**Whirlwind Mini Tour Finals Saturday 30th March/31st March 2019**

The winter season Whirlwind Mini Tour Circuit drew to a close at the weekend with all 3 finals held at the South Devon Tennis Centre, Ivybridge. Players aged from 6 to 10 years from Devon & Cornwall competed from September through to March 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**

The 8 & Under red ball event gave some of the 12 players their first taste of competing against players from outside their county and it was great to see some brilliant rallies, played with such great spirit and fair play. After many close matches in the round robin qualifying boxes, 4 players competed in a finals box to crown the winner. Ilfracombe’s Reuben Bright played some outstanding tennis to win all 3 matches in the final box to win the 8 & Under title. The runner up was Jayden Lovelock from Tarka who only lost the one match throughout the afternoon and played some impressive tennis. Congratulations to Reuben Bright, the 8 & Under Champion.

Well played to Harry Rintoul, Harry Kells, Nicholas Wright, Lewis Hyam, Bodie Burrows, Oliver Kennedy-Bruyneels, Gabriel Phillips, Millie Newton, Freddie Connock, Reuben Ocallaghan, who all made it through to the finals.
The 8 & Under Whirlwind Mini Tour leaderboard champions were: Devon – Shared by Reuben Bright (Ilfracombe) and Harry Rintoul (Exmouth TC) Cornwall – Harry Kells (Bodmin and Heron).

**9 & Under Orange Ball**

**The 9 & Under Orange ball event was a very competitively fought event for the 12 competitors, with a high standard of tennis being played throughout. The winners of the 4 qualifying boxes went through to a finals box to compete for the title. Devon’s Eric Lorimer proved to be too strong for the other 3 in the box and came out on top, playing some consistent tennis and making his opponents work for every point. The other 3 players in the box had some tight matches with Cornwall’s Jacob Clemens eventually coming through as the Runner up. Well done to Joshua Beavis, Charlie Prynne, Bradley Lock, Freddie Chatfield, Atticus Felstead, Fraser Hinchliffe, Blake Silver, Jacob Tait, Agnes Woodhead and Robert Walton for making it a great finals event. Congratulations to Eric Lorimer, the 9 & Under Champion.**

**The 9 & Under Whirlwind Mini Tour leaderboard champions were: Devon – Freddie Chatfield (Bovey Tracey), Cornwall – Blake SIlver (Heron).**

**10 & Under Green Ball**

**In the 10 & Under green ball event all 10 players showed great respect for their fellow competitors. After a closely fought match between Cornwall’s Reeve Seddon (St.Austell) and Devon’s Joshua Daniel ( Devonshire Nuffield), Joshua made it through to the Final to face Devon’s Tom Rintoul (Exmouth TC). The final was a nail biting end to the event with Tom Rintoul proving too strong on the day for Joshua Daniel and clinched the title. Congratulations to Tom, the 10 & Under champion. Well done to Ben Marshall, Freddie Millard, Louis Tucker, Alfonso Lofthouse, Jack Edworthy, Jenson Downes and Zachary Mills for making it through to the finals.**

**The 10 & Under Whirlwind Mini Tour leaderboard champions were: Devon – Tom Rintoul, Cornwall – Reeve Seddon.**

Trophies and prizes were presented by Jemima Morris and David Vinall from Devon Tennis and Hilary Webster and Sue Eames from 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 and be enthused by the sport. Thank you to Colin Knight for refereeing the event and to South Devon Tennis Centre for once again hosting the finals.