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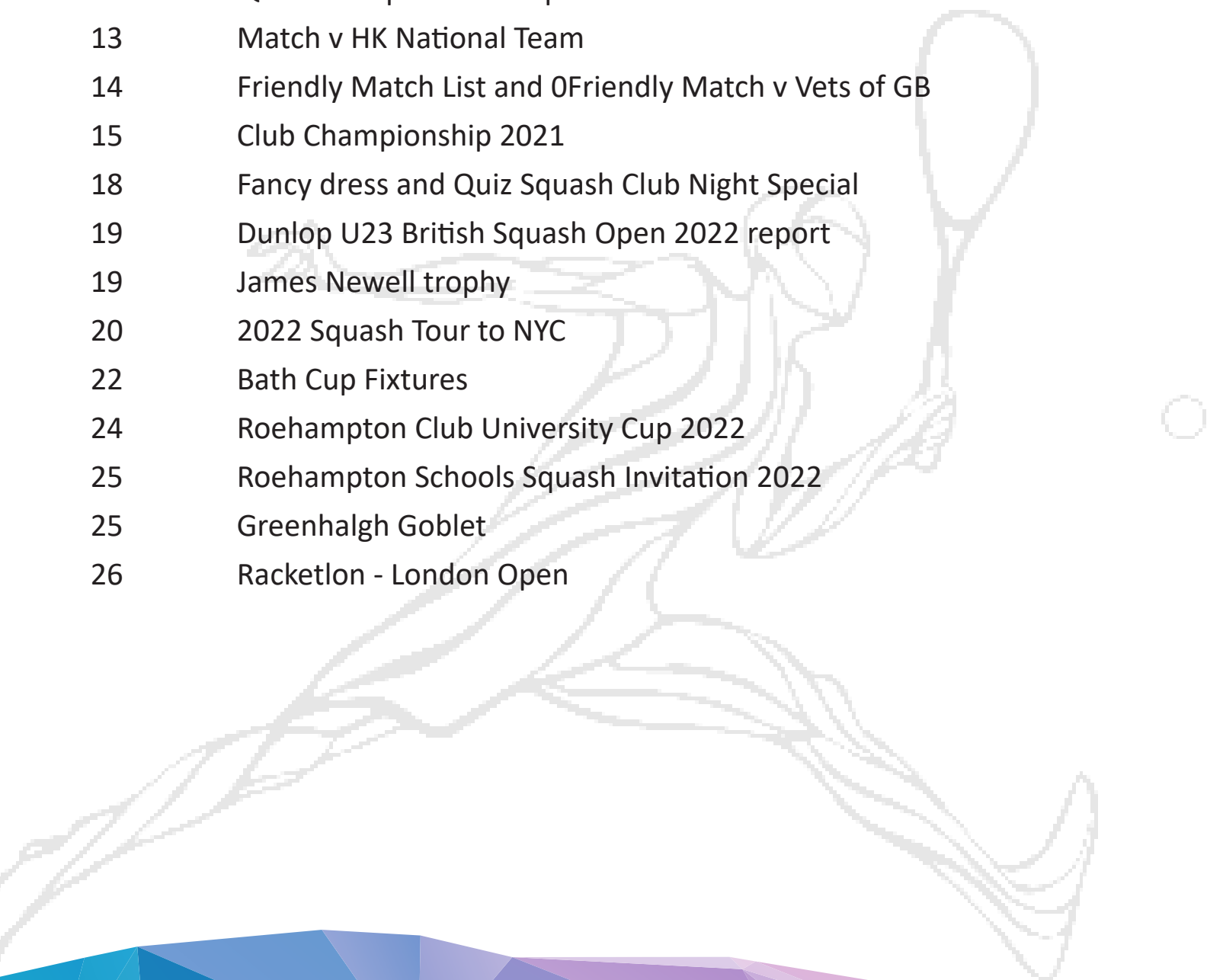
Squash Scene

Back with a bang ...



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2022 Bath Cup Champions !

It's been worth waiting for – we're Bath Cup Champions! The centenary edition of the Bath Cup, the world's longest-running Club Squash competition, has been won by Roehampton Club, and about time too!

Ten years of domination by the Lansdowne Club has been ended in emphatic style as Roehampton Club are poised to go through the season undefeated (two matches left to play). 3/0 and 2/1 victories against Lansdowne were core to the successful season enjoyed by the team, alongside two 2/1 victories against third-place finishers Queens. Cumberland posed some serious questions to the top teams during the season, but we have been lucky enough to catch them at inopportune times.

Team stalwarts of Steve Richardson and Ben Coates have been consistent throughout the season, both undefeated, so far. Providing that core stability each week to enable first season rookie Lewis Walters to claim the glory playing at number one. Lewis has only lost two very tough encounters, one against Lansdowne's number one, Ben Garner, for which he gained revenge in the vital match in the second half and a misfiring performance against Queens, when the season was already done and dusted. He has been a great addition to the Club going out of his way to make himself available for matches.

Ben Coates has played the season at number three, though is more than capable of stepping up into the higher positions. He has been the rock of the team, only dropping two individual games during the season. He has shown great maturity and

Club commitment to be there every week when there were times his opponent was not able to compete with the standard he is playing.

Steve Richardson, Club Captain, has played in the middle order throughout the season. His highlights have come about with double victories over his aging nemesis, Lansdowne's Tim Garner, and the pride he takes in the other members of the team consistently performing to such high standard. It is also an accolade to the other team members that they have politely listened to him reminisce during after match dinners. As they can all attest, the older Stevie gets the better he was!

Much needs to be said for the members of the Squad. Without a rotating squad it would be impossible to win such a competitive league. Dropping even a couple of points can tip the apple cart against a league victory. Hasnatt Farouqui has been a valuable member of the team throughout the last five years. Always there to be a fine participant when not on active duty elsewhere. Tiago Giourly has been called upon when his body allows him. One day we will invent a Band Aid big enough to encompass his whole structure. And rookie Jack Turney was performing very well for the team before a serious foot injury curtailed his season, post October.

The team is also grateful to players that come up from the seconds or thirds to fill in during times of need. Tom Bailey, Jojo Shean, Rob Findlay, Michael Stewart have all been called upon this season or previous to help out the team and all have done

so with great commitment.

A big thanks must also be giving to 'The Gaffer' and racquets manager Paul Lindsay. He has spent ten years building this team. Unrelenting effort and soul searching. He's a scout, he's a coach, he's a selector and more than anything else, he's an all-round good guy that has the Club in his heart. He takes as much pride from this victory as any of us do and let's be honest, without him it would never have happened. So 'three cheers to Paul' for making this dream become a reality, and great timing for doing it on the league's 100th year.

Steve Richardson
Bath Cup One and
Squash Captain



Christmas Club Night 2022

Festive Squash and Secret Santa

Tuesday 6 December, 6pm

Join us to
celebrate a
brilliant year
for the squash
section!



Dress code - Christmas Jumpers

All players are guaranteed three matches followed by drinks and food in the bar. Please bring one present to donate to the Secret Santa Christmas raffle. Presents should cost no more than £15 or be something you are happy to give away. Anyone coming empty handed will be directed to the bar to buy a bottle of wine ... If you wish to be a spectator or join us after the squash, please email to confirm. Guests welcome. £20 per person
Book your place with Paul Lindsay at paul.lindsay@roehamptonclub.co.uk

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Bath Cup

Division Two season report

Roehampton Club Bath Cup 2s kicked off the season with a 3-0 victory at MCC, followed by another three points courtesy of the withdrawn Hurlingham team for this season. A great start as Roehampton Club 3's took a valuable point off title rivals Lansdowne 3 in their opening match.

Next up was a 2-1 win against a strengthened Queen 3 side. Jojo Sheen produced a great performance to win his individual match 3/2 against a very tough opponent and Dan Thomson was in fine form winning 3/0.

Another 3-0 against RAC came next before Roehampton Club Members and Roehampton Uni students, Satomi Watanabe and Rana Ismail came to the rescue with last minute availability issues. With the captain being the one to let the side down on this occasion, it was a 2-1 victory leaving us one point off top spot in the standings.

Three more points came from our trip to Queens 2, before the first showdown of the season against Lansdowne 3. Two excellent performances from Tom Bailey and Satomi got us the victory on the night. Another truly consistent performance from the captain ensuring the result ended 2-1. Now level at the top of the table and with the morale boosting decision that the captain will resign himself to non-playing team management the

title was in our sights.

2-1 was again the result the following week against the Roehampton Club third team - wiping out all the good favour they had gained from their opening match of the season.

