

Whirlwind Mini Tour Finals Sunday 18th August 2019

The summer season Whirlwind Mini Tour Circuit has drawn to a close with an exciting day held at the South Devon Tennis Centre, Ivybridge showcasing all 3 Finals. Players aged from 6 to 10 years from Devon & Cornwall competed from April through to August chasing the top places on the Whirlwind Mini Tour leaderboard to reach the Grand Finals and the chance of being crowned Masters Champion!

8 & Under Red Ball

In the 8 & Under red ball event, there was a fantastic display of sponge ball tennis. After many close matches in the box rounds 4 players had battled through to make it into the semi finals. Bode Burrows and Reuben Bright, both from Ilfracombe, took each other on in a closely contested match, whilst Harry Rintoul (Exmouth) played Jayden Lovelock (Tarka). Reuben and Harry came through on top to resume their previous battle from the finals in March. The final once again saw Reuben defeating Harry in a game demonstrating great technique and skill from both players. Congratulations to Reuben Bright, the 8 & Under Champion.

The 8 & Under Whirlwind Mini Tour leaderboard champions were: Devon joint top – Reuben Bright and Bode Burrows (Ilfracombe), Cornwall – Harry Kells (Heron/Bodmin).

9 & Under Orange Ball

The 9 & Under Orange ball event was a very competitively fought event for the 11 competitors, with a high standard of tennis being played throughout. In the semi-finals there were 3 Devon players and 1 Cornwall player. Leo Freeman (Ilfracombe) was successful over Leo Pleasance (Tarka) and Penzance's Jacob Clemens was too strong for Bessie Burrows from Ilfracombe. This led to the final between Jacob and Leo, where Jacob managed to reverse the tide from the March Finals to come out as the winner. Congratulations to Jacob Clemens, the 9 & Under Champion.

The 9 & Under Whirlwind Mini Tour leaderboard champions were: Devon – Freddie Chatfield (Bovey Tracey), Cornwall – Gabriel Philips (Penzance).

10 & Under Green Ball

In the 10 & Under green ball event all 12 players showed great respect for their fellow competitors in a fairly contested event. To decide on the 4th semi-finalist there was a gripping match tie break shoot out in which Edward Guy (Exeter GCC) kept his nerve to beat Jacob Tait (DL Exeter). The semi-finals involved Devon's Joshua Daniel (Nuffield Devonshire) who faced Lincoln Boden (Tarka) and Dexter Came from Exwick took on Edward Guy. Lincoln and Edward came out on top to compete in a closely contested final with some excellent tennis displayed by both players. Lincoln proved too strong on the day and took the title. Congratulations to Lincoln, the 10 & Under champion.

The 10 & Under Whirlwind Mini Tour leaderboard champions were: Devon – Lincoln Boden (Tarka), Cornwall – Ben Marshall (Truro).

Trophies and prizes were presented by Jemima Morris and John Allen, Devon Tennis, and Hilary Webster, Tennis Cornwall. They congratulated the players on their great spirit and sportsmanship and expressed both County Association's gratitude for Whirlwind Sport's support, which has enabled over 200 young players to experience competition in a friendly environment, make new friends and be enthused by the sport.