

Whirlwind Mini Tour Finals Sunday 19th August 2018

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

The 8 & Under red ball event gave some of the 13 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 box rounds there was an even mix of Devon and Cornwall players through to the Semi Finals. South Devon Tennis Centre's Freddie Chatfield was drawn against Tarka's Bradley Lock with Penzance's Jacob Clemens and Atticus Felstead from Wadebridge in the other semi. After two competitive matches, the final saw Freddie Chatfield defeat Atticus Felstead in a game demonstrating great technique and skill from both players. Congratulations to Freddie Chatfield, the 8 & Under Champion.

The 8 & Under Whirlwind Mini Tour leaderboard champions were:

Devon – Bradley Lock (Tarka Tennis Centre), Cornwall – Jacob Clemens (Penzance).

9 & Under Orange Ball

The 9 & Under Orange ball event was a very competitively fought event for the 15 competitors, with a high standard of tennis being played throughout. In the semi-finals there was an even split for Devon and Cornwall with all players representing different clubs. St Austell's Reeve Seddon was successful over Freddie Millard from Penzance and Tarka's Lincoln Boden was too strong for Panayot Popov from Torquay. This led to a closely fought final between Reeve and Lincoln, where Reeve retained his title from the winter season. Congratulations to Reeve Seddon, the 9 & Under Champion.

The 9 & Under Whirlwind Mini Tour leaderboard champions were:

Devon – Freddie Lloyd (Tarka), Cornwall – Reeve Seddon (St Austell).

10 & Under Green Ball

In the 10 & Under green ball event all 11 players showed great respect for their fellow competitors in a fairly contested event. The semi-finals involved Devon's Amais Tufnell (Braunton) who faced Cornwall's Jake Moore (Heron Newquay) and Cornwall's Jacob Allan from Redruth took on Oliver Latu from Tarka. On the day, the two Cornwall players, Jacob and Jake came out on top and went on to contest an all Cornwall final. Jake proved too strong on the day and took the title. Congratulations to Jake, the 10 & Under champion.

The 10 & Under Whirlwind Mini Tour leaderboard champions were:

Devon – Shared by Amais Tufnell (Braunton) and Oliver Latu (Tarka), Cornwall – Jacob Allan (Redruth).

Trophies and prizes were presented by Chris Bawden, 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 190 young players to experience competition in a friendly environment, make new friends and be enthused by the sport. Chris was acknowledged and thanked for the fantastic job she has done in organising this event over the years and will be sorely missed by everyone involved.