Finally, a walkover against O&C closed out the first half with only a point separating the top of table, Lansdowne 3: 24 points Roehampton Club 2: 23 points

Knowing we needed a big second half, the second team went on to take full points from the next four fixtures. Cumberland again managed to take a point off the team but a solid performance from Ed Hopkins ensured it wasn't more than that.

A 3-0 victory came next against Queens 2, one week before the match that would most likely decide the title. Lansdowne with a 100% record so far in the second half had them ahead by two points.

The title clash did not disappoint for those who came to support the team. Rana put in a phenomenal performance to take the first match 3-0 with quite an incredible score line of 10/9, 9/0, 10/9. Next up was the no.1s for the evening. Tom put in a gutsy performance to take a well-deserved 3-2 win and Jojo, as reliable as always closed the match out with a 3-0 win of his own. Roehampton 2 were now a point clear with two matches to

play.

We welcomed new Member Rudi Willemse to the team for the penultimate match of the season against Roehampton 3's. He did not disappoint on debut recording a 3-0 win. The team took home all the points ensuring the one-point advantage remained with one to play.

Unfortunately, we were deprived the chance to win the league outright on court as O&C were unable to field a team, but the full 3 points ensured the division two trophy was Roehampton Club's. Our title rivals however, maybe seeing the writing on the wall ended the season with a 2-1 lose, meaning even without the three points gained from O&C we would have still come out on top.

It was a tough season with some truly incredible performance so I would like to thank the whole team again for all their efforts.

League Table Standings

Winners: Roehampton Club
Seconds with 49 points
Lansdowne Thirds: 46 points
Roehampton Club Thirds: 35 points

Second Team squad:

Tom Bailey, Jojo Sheen, Satomi Watanabe, Rana Ismail, Dan Thomson, Ed Hopkins, Rudi Willemse, Michael Stewart (Captain)

Club Championship 2022

Thank you ... to every Member who participated in the Squash Club Championship and to every Member who attended the finals night dinner and prizegiving on Friday 6th May.

Squash Club Finals are now back in the usual Club-calendar spot of early May and only five months since the 2021 finals.

The season and finals exceeded expectation with the matches and Chairman's speech living long in the memory for those lucky enough to witness them. The Finals Night began with a result rather than a match ...

Under 19 Junior

The final between Sophie Evans and Hugo Anderson was sadly a non-event due to an injury sustained by Hugo. We wish Hugo a quick and full recovery but congratulations to Sophie on winning the U19 title, having lost in the 2021 final.

Sophie Evans beat Hugo Anderson w/o

O45s Singles

The over 45s saw a familiar face in the final, Spencer Gordon – 2021 finalist. Perhaps not the familiar finalist most would expect in Duncan Kynoch, having been knocked out earlier in the draw by Chris Dawson. Duncan was resigned to marking duties as newcomer Chris Dawson and Spencer Gordon competed in the final.

Chris, with his hard, left-handed hitting started the first game brightly while Spencer tried to find his range. Chris took the first game but Spencer's plan of hitting low and deep to Chris's backhand seem to pay dividends in the second game as he raced to a 5/0 lead. Although

the serve swapped hands on occasions after, it was Chris who would have a plan 'B' and re-took control of the match winning the second game 9/5. Spencer now exhausted put up a brave fight but Chris closed out the third game 9/3 and match 3-0. Chris Dawson beat Spencer Gordon 3-0. 9/5, 9/5, 9/3.

O55's Singles

A new event for this year's tournament and it would be a final between one of the star Bath Cup Vets players of recent seasons, Cavin O'Driscoll, and a previous Bath Cup Vets stalwart Stuart.

Cavin initially struggled with Stuart's serve, especially to the forehand side and the warm court meant taking the ball in short, usually an advantage at this age (!), was not as beneficial as may have been planned. All three games were played at a great level and wonderful spirit and interestingly in a similar pattern, Cavin had to run and run to earn his points, but he just about managed to pace himself to take a 3-0 win and the first ever Over 55 singles title. Cavin O'Driscoll beat Stuart Hardy 3-0. 9/4, 9/6, 9/4.



Cavin O'Driscoll – Over 55s Winner

Open Singles

The final was always going to be a high-class affair between two top players ... the challenge was that no-one was sure who would be in the final.

After a successful Bath Cup season the final was played between Ben Coates and Lewis Walters. Ben having beaten Steve Richardson in one semi-final and Lewis beating Jojo Shean in the other. Worth noting Steve, Ben and Jojo did not lose a single of their respective Bath Cup matches this season.

Lewis is renowned for a slow start and the first game followed this pattern, as Ben, who was fully focused raced to a 8/3 lead and then an exchange of world class rallies saw Ben win the first game.

As if someone had flicked a switch the second game was dominated by Lewis leading 9/1 to then take the game 11/2. Lewis did not let up at in the third and the world class squash was matched as the tighter score line suggests as Lewis came from 4/3 down to win 11/5 and take a 2-1 lead in games.

The fourth game began closely, 3/3 then 4/3 Lewis. But as are the fine margins at the top-level Ben dug deep and saw a glimmer of hope at 4/4, kept his cool and applied pressure to take the game 11/4 and force the match into a deciding game.

Lewis was not going to give up easily though. Ben fell behind early on 2/3 but regained his lead with determination and high-class accuracy to open a 6/5 lead. Lewis tried to stay with Ben but from 7/9 down Lewis could not find the points needed and Ben closed out the game 11/7 and with it the match 3-2 to take his

second Club Championship Open title. (Having previously won it back in 2018).

Ben Coates beat Lewis Walters 3-2. 11/5, 2/11, 5/11, 11/4, 11/7.

Ladies Singles

2021 champion, Elspeth Young, made the 2022 final but knew winning this title was going to be difficult. Facing Elspeth in the final was Alison Waters, recently retired from the world squash tour and with a previous world high ranking of 3, would the pressure to claim her first Club Championship get to Alison?! The answer came quiet quickly as Alison opened a 7/0 lead, but Elspeth then relaxed and played a few of her wonderful attacking shots to get herself into the match. This did not deter Alison who took the first game 11/3. The second game Alison showed her class, and why she had just been selected to represent England at the Commonwealth Games in the squash doubles. The third was a near repeat of the second game with Alison controlling the rallies and hitting winners at the right time. Elspeth battled towards the end and from 10/2 managed to get to 10/5 but Alison calmly waited her time to win the game 11/5 and the match 3-0.

Alison Waters beat Elspeth Young 3-0. 11/3, 11/2, 11/5.

Handicap Singles

A match between friends, as Andy Nowell took on Craig de Silva. Craig's handicap giving Andy a 5-point start in the first game could well have given Andy the confidence to start quickly ... and that he did. Some frantic rallies with deceptive shots made for great entertainment but it was Andy who raced to a 8/0 lead and then the game 15/5. Craig regrouped for the second game, and it was as close as could be with both players giving their

all to retrieve each and every ball. The score line of 15/14 shows how close the game was and it was Craig victorious to level the match 1-1. This second game may have taken its toll on Craig's fitness (nothing to do with two hours of Padel during the day!) and Andy did not let up as he kept his handicap score advantage at 11/6 up and then closed the game 15/8. Craig battled early in the fourth game, but Andy was hitting the ball low and hard and mixed in a few tricky drop shots, out of the reach of Craig, and it was Andy who took the game 15/5 and the match 3-1.

Andy Nowell beat Craig de Silva 3-1. 15/5, 14/15, 15/8, 15/5.

Handicap Doubles

Chris Goodenough and Elspeth Young took on James Rowland Clark and Chris Lipscomb. Both pairs had claimed some notable scalps in the previous round and the close handicap between them made for an interesting battle. Chris and Elspeth started so fast most missed the first game, as they combined hard hitting (Chris) with deft touch (Elspeth) to win the first game 11/3. A team talk for James and Chris L saw a reverse in fortune with lots of head scratching from the spectators as they won the second game 11/3. How could a match be this one side for two different games? The third game noticeably saw both pairs steadier in their play and the error count reduced. A close game right to the end but it was Chris and Elspeth who came out on top 11/9. The fourth again showed how closely matched these two pairs were, not sure what happened in the first two games, and it was only the odd shot that would separate them. Luck favoured Chris and Elspeth

at the right times towards the end of the fourth game and they did not give up the opportunity as they won the game 11/8 and match 3-1.

