ronco (ESP), 6-7, 6-7.



PERFORMANCE UPDATES

Last Friday it was announced that Premier Padel, owned by Qatar Sports Investments (QSI), had resolved its long-running dispute with the World Padel Tour (WPT) by buying it from Setpoint Events, owned by Spanish brewery giants Damm. The result will be one unified global circuit and ranking list, governed by the International Padel Federation (FIP), beginning next year. This is great news for the sport internationally and welcoming news for players and national associations.

Youth – There has been a great response to the player survey we sent out recently and would like to thank everyone who has responded and those who have assisted in circulating this to relevant parties. The information collated will now be reviewed, with the next stages of the youth pathway to be announced shortly.



COMPETE

ENTERING TOURNAMENTS & UNDERSTANDING GRADES

Want to enter an LTA tournament, but not sure how?

Entering an LTA competition is easy!

1. Visit <https://competitions.lta.org.uk/> and search for the tournament you wish to enter using the 'Tournament Code'.
2. Log-in using your LTA Advantage log-in details, select the event you wish to enter and follow the on-screen instructions.

Not sure which grade to enter? Here's some help...



GRADE 5

Introduction to graded compete for new or inexperienced players. It's local and entry is first come first served!



GRADE 4

For players wishing to travel and compete against different players. Acceptance based on LTA Padel Ranking.



GRADE 3

Bigger venues, larger draws but just as much fun. Perfect for players with previous experience competing.



GRADE 2 & 1

The highest level of LTA graded competitions. For players wanting to compete against top UK players.



SENIORS

For players aged 40+ and 50+ that wish to compete against different players across the country

COMPETE

September Tournaments...

NAME	CODE	DATES	VENUE	COUNTY	GRADE
LTA Padel National Tour - Grade 1 - Island Padel, Jersey	C.I-23-0002	9-9-2023 to 10-9-2023	Island Padel Limited	Channel Islands	1
LTA Padel Local - We Are Padel Derby	DER-23-0054	9-9-2023 to 10-9-2023	We are Padel - Derby	Derbyshire	5
LTA Youth Padel - Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0848	9-9-2023	Rocks Lane Multi Sports Centre Chiswick	Middlesex	5
LTA Padel Local - Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0850	9-9-2023	Rocks Lane Multi Sports Centre Chiswick	Middlesex	5
LTA Padel Seniors Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0851	9-9-2023 to 10-9-2023	Rocks Lane Multi Sports Centre Chiswick	Middlesex	2
LTA Padel County - Chichester Racquets & Fitness Club	SUS-23-0228	10-9-2023	Chichester Racquets & Fitness Club	Sussex	5
LTA Youth Padel Tour - Stratford Padel Club	ESS-23-0256	10-9-2023	Stratford Padel Club	Essex	5
LTA Padel – Aberdeen Tennis Centre Padel Tour	NSC-23-0247	10-9-2023	Aberdeen Tennis Centre	Scotland North	4
LTA PADEL REGIONAL - Surge Padel Harrogate	YOR-23-0344	16-9-2023 to 17-9-2023	Surge Padel	Yorkshire	3
LTA Padel Local - Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0843	16-9-2023	Rocks Lane Multi Sports Centre Chiswick	Middlesex	5
LTA Padel – Aberdeen Tennis Centre Padel Tour	NSC-23-0248	17-9-2023	Aberdeen Tennis Centre	Scotland North	5
LTA Padel Regional - Game4padel Tour - Mens and Ladies G3 - Thistle/Edinburgh Park	ESC-23-0129	23-9-2023 to 24-9-2023	Thistle Padel Club	Scotland East	3
LTA Padel County - We Are Padel Bristol	AVO-23-0073	23-9-2023 to 24-9-2023	We are Padel - Bristol	Avon	4
LTA Padel County - Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0846	23-9-2023	Rocks Lane Multi Sports Centre Chiswick	Middlesex	4
LTA Padel Regional (Grade 3) - Padel District	ESS-23-0357	23-9-2023	Go Padel Maldon	Essex	3
LTA Padel – Aberdeen Tennis Centre Padel Tour	NSC-23-0249	24-9-2023	Aberdeen Tennis Centre	Scotland North	5
LTA Padel Local - Rocks Lane Chiswick	MID-23-0844	30-9-2023	Rocks Lane Multi Sports Centre Chiswick	Middlesex	5

COACHING PADEL:

COURSES UPDATE

We are pleased to report that the number of Padel courses continues to grow on the [Course Search Tool](#).

There are multiple workshops, plus the Padel Instructor qualification, all ready to upskill coaches across various areas of the game.

222 candidates have completed a readiness test and a further 660 coaches have completed the CPD Introduction to Padel Coaching.

Work begins this month on the Padel Coach (Level 3) qualification, which will enhance the padel coaching pathway even further.



Intro to Padel Coaching CPD, delivered by Jo Ward

SENIORS PADEL UPDATE

Women's Seniors Padel continues to thrive in terms of player numbers, provision of coaching opportunities, and future plans.

- GB team players from the recent FIP European Seniors Championships, Jo Ward and Helen Crook, both experienced coaches across tennis and padel, travelled to East Glos Tennis and Padel Club for a two-day clinic this month. Ward, who is part of the GB Seniors Selection Committee says, "whilst the clinic wasn't exclusively for seniors, it was fantastic to have so many 40+ players in attendance. We know many of them from previous training camps, and it is great to see their improvement and keep them on the radar for future opportunities."
- GB team players Dawn Foxhall and Louise Baker, pictured on the right, competed internationally this week in Budapest, achieving third place. There is a growing network of senior players all keen to access high quality, diverse competitive opportunities around Europe. A calendar of events for those who want to get out into the wider world of seniors' Padel is being developed.



