LTA Team Tennis Competition History (including National Open Roll of Honour)

Over the past 24 years, the competition has grown thanks to commitment from the Lawn Tennis Association and major support from sponsors such as Everest, Prince, KIA Motors and now Aegon, the lead partner of the LTA. Through the seventeen years, the competition has grown to include over 6,000 teams (2016) from 8&U through to Open (adult) age groups.

Pre 1993

The Puma Cup

The Puma Cup was a competition that was run up until 1992 and was the competition which provided the teams for the inaugural National Club League to be established in 1993. In 1992, all teams competing in the Puma Cup were given information on the new National Club League and the structure it would take. This meant that for the first time, counties ran leagues in the Puma Cup which was a requirement to qualify teams into the National Club League.

1993 – 1995

Everest National Club League

In 1993, the Lawn Tennis Association decided to launch the National Club League in conjunction with sponsors at the time, Everest Home Improvements. The aim of the competition was to involve 10,000 competitors from nearly 1,000 clubs in raising standards and the general level of interest in the sport. The National Club League Premier Division involved 12 teams in 2 leagues of 6 with Regional leagues supporting this.

NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

- 1993 Banbury West End, Oxfordshire beat Royal Berkshire
- 1994 Castle Farm beat David Lloyd Raynes Park
- 1995 David Lloyd Bushey beat Winchester Tennis & Squash Club



NATIONAL OPEN LADIES WINNERS 1993 – Holcombe Brook, Lancashire beat Winchester Tennis & Squash Club 1994 – Clearview, Essex beat Bramhall Park, Cheshire 1995 – The Queens Club, London beat Holcombe Brook, Lancashire





1994 EVEREST NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE FINALS

Men's final: Castle Farm 5 David Lloyd Raynes Park 1 D Sapsford lost to J Bates 7-5 4-6 1-6; R Matheson bt C Bailey 6-4 7-5; S Herdoiza bt A Foster 6-3 6-7 7-5; J Fox <u>bt</u> N Forward 6-3 6-4; Sapsford and Matheson bt Bates and Foster 6-4 6-2; Herdoiza and Fox bt Bailey and Fulward 6-3 7-6

Women's final: Clearview 5 Bramhall Park 1 M Wainwright lost to C Taylor 6-7 2-6; G Coorengal bt R Mawdsley 6-2 6-3; A Smith bt C Billingham 6-4 6-2; S Gomer bt J Taylor 6-1 6-2; Smith and Coorengal bt Billingham and C Taylor 6-2 7-5; Gomer and Wainwright bt J Taylor and R Mawdsley 6-0 6-3

1996 - 1998

Prince National Club League

The opening three years of the competition brought together some of the top players in Great Britain and from around the world. Prince UK was on board as competition sponsors as teams competed in the North and South premier divisions.

Edgbaston Priory Ladies and David Lloyd Bushey dominated the competition in this era of the competition. Edgbaston Ladies were represented by top British players at the time such as Jo Ward, Lucie Ahl and Louise Lattimer. The David Lloyd Bushey men's team were represented by players such as Todd Larkham, Wayne Arthurs and Ross Matheson.

NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

- 1996 David Lloyd Finchley beat Banbury West End, Oxfordshire
- 1997 David Lloyd Bushey beat David Lloyd Raynes Park
- 1998 David Lloyd Bushey beat Frinton LTC, Essex

NATIONAL OPEN LADIES WINNERS

- 1996 The Edgbaston Priory Club beat Gosling Sports Park
- 1997 The Edgbaston Priory Club beat Harpenden LTC, Hertfordshire
- 1998 The Edgbaston Priory Club beat Holcombe Brook, Lancashire



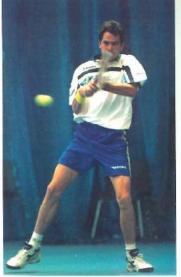


Men's Singles

DL BUSHEY		V	DL RAYNES PARK	RESULT		
Chris Wilkinson	(1)	v	(1) Mark Petchey	DL Bushey	6/4	6/3
Andrew Richardson	(2)	v	(2) Luke Milligan	DL Bushey	7/5	6/3
Wayne Arthurs	(3)	v	(3) Robbie Koenig	DL Raynes Park	6/2	6/3
Nick Fulwood	(4)	v	(4) Gary Henderson	DL Raynes Park	6/3	6/1

Men's Doubles

DL BUSHEY		v	DL RAYNES PARK	RESULT			
Andrew Richardson, Chris Wilkinson	(1)	v	(1) Luke Milligan/ Mark Petchey	DL Bushey	3/6	6/3	6/3
Wayne Arthurs/ Brent Larkham	(2)	v	(2) Gary Henderson/ Robbie Koenig	DL Bushey	6/4	1/6	6/4



Chris Wilkinson unbeaten in all premier division matches

Winners - DL Bushey 4-2



Despite being runners up, a happy looking Harpenden

Ladies' Singles

EDGBASTON PRIORY CLUB V				HARPENDEN	RESULT			
Kerry Ann Guse	(1)	v	(1)	Karen Cross	Harpenden	7/6	6/3	
Shirli-Ann Siddall	(2)	V	(2)	Clare Wood	Harpenden	7/6	3/6	6/3
Lucie Ahl	(3)	v	(3)	Lizzie Jelfs	Harpenden	4/6	6/4	6/4
Mandy Wainwright	(4)	v	(4)	Caroline Herbert	EPC	6/2	6/1	

Ladies' Doubles

EDGBASTON PRIORY CLUB V				HARPENDEN	RESULT		
Kerry Ann Guse/ Mandy Wainwright	(1)	v	(1)	Karen Cross/ Lizzie Jelfs	EPC	6/2 6/3	
Lucie Ahl/ Shirli-Ann Siddall	(2)	v	(2)	Caroline Herbert/ Clare Wood	EPC	6/4 6/2	

Winners - Edgbaston Priory 3-3 8 sets to 6



1999 - 2003 National Club League (LTA Sponsored)

David Lloyd were to continue their success in this era, however it was the turn of David Lloyd Derby to dominate the men's competition. David Lloyd Derby did the hat trick from 2001-2003 thanks to support from players such as Mark Hilton and Martin Lee.

NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

- 1999 Unknown
- 2000 Unknown
- 2001 David Lloyd Derby beat. Unknown
- 2002 David Lloyd Derby beat. St. George's Hill LTC, Surrey
- 2003 David Lloyd Derby beat. Sutton Junior Tennis Centre, Surrey

NATIONAL OPEN LADIES WINNERS

- 1999 Unknown
- 2000 Unknown
- 2001 Holcombe Brook, Lancashire beat. Loughborough University
- 2002 Gosling Sports Park, Hertfordshire beat. Unknown
- 2003 The Edgbaston Priory Club beat. Unknown

Do you know the unknown teams? Email teamtennis@LTA.org.uk to let us know





2004 – 2006 KIA National Club League

In 2004, car manufacturer KIA Motors committed to a three year agreement with the Lawn Tennis Association to sponsor the competition. The KIA National Club League featured around 800 club teams represented by up to 7,500 men and women playing more than 11,000 matches between April and September. Leading competitors nominated for their club teams in 2004 included Jamie Delgado (Bromley), Alex Bogdanovic and Martin Lee/Mark Hilton (David Lloyd Derby).

NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

2004 – Caesarean Tennis Club, Jersey, Channel Islands beat. Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

2005 - Bromley Lawn Tennis Club beat. Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

2006 - East Gloucestershire Club beat. David Lloyd, Raynes Park

NATIONAL OPEN LADIES WINNERS

- 2004 Edgbaston Priory Club beat. Holcombe Brook Sports Club
- 2005 Edgbaston Priory Club beat. Unknown
- 2006 East Gloucestershire Club beat. The Connaught Club

National Club League / Team Tennis (2007-2008)

In this period, the National Club League was in a process of change and adopted a new name 'Team Tennis NCL'. The new wording was introduced as the competition seeked to become more inclusive of teams at all levels, particularly at County tier.

NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

2007 – East Gloucestershire Club beat. Sutton Tennis & Squash Club 2008 – Sutton Tennis & Squash Club beat. Bromley Lawn Tennis Club

NATIONAL OPEN LADIES WINNERS

2007 – East Gloucestershire Club beat. Esporta Croydon, Surrey

2008 – Holcombe Brook Sports Club beat. The Edgbaston Priory Club



Edgbaston Priory Club (Runners-Up 2008)



Bromley LTC Men (Runners Up 2008)



Aegon Team Tennis (2009 to Present)

Aegon, the lead partner of British Tennis officially became sponsors of the competition which forms part of their commitment to supporting British Tennis at all levels.

Aegon Team Tennis is a singles based team competition for LTA registered venues. It aims to provide players of all ages (8&U – Open) with regular league fixtures, against similar standard players in a competitive team environment.

In this period the competition has gained significant focus across British Tennis and the LTA as team's across all age groups from 8&U – Open take part. In 2016, over 6,000 teams from 8&U – Open (adult) competed in Aegon Team Tennis at county, regional and national tiers. The majority of these teams compete at the county tier with localised fixtures.



Developments in this period include fixed match dates for all tiers and all age groups, online entry, results, league tables and a designated match period for league matches in April, May and June. A new web area <u>www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis</u> was developed which included exciting new content such as a Captains' Area, Photos, Team Kit, Videos, match reports and news stories.

NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

- 2009 Bromley Lawn Tennis Club beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park
- 2010 Bromley Lawn Tennis Club beat. Loughborough University
- 2011 David Lloyd Raynes Park beat. Bromley Lawn Tennis Club
- 2012 David Lloyd Raynes Park beat. Sutton Tennis & Squash Club
- 2013 Sutton Tennis & Squash Club beat. Mackintosh LTC
- 2014 A1 Pharmaceuticals Tennis Academy beat. Sutton Tennis & Squash Club
- 2015 A1 Pharmaceuticals Tennis Academy beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park
- 2016 A1 Pharmaceuticals Tennis Academy beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park
- 2017 Sutton Tennis & Squash Club beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park



Sutton Tennis & Squash Club – National Open Men's Winners 2017



NATIONAL OPEN WOMENS WINNERS

- 2009 Gosling Sports Park, Hertfordshire beat. The Edgbaston Priory Club
- 2010 David Lloyd Raynes Park beat. The Edgbaston Priory Club
- 2011 Holcombe Brook Sports Club beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park
- 2012 The Roehampton Club beat. Holcombe Brook Sports Club
- 2013 Cumberland LTC beat. University of Bath
- 2014 Cumberland LTC beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park
- 2015 Wilton Tennis Club beat. Holcombe Brook Sports Club
- 2016 Wilton Tennis Club beat. The West Hants Club
- 2017 Wilton Tennis Club beat. Cumberland LTC



Wilton Tennis Club (Surrey) – National Open Women's Winners 2017

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