Chris Goodenough and Elspeth Young beat James Rowland Clark and Chris Lipscomb 3-1. 11/3, 3/11, 11/9, 11/8

O55's Doubles

Cavin O'Driscoll and Kevin Daly had experience, not in age years but of partnering each other, against Nick Charteris-Black and Stephen Jones. Stephen, a new Member to the Club, provided Nick with a partner possessing attacking shots and quality. It was a nervy start from all, and a few errors from Nick combined with Cavin and Kevin taking the ball in short to the front corners meant Cavin and Kevin from 3/3 opened a 9/4 lead before taking the first game 11/5. The second game was tough and closely fought with all four players now hitting the ball well. Nick and Stephen managed to get into a 8/6 lead but could not find that next point as Cavin and Kevin kept in the rallies to take the game 11/8. The third saw a quick start by Cavin and Kevin and added to the body blow of losing the second game there was to be no recovery from Nick and Stephen as Cavin and Kevin kept focused to claim the game and match 3-0.

Cavin O'Driscoll and Kevin Daly beat Nick Charteris-Black and Stephen Jones 3-0. 11/5, 11/8, 11/0.

O40's Doubles

A near repeat of the 2021 final but Jo had a change of partner with Spencer Gordon replacing the absent Michael Hill as they took on 2021 winners Toby Marcham and Paul Lindsay.

A case for fewer errors wins you matches in doubles and Jo

and Spencer proved this in the first game as they recovered from 1/5 down to gain confidence and take the game 11/9. A similar pattern for the second game as Toby and Paul looked to have found more of a rhythm but at 7/8 down it was Jo and Spencer who reduced their errors and hit a better length to take the game 11/8.

A change of tactics as Toby and Paul swap sides ... this could have been the answer as they raced into a 4/1 lead and seemed a lot more comfortable taking the game 11/4.

The fourth game saw little between the pairs as 3/3 became 6/6 and then 8/7 to Toby and Paul. Jo and Spencer kept to their plan to force the other pair to win rallies. They remained focused and sensing a chance took it, to take the fourth game 11/8 and the match.

Jo Cochrane and Spencer Gordon beat Toby Marcham and Paul Lindsay 3-1. 11/9, 11/8, 4/11, 11/8.

Open Doubles

The final match of the evening did not disappoint. Both singles Open Finalists, Ben Coates, and Lewis Walters, were now paired together as they took on Steve Richardson and Rob Findlay. Steve and Rob started well to take a slender 7/6 lead, but Ben and Lewis were managing to

stay with them and starting to force errors. The high quality was loudly applauded by the spectators each rally as both pairs concentrated on trying to create an opening or hit a winner, not an error! Game ball at 10/9 to Bena and Lewis was saved and then Rob and Steve had their own game ball at 13/12 and took it at the first time of asking much to their delight and relief.

The second game saw Ben and Lewis push up the court and start to attempt more winners. It led to more errors from Steve and Rob and soon the match was level at 1-1.

The third game was a spectacle of amazing reactions, wonderful retrieving, and sublime winners. The fact the game was so close proved it was all four players now on their game. Perhaps the fresher legs of Steve and Rob gave them a slight advantage, but it was most likely their freshness mentally, having not competed in the Open singles final, that gave them an edge and they took the very close third game 12/10.

The fourth game saw Ben and Lewis take a 6/3 lead, but Steve and Rob were still in this. Soon it was 6/6 and a big point at 6/7 looked like it took its toll on Ben. Ben and Lewis fought on but could not stay with Steve and Rob who took the game 11/7 and

match 3-1.

Steve Richardson and Rob Findlay beat Ben Coates and Lewis Walters 3-1. 11/9, 6/11, 11/8, 11/7.

Best and Fairest

2021/22 – Tim Butler
Retiring to the Roehampton Room, with Hawaiian-themed menu and shirts on show to match.

The Chairman and Captain gave a lovely talk on the success of the Bath Cup and Queen's Cup teams before presentations of trophies to the winners and highly entertaining speech by Squash Chairman Philip Greenhalgh rounded off the night.



Ben Coates – Open Winner

National Squash Club Championship Finals 2021/22

The 2019/20 group results had meant Roehampton Club made both the Men's and Ladies finals stages but covid then delayed these. With the Finals now being played in May 2022, this past Saturday our two teams made the journey to Hallamshire Club in Sheffield.

Men's Team: Adrian Waller / Joe Lee / Vini Rodrigues / Ben Coates.
Ladies Team: Satomi Watanabe / Alison Waters / Kace Bartley.

The Ladies played host Club Hallamshire in the semi-final. Kace was first on and although the points were evenly shared for the first few rallies it was

Kace who was the stronger of the players as she pushed on to win the match 3-0. Satomi recently back from her performance at the World Championships in Egypt, losing in a close battle against the number 3 seed, was second on and gave her opponent full respect and not

letting her settle into the match. In a short time, Satomi had won the match 3-0. Alison's match was entertaining to watch with the Hallamshire player trying her best and enjoying the experience of being up against a former World number 3. Alison recently retired from the professional tour is still training for the up-coming Commonwealth Games where she will represent England. It was her quality of shot and clinical decision making that gave her and the team a comfortable 3-0 win. Roehampton Club beat Hallamshire 3-0.

Game Scores

Satomi Watanabe beat Katie Wells 3-0. 11/2, 11/6, 11/6
Alison Waters beat Charlotte Jagger 3-0. 11/8, 11/7, 11/3.
Kace Bartley beat Gabby Mawson 3-0. 11/2, 11/4, 11/1.

In the final Roehampton Club faced Pontefract. Kace was on again first against a tricky opponent who used the boast to good effect and made Kace work hard. Kace didn't panic and managed to take a close first game. Some words of wisdom from Chief supporter and self-elected tactical coach, Michael Hill, "Do you mean to boast EVERY ball, can we stop that?" After the close first game 12/10 to Kace it was then comfortable winning the next two games.

Satomi on next delivered what can only be classed as a truly professional performance. Knowing her opponent would give it her all Satomi did not let up, winning the first game 11/0 and the next two games nearly as comfy. Title was Roehampton's. Alison did know this at the time she started the match and again this was a

professional performance against an opponent who moved around the court well. This would not prove enough of a challenge as Alison won 3-0. Roehampton Club beat Pontefract 3-0.

Game Scores

Satomi Watanabe beat Polly Clarke 3-0. 11/0, 11/4, 11/1.
Alison Waters beat Grace Clarke 3-0. 11/1, 11/2, 11/3.
Kace Bartley beat Katie Smith 3-0. 12/10, 11/1, 11/5.

The Men's team played Hallamshire Club in the final, who were led by three times World Champion, Nick Matthew, at his home Club.

First on court were Adrian v Nick Matthew and Ben v Alex Cutts. Both these matches were a repeat of the previous match in 2018 between the two Clubs when both Nick and Alex won. This time our recently crowned Club Champion, Ben, was focused and disciplined from the start and after a few tough rallies he never let his opponent get into the game. A solid 3-0 win to Ben getting us off to the perfect start.

Adrian, world rank 25, was mixing up his game and playing in a controlled and calm manner. Nick started fast trying to impose himself taking the ball early where possible and found success taking the first game. Adrian was undeterred and stuck to his game plan moving Nick around the court with some hard hitting and

quality lobs mixed with taking the ball in short at the front of the court at just the right time. A close second game went Adrian's way. Adrian knew he couldn't let up and stayed relaxed as Nick came out in the third giving it his all. The work Adrian was making Nick do to cover the court was paying off as a few more errors from Nick gave Adrian a 2-1 lead. A similar pattern in the fourth game as Adrian closed out the match to win 3-1.

As this match was ending Vini was now on the other court and took a very close and tough first game against Harry Falconer. The second game was just as tough, but Vini looked the stronger player and a 11/9 win put the title in our hands and Vini had broken his opponent as he went on to win 3-0 and claim the title for Roehampton. Joe, although knew the overall match had been decided went on court against Joel Arscott and delivered a classy and controlled match to win 3-0 and round off the match.

Game Scores

Adrian Waller beat Nick Matthew 3-1. 8/11, 11/9, 11/7, 11/9. Joe Lee beat Joel Arscott 3-0. 11/4, 11/5, 11/4.
Vini Rodrigues beat Harry Falconer 3-0. 13/11, 11/9, 11/4.
Ben Coates beat Alex Cutts 3-0. 11/6, 11/1, 11/3.

Thank you to Tom Richards, Nathan Lake, Charlie Lee, Oliver Pett, Steve Richardson, Jaz Hutton, Haley Mendez-Lake, Kim Hay and Elspeth Young all of who played their part in getting us to the finals.