SENIORS PADEL UPDATE

GB squad players from across the country have joined forces to bring over Spanish coach, and former Padel professional, Belén Castrillo for two weeks' intensive coaching.

Castrillo, the winner of multiple professional titles, and formerly ranked #1 in Spain with Iciar Montes (the current Spanish ladies' captain), will split her time between north and south and coach some 30 players.

She will also be a contributor to future LTA Padel qualifications.



PADEL COURTS IN BRITAIN

Get involved in one of the fastest growing sports in the world and book a padel court near you today.

There are now 100+ padel venues in Britain, totalling over 300 padel courts, with even more on the way.

Check out our padel court map [here](#) to find your nearest courts and how you can book your next hit with friends and family, a coaching session or play matches.



QUICK ACCESS LOAN SCHEME - PADEL

LTA's Quick Access Loan Scheme provides interest-free loans to help venues invest in facilities, including the installation of padel courts.

For further information please see the following link to the [Quick Access Loan Scheme \(lta.org.uk\)](https://lta.org.uk/quick-access-loan-scheme)

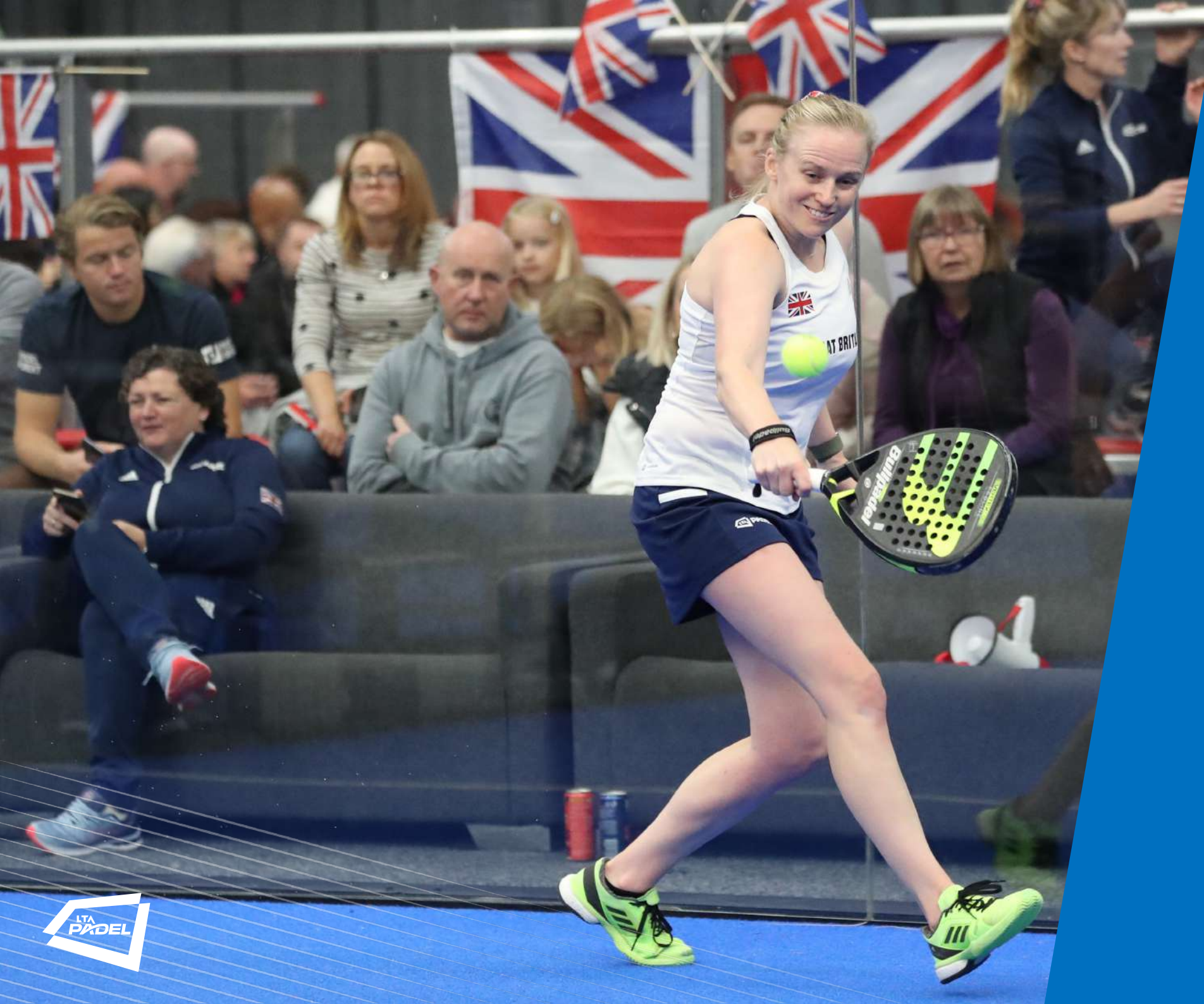


PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The QAL funding framework is as follows-

Scheme	LTA TF investment level	Borrowing term
Outdoor padel Approx. cost per court - £75k	Up to 60% of the project cost	5-7 year repayment period
Covered padel (court and cover) Cost per court - £180k	Up to 60% of the project cost	5-10 year repayment period

If you are looking to develop padel at your venue, or you have any questions please contact facilityfunding@lta.org.uk



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