

Tennis Report '19 & '20 – AGM 2021

Oxfordshire Babolat (Weekend) Leagues

Season	Men's A	Men's B	Women's A	Mixed A	Mixed B
Summer '19	(5) 2 nd	(8) 1 st	(2) 7 th	Scratched	(5) 8 th
Floodlit 19/20	(2) 6 th	(4) 10 th	(2) 5 th	-	-
Summer '20	Never started due to COVID-19				
Floodlit 20/21	Started but cancelled due to COVID-19				

Banbury Tennis (Midweek) Leagues

Season	A	B	C	D
Summer '19	(1) 6 th	(2) 5 th	(3) 5 th	(4) 5 th
Floodlit 19/20	(1) 7 th	(2) 3 rd	(4) 2 nd	(4) 7 th
Summer '20	Never started due to COVID-19			
Floodlit 20/21	Started and maybe continued instead of Summer '21			

So, back in 2019 we had a normal year of match tennis and both men's summer weekend teams managed to get promoted! Results past that were difficult with both the women and the mixed B being relegated and worse, the mixed A folding. The floodlit season proved tricky for the men's B as we lost some of better players to university again and the previous year's promotion got cancelled out quickly.

In the BTL only the C team had something to smile about with promotion from division 4. Continuing our top team struggles back then caused the A to be relegated in both campaigns.

However, as we approached our Summer season last year, hope had sprung eternal with some new members and some improved health and form. Sadly, as we are all too aware now, other things overtook us and there were no matches played between clubs throughout the summer. We restarted again in October for a short while but again to no avail.

Despite this, hope remains for a successful return to matches soon, as team coaching had restarted with Ariadne and even some old dogs have learnt the odd new trick. Let us hope we can just remember them as we return!

If anyone would like to play for the club in any of our teams do please let me know. We will, for sure, find you a game or two and if there is enough for another team then we will absolutely add to our current portfolio.

We also have active junior teams. The U14 girls were summer and winter champions in 2019/20 and the U10 mixed team were runners-up in Summer 2019.

Staying with the coaching side of things, it is an exciting time for us in terms of the coaching programme. Ariadne and Paul are running the new programme at the club and fully intend to link with the vision of the club. We want to further enhance the members experience by providing more adult and junior coaching opportunities, doubles tournaments for adults, match plays for juniors and holiday camps for the children. We look forward to engaging with the members to find out what other events and types of programme we can introduce later.

Below is our draft plan for the year ahead: (dates are, of course, subject to change)

April 6 th – 9 th	Easter Mornings (Juniors)
May 9 th	Men's Doubles Tournament
June 1 st – 4 th	Half Term Mornings (Juniors)
July 4 th	Juniors Match Play
July 26 th – 30 th	Summer Camp Week 1
August 2 nd – 6 th	Summer Camp Week 2
September 19 th	Women's Doubles Tournament
October 3 rd	Juniors Match Play
October 26 th – 29 th	Half term Mornings (Juniors)
December 19 th	Juniors Matchplay
February 22 nd – 25 th	Half term Tennis Mornings (Juniors)
March 6 th	Matchplay (Juniors)
April 10 th	Mixed Doubles Tournament
April 11 th – 15 th	Easter Camp

In the meantime, enjoy being back on court from March 29th, and we are excited to see you all soon.