Previous British Under 23 winners include:

Jahangir Khan 1981 | Susan Devoy 1984 and 1986 | Rodney Martin 1986 and 1987
Lucy Soutter 1987 and 1988 Georgina Kennedy 2016 | Sam Todd 2019 | Katie Malliff 2020
Abhay Singh 2020 | Saran Nghiem and Curtis Malik 2022

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Squash Coaching

January to March 2023

There is squash coaching available for all standards and ages and the professional coaching team of Paul Lindsay and Vini Rodrigues are available for lessons and social sessions for Members.

Whether you are a complete beginner or a high-performance player our team of coaches can provide you with a great squash experience making sure your squash skills improve and you will enjoy the game even more.

Coaching sessions are bookable via
<https://roehamptonclubracquets.as.me/>

Junior Squash Coaching

Junior Term group coaching courses start 5th January.
Thursday 5pm to 6pm – Junior Group Coaching Course
Saturday 9am to 9:45am – Mini Under 7 Squash Group Coaching
Saturday 9.45am to 10:30am – Intermediate Junior Group Coaching Course
Saturday 10.30am to 11:15am – Advanced Junior Group Coaching Course
Saturday 11.15am to 12:00pm – Beginner Junior Group Coaching Course
* due to squash tournaments coaching will not take place on some weekends

Sunday 9:00am to 10am – Junior Match play morning
Sunday 10:00am to 10:45am – Mini / beginner Squash Group Coaching
* due to squash tournaments coaching will not take place on some weekend.

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Please put the child's name attending in the 'Your information' details.

If a session does not have a minimum of 4 Members booked it will be cancelled in advance.

Adult and Junior Individual Coaching

All lessons and payment are now bookable online at <https://roehamptonclubracquets.as.me/>
Book a 45-minute private squash lesson with a qualified coach and work on any element of your game.

To arrange coaching or for any queries, contact Paul Lindsay, Racquets Manager at paul.lindsay@roehamptonclub.co.uk or on 07841 429910

Team Training

Team Training sessions are organised drills aimed to help the team players improve their game. We have two teams in Division 1 and 2 in Division 2 as well as the Vets Team.

Team Training

- Monday 6.00pm to 7:00pm
- Monday 7:00pm to 8.30pm

If you have any questions about the Squash Team Training please contact Paul Lindsay on 020 8480 4227 or email paul.lindsay@roehamptonclub.co.uk



Women's European Squash Club Champions 2022

Roehampton Club are Women's European Club Champions 2022. From 14th to 17th September, Riccione, Italy held the European Squash Club Championships. With Roehampton Club Men's and Ladies' teams National Champions they represented England in the European Club Championship 2022. Squad: Satomi Watanabe, Alison Waters, Rana Ismail, Kace Bartley.

The Women faced six matches in four days as they played out a round robin group with a potential final against the 1 seed Mulhouse on Saturday morning.

3-0 wins against SC Sandweiler (Luxembourg) and Gigantos Fricktal (Switzerland) on Wednesday, was backup on Thursday with a win over De Vaart Notre Dame (Belgium).

Friday's matches saw the Club face Skelleftea (Sweden) and Squash Italia (Italy) with the knowledge two wins would leave a straight head-to-head final on Saturday v Mulhouse (France). The team delivered winning both matches 3-0 on Friday to go into the final with a 100%-win record.

Saturday's final produced the best match of the women's draw in the tournament.

First on court was Kace, playing at 3. Two very close games saw Kace take a 2-0 lead and we thought may have zapped her opponent of any will to fight on ... we were wrong. The Mulhouse number 3 continued to run down ever ball and fight for every point. Kace strategically has a rest in the third game losing 11/5 and trying to save some energy for the next game. Now the French women had some momentum and was forcing

errors from Kace, all of a sudden it was 2-2 and yours truly was wondering if Kace has anything left to give. A nervy start from both players in the deciding game saw the unforced errors count increase but most importantly both players were now fighting and giving everything. Kace was clearly the better squash player of the two but the Mulhouse player used her speed to counter as points ever shared evenly to start. As the score line started to get close to the business end Kace kept her cool, digging deep to hit some vital winners, taking the game and match 11/8. In a three-player team this win was vital.

Next on was team Captain and Roehampton Club number 1, Alison Waters, against the Mulhouse number 1 Sarah-Jane Perry. Co-incidentally Alison's Commonwealth games ladies' doubles partner. Both the players know each other so well from England training and Professional Tour matches and it was SJ who would go into the match favourite to win. Alison started so well not allowing SJ to settle with a mix of pace and attacking shots. Alison took the first game 11/7 and SJ looked worried. The second game SJ was now playing with more of a rhythm and moving Ali around the courts. Ali never gave up and the large crowd were treated to world class squash. SJ won the game 11/7. As similar pattern in the third game saw SJ open a lead and Ali could not quite get it back as potential winners would clip the tin by millimetres, SJ took the game 11/7. The fourth game again showed why both players have been top players in the

world with world class movement and control. Ali fought to take the game, but SJ held her nerve to take the game and match 11/8. This meant that after four days, and five previous group matches the Women's title would be decided by the number 2 pairs of their Clubs. Roehampton Club's Rana Ismail won a tough 5-set match on Friday and I'm sure there were some pre-match nerves. Both women hit the ball hard and cleanly and the first game would come down to who made fewer mistakes. Lucky for us Rana had learnt from the tough match the day before and stayed patient at the right time to win the first game 11/7. This gave her the confidence to take the second game more comfortably



11/3 and the fourth game although close and nervy Rana won 11/4 – winning the match and title for Roehampton Club. Women's Euro Squash Club results: <https://bit.ly/3dq3ZWY> Men's Euro Squash Club results: <https://bit.ly/3LrwhMC> An amazing effort from all involved in Italy.

Paul Lindsay, Head Squash Pro and Racquets Manager

Queen's Cup Season Report

With two seasons of the Queen's Cup missed due to the wretched virus, Roehampton Club Ladies, with newest addition Rana Ismail, dusted off the cobwebs and were once again ready for the fight to win the title ... after some tough pre-season training with Vini Rodrigues of course!

The season started as it meant to go on, with our first match being away at Hurlingham. Rana, playing number one. 1, showed off her amazing skillset from the onset and quickly glided through to a 3-0 win, with the rest of the team, Elspeth Young and Vicky O'Donnell, following suit. The winning streak continued, right through the first half, with us winning all our fixtures and dropping only a single match in the process. A special shout

out to Olivia Huxtable, who managed to get a gruelling 3/2 win, away at Coolhurst, even with a very long delay half-way through because the court lights went out!

With the first half of the season having gone so well, the pressure was on to keep the momentum going ... but that we did. First two fixtures, we had Hurlingham followed by Dulwich, with both wins of 3-0. Next up was Charing Cross, where our brilliant junior, Sophie Evans, excitingly had her league debut. With nerves of steel, a yellow/pink colour coordinated outfit (right down to her eye goggles!), she played amazingly well and deservedly won her match. Also, a special thanks to Kim, this year's British

Amateur winner, who despite being crazily busy with work, still pulled through and helped win the match.

We sadly had our first (and only!) defeat against a tough Queen's side at home which had some super tight matches but overall, just wasn't meant to be our night. However, it wasn't all doom and gloom as after checking the league table and getting our calculators out, it was officially confirmed ... Roehampton Club had won the league even with two matches to go!!

What a great season of squash with an even greater bunch of players! Here's to next year!

Victoria O'Donnell,
Ladies Squash Captain

Match v HK National Team

From: Peter Genever

Subject: Hong Kong Team at Roehampton

Dear Paul,

On behalf of the Hong Kong team please accept our sincere thanks for allowing us to train at your facility this week.

What a privilege it is to train at such an amazing Club. Everything we need as a professional team in one space. We hope the Members enjoyed watching the doubles you helped set up during the week and I know they had a great experience in the Hong Kong vs Roehampton Challenge match and dinner. I like to believe we edged the win ...

The players truly appreciate the opportunity to play doubles ahead of the World Doubles as quality championship specific venues are very difficult to find. Lastly, thank you for your efforts both before and during the week, we really felt welcomed and looked after. We do hope to return in the future and visit again.

