

2018/19 Coaching Report

2018 has been a very busy year on the coaching front. Junior club mornings have grown as has the coaching program during the week and the school links.

Junior Mornings on a Saturday has been extremely busy with over 70 kids regularly attending each week. The mini tennis at 9.45am has continued to be as busy as ever. Joe Garnett's regular help for this session makes a huge difference along with the assistance of many volunteering teenagers. A tuck shop has been introduced by Hayley Garnett so the parents can have a coffee, toast and a chat during the kids session. The teenagers sessions at 10.30am and 11.15am continue to fill the courts and give the players a chance to work on their match play.

Junior Club Night continues all through the year with 10-13yrs at 5pm and 14-18yrs at 6pm. Doubles matchplay is the theme here with Davis Cups and Themed Tournaments.

Adult Coaching has continued with a drop in session every Saturday afternoon, Cardio Tennis on Friday evenings and team training during the winter months.

Tennis Camps have been well attended over Easter, Whit, Summer, October and February Holidays. These continue to be a good way of introducing visitors to the club and converting to members.

Coaching at Schools over 2018 have been strengthened with links now between DLTC and:

Great Moor Junior	*Cale Green Primary
*Great Moor Infants	Cheadle Hulme School (Juniors)
*Dial Park Primary	St Annes Fulshaw
*St Phillips	Stockport High School
Pownall Hall School	Mellor Primary
Vernon Primary	Hulme Hall Grammar

After school clubs continue all year round at Great Moor Junior School.

With funding from Stockport Council (this was match funded by DLTC) I ran a KS1 & KS2 School Tennis Project:

- Key Stage 1 Tennis Festival at DLTC.
Over 150 Primary school children enjoyed a tennis skills circuit. Yr8 leaders from Stockport High assisted me with the delivery of this.
- Delivering 6 hours of curriculum time coaching at the schools (marked with *) to years 1&2 in the summer term. Children then received a promotional flyer inviting them to try a free Saturday morning session at the club.

- A year $\frac{3}{4}$ interschool tournament followed the coaching sessions. This was held at the club for the local schools.
- Following this the club hosted the Stockport School Finals that saw the winners of the local schools tournaments from other clubs compete against each other. This was the qualifying event for the Greater Manchester Games at Sport City.

This project went well and was successful in achieving its main aim. This was to promote the Club in the local community and to encourage new players to join the club.

Following on from the project some of the schools asked me back into run extra sessions during their sports week.

During the Winter months I've ran several tennis workshops at the Boys and Girls Active Days for Primary and Secondary pupils. These have taken place at the Armitage Centre and Brington Leisure Centre and have included many of the schools listed above plus many more in the Stockport area.

Towards the end of the summer term we ran a Great British Tennis Day. All of the school pupils from our links received an invitation to the day. I also promoted the day during a couple of school assemblies.

The day was a great success with over 100 attendees with a good number joining the club. In addition to the on court activities – the bar was open and food was on sale from the BBQ. A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped on the day.

Competitive tennis that the club has been involved in this year has included:

Summer Leagues:

DLTC was represented across 5 teams in the Junior North East Cheshire League:

U13 Boys 2 finished 7th in Div 3

U13 Boys 1 finished 2nd in Div 2 and gained promotion

U15 Boys 2 finished 1st in Div 3 and gained promotion

U15 Boys 1 finished 1st in Div 2 and gained promotion

U18 Mixed finished 5th in Div 1

Tie-Break Tens Tournaments

DLTC held 2 of these Open events during the year. Both were doubles events for u13, u15 and u18 players from across the County.

These were part of a series of tournaments running throughout the summer across various clubs. The Series was run on a Grand Prix basis with players earning points from each event that they entered.

At the JNECL AGM Davenport scooped up all 3 of the end of series awards:

Top Placed Male Player – Elliot Bentham

Top Placed Female Player – Olivia Firth

Most entries from any Club – Davenport LTC

Junior Winter League

This Winter the club has entered 5 teams in the Point-One Winter League including our BRAND NEW 8&u team!!

8&u Mixed – 4th place
10&u Mixed – 5th place
14&u Boys – 3rd place
16&u A Boys – 5th place
16&u B Boys – 3rd place

One of the big highlights for me this year was the positive amount of girls we had competing across the 8&u and 10&u teams!

Annual Club Tournament

Record numbers entered this years event with extra age categories introduced:

8&u Boys Singles 8&u Girls Singles 10&u Boys Singles 10&u Girls Singles
13&u Boys Singles 13&u Girls Singles 15&u Boys Singles 15&u Girls Singles
18&u Boys Singles 18&u Girls Singles

With junior girls participation down across the country its great to see ours on the up!

Finals Day was a great success, thank you to all the helpers on the day (umpires, bbq chefs, bar volunteers and catering)

As well as these events additional tournaments have taken place including:

- Junior/Senior Tournament was very popular (more of these planned this summer).
- Road to Wimbledon LTA Tournament for our 14&u Juniors
- Touch Tennis Singles
- Quorn Family Cup – one of my favourite events all year!

It's been another busy year with great success across the Juniors in terms of participation and results. Many of the individual results can be found in newsletters and Facebook. The junior committee have helped a lot during the last year with events and planning so a big thank you to Joe, Hayley and Dave.

I've massively enjoyed the last 12 months at the club and for that I'd like to thank all the members for making this a such a great place to work. I'd also like to mention a particular thank you to the committee for their ongoing support!

I welcome any feedback and questions you may have.