All the best with the Club moving forward in the future,
Peter Genever – Hong Kong National Squash Coach



Friendly Match List

First Half	Home Team	Away Team	Captain
2022			
Tuesday 6 Sept	Club Night	Season Opener	
Thursday 8 Sept	Roehampton Club	Wine Trades	Dave
Thursday 15 Sept	Barnes	Roehampton Club	Nick
Thursday 22-26 Sept	<i>Squash Tour</i>	<i>New York City</i>	
Tuesday 4 Oct	Club Night	Captain v Chairman Team Challenge	
Thursday 6 Oct	Roehampton Club	tbc	
Thursday 13 Oct	Roehampton Club	Hurlingham	Nigel
Monday 17 Oct	Roehampton Club	HAC	
Thursday 20 Oct	Sheen	Roehampton Club	
Thursday 27 Oct	Roehampton Club	St George's Hill	Nick
Tuesday 1 Nov	Club Night	England v Rest of World	
Thursday 3 Nov	RAC	Roehampton Club (doubles)	Paul
Thursday 10 Nov	Roehampton Club	Old Wellingtonians	Nigel
Monday 14 Nov	Roehampton Club	SWANS	
Thursday 1 Dec	Wimbledon R&FC	Roehampton Club	Dave
Tuesday 6 Dec	Club Night	Secret Santa	
Friday 9 Dec tba	Roehampton Club	Dulwich (doubles)	Paul
Second Half			
Home Team	Away Team	Captain	
2023			
Sunday 8 Jan	Roehampton Club	James Newell Invitational	
Thursday 12 Jan	Roehampton Club	Vets of GB	
Sunday 15 Jan	<i>Roehampton Schools Squash Invitation Division 2</i>		
Thursday 19 Jan	Roehampton Club	Lloyds	
Saturday 21-22 Jan	<i>Dunlop British U23 Open</i>		
Thursday 26 Jan	Roehampton Club	Old Wellingtonians	
Thursday 2 Feb	Roehampton Club	Wimbledon R&FC	
Tuesday 7 Feb	Club Night	Fancy Dress and Quiz Night	
Thursday 9 Feb	Roehampton Club	Barnes	
Saturday 11-12 Feb	<i>Roehampton Club University Cup</i>		
Thursday 16 Feb	Roehampton Club	Escorts	
Thursday 23 Feb	Roehampton Club	Jesters	
Thursday 2 Mar	Hurlingham	Roehampton Club	
Sunday 5 Mar	<i>Roehampton Schools Squash Invitation Division 1</i>		
Tuesday 7 Mar	Club Night	Doubles Tournament & H/Cap draw	
Thursday 9 Mar	Roehampton Club	Wine Trades	
Tuesday 14 Mar	<i>Canary Wharf Squash Classic Trip</i>		
Wednesday 15 Mar	Club Championship Starts		
Monday 20 Mar	SWANS	Roehampton Club	
Thursday 23 Mar	St George's Hill	Roehampton Club	
Thursday 30 Mar	Roehampton Club	Sheen	
Thursday 6 April	Roehampton Club	Old Salopians	
Thursday 13 April	tbc	Roehampton Club	
Friday 28 April	<i>Club Championship Finals Evening</i>		
Wednesday 10 May	Roehampton Club	RAC (doubles)	

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Friendly Match v Vets of GB



Club Championship 2021

You may need to be of a certain age to understand the first four lines ...

Oh, what a night
Late December, back in '63
What a very special time for me
As I remember, what a night ...
oh its 2021! (but you are humming the song now!)

Squash is back, not since '63 but after a little hiatus with covid. The disruption of the past 18 months meant the 2020/21 Squash Club Championships was moved and 'crowbarred' into the final part of 2021. The commitment of Members to play matches and enthusiasm in which they were played showed Squash had been greatly missed whilst the camaraderie and competitiveness had not left most.

The Finals night began with the u19 final between Rana Sarin and Sophie Evans.

Under 19 Junior

Both players have improved in the last year and will continue to do so in years to come. Rana, two years Sophie's senior, used his strength and control to make sure his number 1 seed was warranted. He duly delivered with some hard hitting and attacking shots.

Rana Sarin beat Sophie Evans 3-0. 11/2, 11/0, 11/2.

O45s Singles

The over 45s also started early (someone mentioned Bovril and early to bed!). Duncan Kynoch having won the past 4 years had

defied injury, sustained playing Bath Cup 10 days prior, to make yet another o45s final. Spencer, lacking in court time, work and family commitments over the past years has started to find time back on court. Duncan gave Spencer no time to settle or find a rhythm using his attacking boast and wonderful hold on the ball to keep Spencer guessing. Spencer tried throughout but just could not find a way to string a run of points together to put Duncan under pressure or test his physical capabilities. A fifth consecutive o45 title for Duncan. Duncan Kynoch beat Spencer Gordon 3-0. 9/1, 9/3, 9/2.



Open Singles

Stevie, playing in his 10th consecutive Open final was up against new Member Lewis Walters. Fair to say the match received a lot of interest before play began and the spectators were not disappointed. Unusually Steve settled into the match the quicker of the two players racing to a 6/1 lead and although Lewis started to come back in the first game the damage was done as Steve closed the game out 11/5.

You do not get to 10 consecutive finals for no reason and Steve, not adverse to a five setter in his time, is also a master of match-play and not letting a lead go. Lewis started to find a way back into the game and a close second game saw him level at 1-1. This would test the resolve of both players with crowd having no idea who would come out on top. Lewis, slightly younger than Stevie got off to another poor start in the third game and although from 5/1 down the score was soon to be level at 9/9 it was Steve who went 2-1 up taking the game 11/9. Focused, Steve worked harder for every point in a top-quality match, decided by fine margins and there was 'life in the old dog' yet as Steve was just too consistent taking the game 11/7 and the title for a record 9th time. Steve Richardson beat Lewis Walters 3-1. 11/5, 9/11, 11/9, 11/7.



Ladies Singles

Vicky, having won the title since 2017 was up against Elspeth. Both players representing the Clubs Queen's Cup team over the past 3 years knew each other well and it would certainly be

the highest standard of Ladies final for some years. It was Elspeth who got off to a good start opening up a 5/2 and then 9/4 lead before taking the first 11/5. It looked like Elspeth had found her range in the second as she controlled most rallies with Vicky trying to find an answer to her attacking play. The third game saw Vicky put Elspeth under more pressure, but Elspeth opened up a two point advantage at 5/3 and never let that lead slip to take the third game 11/7 and the title with it.

Elspeth Young beat Victoria O'Donnell 3-0. 11/5, 11/3, 11/7.



Handicap Singles

Two new contenders had managed to negotiate their way through a tricky draw to make the finals, as the matches throughout the draw proved close in every round. Nathan, sporting a healthy -18 start in the first used his speed and low hitting to open up a commanding lead for 12/6 but Sam fought tirelessly to somehow get the score back to 14/14 and then sneak the game 15/14. This would be the tone for the match as Sam would have to try and claw back the handicap deficit by not making mistakes and trying to work his opponent round the

court to give him space to hit a winner. The extremely close game scores show there were to be no complaints on the handicapping - even with a -22 score to make up in the third game! Sam continued his quest and a very even third game saw both players exchanging point for point form 7/7 but it would be Sam who came out on top to win 3-0. Sam Huxtable beat Nathan Tavares 3-0. 15/14, 15/13, 15/13.



O40's Doubles

A battle of the bodies....not the adonises you may think but more a case of who had the least injuries and upcoming operations! Neither pair dominated the early exchanges, bit like a boxing match it was more seeing who was prepared to do what and when. Michael and Jo struck early though with some tight play forcing errors from their opponents. The second game followed a similar pattern, albeit the rallies were starting to get longer. The infamous Michael Hill backhand top spin driving drop shot (a contradiction in itself) would find its range while Toby and Jo would look to hit low and short when possible, on the forehand side. Again errors, mostly by me!! meant Michael and Jo would take

a two-game lead. The third and fourth game saw greater patience by Toby and Paul with noticeably less errors. The match was now poised on a knives edge at 2-2. The deciding game saw a mix of great shots and some nervy shots with players not wanting to make an error. Toby found his range with some lovely retrieving and taking the ball in short to great reward while Michael and Jo continue to apply pressure with every shot. By the finest of margins Toby and Paul won the fifth to take the match.

Toby Marcham and Paul Lindsay beat Michael Hill and Jo Cochrane 3-2. 8/11, 9/11, 11/8, 11/7, 11/9.

Open Doubles

Following the O40s doubles the crowd woke up to see doubles played at a normal pace with hard hitting, amazing movement and exceptional shot making. The pairings were near even with both Lewis and Steve having contested the Open singles trophy earlier in the evening. The fresh legs of Tom and Rob meant a high pace was played for each and every point from the outset and Rob through ability and one little lucky shot won the first three points near single handily, to the crowd's encouragement. There was no clear pattern in the game of errors or winners as each player contributed to an exhibition of doubles squash. Perhaps at times the length of rallies forced a player to go for a shot too many or just be inches out of position and at this level that is all that is needed. But over the games it was Lewis and Tom who prevailed, beating the 2019 Champs 3-1. Well played to all four.

Tom Bailey and Lewis Walters beat Steve Richardson and Rob Findlay 3-1. 11/9, 6/11, 11/8, 11/7.



Best and Fairest
2019/20 – Joakim Jonsson
2020/21 – Gary O'Brien



Retiring to the Roehampton Room, a lovely curry dinner to

warm us up and the festive spirit was on show for all to see with wonderful Christmas jumpers. Presentations of trophies to the winners and a short speech by Squash Chairman Philip Greenhalgh rounded off the night

I look forward to the new year and the Club Championships returning to their more normal annual date of March to May. Put the Finals Night in your diary now ... Friday 6th May 2022.

Club Championship 2021 ...

The eagle eyed among you would have noticed two results were missing from the 2021 Squash Finals Night report. I am pleased to say after a little covid disruption the remaining matches were played.

O55 Doubles

Michael Hill and Cavin O'Driscoll beat Rory Ross-Russell and Nigel Clarke 3-2. Michael and Cavin went in favourites to the match, but the form guide soon went out the window with Nigel and Rory having other ideas. Some low hard hitting from Rory with Michael and Cavin taking their time to find line and length meant Nigel and Rory were soon 2-0 up. The pressure was relentless and a 10-2 lead in the third to Michael and Cavin was then 11-11 but Nigel and Rory couldn't find the important match ball point as Michael and Cavin found themselves back in the match 2-1. The comeback was now on and even a foot injury to Michael didn't stop them winning the fourth game and forcing the match to a

decider. A fine comeback was completed by Michael and Cavin in a match that may have been played by the oldies but served up a classic. They request for more ice packs by court next year and body parts hurting that the players had even forgotten they had showed how all four battled tirelessly.

3-2 to Michael and Cavin.

Handicap Doubles

Jojo Shean and Nigel Clarke beat Michael Stewart and Rory Ross-Russell 3-2.

Another 'to and fro' match. Nigel and Jojo went one game down with Rory firing some fierce crosscourts at Nigel – the ball crossed the court more times than Djokovic recently crossed the Australian border. As the pairs settled down it was the fewer mistakes by Nigel and Jojo that saw the match tied at one game all.

Nigel and Jojo had momentum now and went 10-6 up only for Michael and Rory to comeback but they could not get the vital game point as Nigel and Jojo

held their nerve for 2-1 lead. The fourth was tight as the handicap kicked in with Michael and Rory racing to a 5-1 lead and despite a fightback, including 7 winning points in a row to give Nigel and Jojo a match point, Michael and Rory hit some good winners to take the match into the final game. 2-2. The fifth was a war of attrition with cross court drives ding donging back and forth and Michael playing the game in perfect spirit with very few 'let' requests. All the players were exhausted except for Jojo who was sweating about as much as Prince Andrew eating a pizza. It was Nigel and Jojo who found the lead at the critical time and just made it over the line in a tense and close final game.

3-2 to Nigel and Jojo.



Fancy dress and Quiz ~ Squash Club Night Special

The evening proved to be great fun with a mix of fancy dress, squash and a tough quiz!

The array of outfits provided some interesting matches on the squash court and with over 40 different matches played Members had earned their drink by time the quiz came around.

Some even more interesting outfits were on show for the quiz, but this did not stop four teams competing for the annual title.

With three rounds of questions Members scratched their brains and guessed away to find answers to questions along the lines of:

- In what year was the Five Nations expanded to become the Six Nations?
- When was the last time when the Summer and Winter Olympic Games were held in the same year?
- Which athlete holds the record of winning the most Olympic medals?
- Which super-middleweight fighter retired in 2008 with 46 wins, no draws, no defeats? *

Winning Quiz Team: Chris Lipscomb James Dearman Chris Goodenough Nick Charteris-Black Anthony Gammon.

Thank you to all those who joined in.



** Answers to questions: 2000, 1992, Michael Phelps, Joe Calzaghe*

Dunlop U23 British Squash Open

Women's Final

Saran Nghiem beat Torrie Malik 3-2. 2/11, 11/7, 11/5, 11/7, 11/4. A quick start from Torrie saw her settle into the match while Saran seemed sluggish and nervy. A 9/0 lead was soon closed out 11/2 with a one-sided final on the cards. Saran seemed more switched on at the start of the second, but Torrie had momentum and confidence on her side and from 4/4 Torrie pulled away to 8/5 and even though Saran was now moving and striking the ball better Torrie took the game 11/7 and a 2-0 lead.

A change of tactic for Saran now saw her moving the ball in shorter with every opportunity and it was now Torrie's turn to seem unsettled. Some unforced errors gave Saran a 5/1 lead and then more pressure with good length gave Saran the third game 11/5. The fourth was a close game all the way but it was Saran's focus that gave her the edge and from 7/5 up Torrie was searching for winners but only finding errors by the narrowest of margins to give Saran the games 11/7 and take the match to a decider.

At 2/2 it looked like the title could go either way but once more it was Saran who stayed patience and focus while Torrie made too many mistakes. A 7/2 lead was not going to be given away and Saran did no such thing to win the game 11/4 and the match to claim the 2022 Dunlop u23 women's British Open title.

Men's Final

Curtis Malik beat Tom Walsh 3-2. 11/7, 11/5, 10/12, 8/11, 11/3. The Men's final started similar to the women's ... Curtis Malik (Torrie's brother) went on the attack early as Tom looked tired

and to be struggling with his movement. Curtis opened up a 8/4 lead and even though Tom was starting to move quicker around the court Curtis kept to his game plan and took the first game 11/7. Curtis, as his sister before, was high on confidence and hitting the ball with precision. Tom searched for answered and each rally he was trying to switch defence into attack but could not find success. Curtis took the game 11/5 and 2-0 up.

At 7/4 up in the third most the crowd had handed the trophy to Curtis but Tom wasn't totally out of it. 7/5 was soon 8/8 and now all of a sudden Curtis looked lost at what to do with Tom taking

the ball in short to great returns. A missed match ball for Curtis at 10/9 then saw Tom win three points in a row to get the match back to 2-1. It was de-ja vu as with the women's final Curtis was now struggling to find any length or rhythm and a high error count gave Tom a 5/1 lead.

Although Curtis got the score back to 6/8 it was Tom who now looked in control but having to work extremely hard for it. 11/8 and Tom had levelled the match 2-2. The fourth game may have taken its toll physically on Tom as his movement slowed up but what should not be taken away was the near impeccable play from Curtis in the fifth game.

Good length and a mix of cross

court lob with low boasts and winning drop shots gave Tom no chance. 7/1 to Curtis and he was not going to let this lead slip, he duly won the game and match 11/3 to take the Men's Dunlop u23 British Open title. All matches were of the highest quality, showcasing the high standard at u23 level. The players thanked the referees, hosts Roehampton Club and sponsors Dunlop for putting on the event.

Men's 3rd 4th Play-off

Finnlay Withington bt Perry Malik 3/1. 5/11, 11/4, 11/7, 11/9.

Ladies' 3rd / 4th Play-off

Asia Harris bt Rana Ismail 3-0. 11/7, 11/9, 11/3.



James Newell trophy

After a year off It was great to see seven pairs compete for the James Newell trophy.

The pairings provided some very close group results, with countback deciding the placings between second and third and a single point in the last match deciding who went through to the semi-final in fourth.

Congratulations to Cavin and Craig on their win and solid performances throughout the morning.



2022 Squash Tour to NYC

It was planned as a trip of a lifetime ... and it exceeded in its planning ...

While the concept for the tenth annual squash tour began back in 2018 with the proposed dates in September 2020, covid meant all plans went to pot and the tour went on hold.

Post covid restrictions and with some cautious planning, the tour was soon back on with the dates set for September 2022.

On Thursday 17th September the Squash Tour set off in the early hours to Heathrow ready for a packed schedule.

Day 1

An early flight meant arrival in New York City (NYC) just before 1pm with the first match scheduled for 5pm!

A short train ride on the Airline from JFK airport and subway to Penn Station soon saw us arrive in NYC. A slightly longer walk than expected finally had us arriving at our hotel in Times Square.

Enough time to check-in and head off for the first match at Yale Club of New York.

A very warm welcome from the club members, Head Pro and Club CEO was the perfect start after a long day of travel. The club's grand entrance was soon matched by its lavish changing rooms as the players put on the team t-shirts ready for battle.

Sadly one of the touring group had succumb to injury but coincidentally another Roehampton Club squash member happened to be in NYC – so we bought in a 'for-one-night-only' replacement. The matches went the way of Roehampton Club winning 8-0 in strings.

Despite the hosts losing to the visitors, camaraderie had soon

been formed and we made our way to dinner. Here is where we all realised why this would be such a special trip, stepping into the Roof Dining Room and Terrace where the evening view of NYC was breath taking.

Tour gang pictured attached (left to right): William Husband, Nick Charteris-Black, Nigel Clarke, Paul Lindsay, Sam Huxtable, Rob Findlay, James Dearman, James Machin, Dave Newman.

Day 2

Up early, and through jet lag or sheer excitement and a short walk to find a breakfast-diner – all the tour convened close to 7:30am!

An experience but possibly not the best quality food.

After collecting our kit from the hotel we headed for Nicol Squash, a new, street-level club with four courts opened a year ago by Peter Nicol (former world number one).

We enjoyed a lovely club lay out and relaxed atmosphere as we mixed squash with coffee and bagels and some Members enjoyed the experience of getting on court with Peter – a real highlight.

Another match win for Roehampton Club.

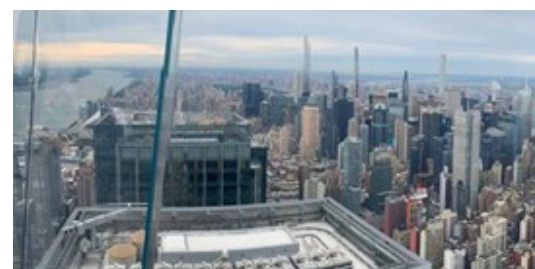
As lunchtime approached the gang showered and headed off in the direction of the Hudson River, finally stopping at the Frying Pan, a funky boat restaurant for lunch. Refuelled and refreshed a walk back to the hotel via part of the Highline Walk and 6th Avenue showed us more sights of NYC.

After a change of kit we headed back out for our evening match at New York Athletic Club (NYAC). A slow walk up 5th Avenue taking in sights along the way and we were soon up to Central Park South, which includes Plaza Hotel – famously used in Home Alone 2

film as well as the south side of Central Park itself. We made our way to NYAC to again be stunned by the club's size, history and grandeur. Guided to floor seven we changed to then make our way to floor twenty one for the squash. The scale of the club is difficult to comprehend if not experienced. One floor alone hosted a full basketball court and running track! As the squash matches started those not on court were given a guided tour, including the roof top above floor 24 – the view was spectacular as you looked out over Central Park, a real wow factor (see photo attached). The squash again went the way of Roehampton Club with a 7-0 string victory. The NYAC Members kindly treated us to some drinks in one of their bars before we made our way to a dining room to enjoy dinner and drinks. This was not to be the end of the night though as NYAC members then invited us to their Snooker and Pool Hall ... and like most things at the club it was world class, including an on-site snooker professional to join in with our games.

Day 3

Another early start but this time aided by some very useful information from the hotel concierge as he guided us to a more local breakfast spot where we could order what we wanted at a reasonable price – jackpot. Ready for action we made our way to the University Club with a



10am start. Another hidden gem of a world-class club tucked away off 5th Avenue including one of the most impressive floors as a dedicated library. The squash overseen by Suzie Pierrepont (former English touring Pro) include lovely facilities, squash courts and a hardball court. Hardball is similar to squash but played with a harder ball on a longer court. Some of the gang were fortunate to experience hardball doubles and even beat the hosts at their own game! The squash again went the way of Roehampton Club 6-1 in strings. The club then provided the players with a lovely lunch buffet and drinks as we retired to the terrace balcony overlooking 5th Avenue in the sunshine. I can think of worse places to have lunch and cool down after squash. From here the tour team got their walking shoes on and enjoyed a leisurely stroll in Central Park before making their way back to the hotel. The evening provided us with a tour meal at the highly recommended 'Beauty and Essex' restaurant. We were not to be disappointed with a wide selection of first-class food in a great venue.

Day 4

A Sunday morning trip to Harvard Club provided us with yet another breath-taking venue, a mix of old and new design did not give much away from the street view but we soon found ourselves navigating our way up to the squash courts where we were greeted by the Head Pro Richard Chin. A well-organised club with wel-

coming members, it is not easy to become a member (!), continued the tour and this truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. Some tougher matches commenced for our fifth and final match in four days. It could be that some of the tour were tiring! A tweak of Nigel's calf meant he had to stop from a winning position but Roehampton Club once again prevailed to win 6-1 in strings. We were then kindly invited to join Richard for lunch and this was not only generous but the perfect way to cap off our Club visits as we enjoyed a Sunday lunch banquet. With the squash over we were so fortunate to be able to experience Peak via contacts at Roehampton Club. Peak is a stunning restaurant, located on the 101st floor of 30 Hudson Yards, the development's tallest building. Stunning views of New York City with warm hospitality at the summit of the 1,296-foot tall tower, Peak soars one level above Edge – the highest observation deck in the Western Hemisphere. The once-in-a lifetime experience kept coming. Thank you so much to those involved in accommodating us and we highly recommend a visit if you are ever in NYC. A walk along the Highline, completing the tourist walk route, was followed by a drink in the White Horse (famous Dylan Thomas bar) and pizza on Bleecker Street.

Day 5

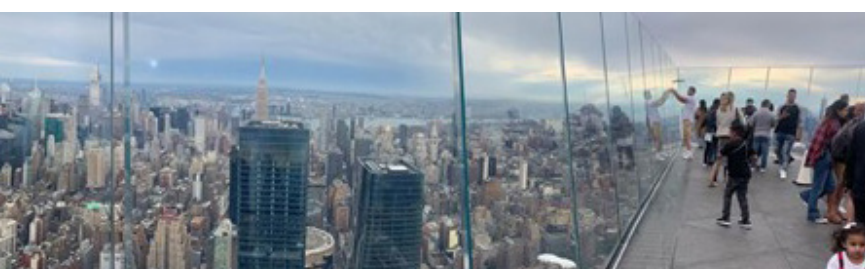
Time to come home but with a late flight time the tour took the opportunity to take the Subway to see Freedom Tower

and Ground Zero before walking up to Wall Street and other areas of New York.

A safe trip home and memories that will last a lifetime ... I'm sure those lucky enough to experience the tour will happily share their stories.

A Tour Photo Book will be placed in the Reading Room for anyone wishing to see some of the highlights.

Paul Lindsay
Racquets Manager
Head Squash Professional



Bath Cup Fixtures

Division 1 First half		Home team	Away team
Thursday	6 October 2022	Lansdowne 'B' Roehampton Club 'B'	Roehampton Club 'A' Lansdowne 'A'
Thursday	13 October 2022	Roehampton Club 'A' Cumberland 1	Bath and Racquets Roehampton Club 'B'
Thursday	20 October 2022	R.A.C. 1 Roehampton Club 'B'	Roehampton Club 'A' Queen's 1
Thursday	27 October 2022	Roehampton Club 'A' Hurlingham 1	Oxford and Cambridge 'A' Roehampton Club 'B'
Thursday	3 November 2022	M.C.C. 1 Roehampton Club 'B'	Roehampton Club 'A' H.A.C.
Thursday	10 November 2022	Roehampton Club 'A' Oxford and Cambridge 'A'	Cumberland 1 Roehampton Club 'B'
Thursday	17 November 2022	Queen's 1 Roehampton Club 'B'	Roehampton Club 'A' M.C.C. 1
Thursday	24 November 2022	Roehampton Club 'B'	Roehampton Club 'A'
Thursday	1 December 2022	Roehampton Club 'A' Bath and Racquets	Hurlingham 1 Roehampton Club 'B'
Thursday	8 December 2022	Roehampton Club 'A' Lansdowne 'B'	Lansdowne 'A' Roehampton Club 'B'
Thursday	15 December 2022	Roehampton Club 'B' H.A.C.	R.A.C. 1 Roehampton Club 'A'

Division 1 Second half		Home team	Away team
Thursday	12 January 2023	Roehampton Club 'A' Lansdowne 'A'	Lansdowne 'B' Roehampton Club 'B'
Thursday	19 January 2023	Bath and Racquets Roehampton Club 'B'	Roehampton Club 'A' Cumberland 1
Thursday	26 January 2023	Roehampton Club 'A' Queen's 1	R.A.C. 1 Roehampton Club 'B'
Thursday	2 February 2023	Oxford and Cambridge 'A' Roehampton Club 'B'	Roehampton Club 'A' Hurlingham 1
Thursday	9 February 2023	Roehampton Club 'A' H.A.C.	M.C.C. 1 Roehampton Club 'B'
Thursday	16 February 2023	Lansdowne 'A' Roehampton Club 'B'	Roehampton Club 'A' Lansdowne 'B'
Thursday	23 February 2023	Roehampton Club 'A' M.C.C. 1	Queen's 1 Roehampton Club 'B'
Thursday	2 March 2023	Cumberland 1 Roehampton Club 'B'	Roehampton Club 'A' Oxford and Cambridge 'A'
Thursday	9 March 2023	Hurlingham 1 Roehampton Club 'B'	Roehampton Club 'A' Bath and Racquets
Thursday	16 March 2023	Roehampton Club 'A'	Roehampton Club 'B'
Thursday	23 March 2023	Roehampton Club 'A' R.A.C. 1	H.A.C. Roehampton Club 'B'

Division 2 First half		Home team	Away team
Wednesday	12 October 2022	Roehampton Club 3 M.C.C. 2	Lansdowne 3 Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	19 October 2022	Roehampton Club 2 Cumberland 2	Hurlingham 2 Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	26 October 2022	Roehampton Club 2 Oxford and Cambridge 3	Queen's 3 Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	2 November 2022	R.A.C. 2 Roehampton Club 3	Roehampton Club 2 M.C.C. 2
Wednesday	9 November 2022	Roehampton Club 2 Hurlingham 2	Cumberland 2 Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	16 November 2022	Roehampton Club 3 Queen's 2	Queen's 3 Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	23 November 2022	Lansdowne 3 Roehampton Club 3	Roehampton Club 2 R.A.C. 2
Wednesday	30 November 2022	Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	7 December 2022	Roehampton Club 3 Oxford and Cambridge 3	Queen's 2 Roehampton Club 2

Division 2 Second half		Home team	Away team
Wednesday	18 January 2023	Lansdowne 3 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 3 M.C.C. 2
Wednesday	25 January 2023	Hurlingham 2 Roehampton Club 3	Roehampton Club 2 Cumberland 2
Wednesday	1 February 2023	Queen's 3 Roehampton Club 3	Roehampton Club 2 Oxford and Cambridge 3
Wednesday	8 February 2023	Roehampton Club 2 M.C.C. 2	R.A.C. 2 Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	15 February 2023	Cumberland 2 Roehampton Club 3	Roehampton Club 2 Hurlingham 2
Wednesday	22 February 2023	Queen's 3 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 3 Queen's 2
Wednesday	1 March 2023	Roehampton Club 2 R.A.C. 2	Lansdowne 3 Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	8 March 2023	Roehampton Club 3	Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	15 March 2023	Queen's 2 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 3 Oxford and Cambridge 3

Vets Division First half		Home team	Away team
Wednesday	12 October 2022	Roehampton Club	M.C.C.
Wednesday	19 October 2022	Hurlingham V1	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	2 November 2022	Roehampton Club	R.A.C.
Wednesday	9 November 2022	Cumberland	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	16 November 2022	Roehampton Club	Bath and Racquets
Wednesday	23 November 2022	Roehampton Club	Queen's
Wednesday	30 November 2022	Wimbledon	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	7 December 2022	Roehampton Club	Oxford and Cambridge

Vets Division First half

Wednesday 12 October 2022
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Wednesday 7 December 2022

Home team

Roehampton Club
Hurlingham V1
Roehampton Club
Cumberland
Roehampton Club
Roehampton Club
Wimbledon
Roehampton Club

Away team

M.C.C.
Roehampton Club
R.A.C.
Roehampton Club
Bath and Racquets
Queen's
Roehampton Club
Oxford and Cambridge

Roehampton Club University Cup 2022

Congratulations to Roehampton University on winning and retaining the title and all those involved in the teams.

2022 Final results
Roehampton
Durham
Bristol
LSE
Imperial
Southampton
Royal Holloway
LSE 2



Roehampton Schools Squash Invitation 2022 - Div 1

Thank you to all the players, masters/coaches for making the day a pleasure to organise, run and spectate.

It was great to host the Div 2 in January and the Division 1 once again yesterday after the enforced covid break.

The final, Epsom v Harrow, saw both respective group winners go head to head in a closely fought match.

With Epsom taking an early 2-0 lead the title looked to be theirs but a win at 1 seed for Harrow and two very close matches at strings 2 and 3 meant the match would go the distance.

Both team players were giving their all but Epsom kept cool and clinched the title beating Harrow 4-1 overall.

Congratulations to Epsom on winning the trophy.

All involved did remarkably well and hopefully found the event enjoyable.

2022 Final results

Epsom - Winners
Harrow
Winchester
Charterhouse
St Paul's
Sevenoaks
Marlborough
Wellington



Greenhalgh Goblet

What a great day and lovely weather for the third 'Greenhalgh Goblet'.

Two of pre-tournament favourites, Richard Storer and Spencer Gordon, lived up to their odds and playing in the same group pushed each other along to head the leader board. Richard taking the title with a very respectful 37 points to pip Spencer on 36 points. This was to be matched by a great each way bet, Philip Greenhalgh, taking third by virtue of count back on 36.

The other end of the field saw

James Dearman (30 points) easily avoiding the Wooden Spoon for a second year.

The baton was passed on to newcomer Laurence Greenhalgh - keeping the winning tradition in the family by matching his dad with a trophy... 'of sorts' on the day!

Congratulations to Laurence who won the Wooden Spoon with 24 points

I look forward to arranging the 2023 Cup and hope to see you there.

Nearest the Pin:

2nd Bob Storer
6th Neil Symons
10th Geoffrey Miller
17th Tim Garner

Team Event:

Overall winners (89 points) Jo Cochrane, Spencer Gordon, Richard Storer

Individual Event:

First Richard Storer
Second Spencer Gordon
Third Philip Greenhalgh
Lowest score (Wooden Spoon)
Laurence Greenhalgh

Racketlon - London Open 2022

Anna-Klara Ahlmer and Koen Hageraats are the IWT London Open champions after winning their respective finals on Sunday.

Ahlmer won her second Women's Singles title of the month after a sublime squash set helped her beat Myriam Enmer. Squash was also a major factor in Hageraats' win against Nicolas Lenggenhager, as he adds a second elite singles title to his collection.

The two finals both saw tennis on the beautiful grass courts at the Roehampton Club in London.

Women's Singles

Ahlmer Beats Enmer to Move Closer to World No.1

The top of the Women's game is in a fascinating place at the moment. With Christine Seehofer retired, there is an ongoing battle to be No.1 in the world. Zuzana Severinová is top of the standings at the moment, but Anna-Klara Ahlmer, Stine Jacobsen and Myriam Enmer are all within reach in the future.

Anna-Klara Ahlmer has taken a huge leap forward in her quest to be World No.1 this month. Champion in Latvia. Champion in London. Ahlmer went into the final with a 6-0 head-to-head lead against Enmer. But the Swede was also aware that Enmer is improving rapidly, picking up her first title in Switzerland last month.

Ahlmer made a good start after winning the table tennis 21-10

In the final, Ahlmer made the faster start, winning table tennis 21-10. This was actually just the second time Enmer had reached double figures in table tennis, so put her in a decent spot, despite the loss. That was made even more obvious when the French star took the badminton 21-12 to close Ahlmer's lead to just two points. Enmer had never been so close after two sports.

In their six previous meetings, Ahlmer has only won the squash to single figures twice. Today, she was absolutely flawless. The Swede ruthlessly squashed to win 21-3, stifling any chance Enmer had of getting her first win against Ahlmer.

Anna-Klara Ahlmer and Myriam Enmer met in the final of the IWT London Open 2022

Ahlmer got the two points she needed in tennis to get her hands on the London Open title. The third title that she's won this season and the ninth of her career. An incredible run for Ahlmer who will now close to 201 points behind World No.1 Severinová. Attention



for both Ahlmer and Enmer will now turn to the World Championships next month in Austria.

Alexandra Ogram finished with a bronze medal at the London Open for the second year in a row as she continues her excellent racketlon development.

Men's Singles

Hageraats Outclasses Lenggenhager for Statement Win Ahead of World Champs

Koen Hageraats enjoyed a near-perfect Sunday in the summer sunshine, as he took out the top two seeds at the Roehampton Club to win his second career singles title.



He began the day with a semi-final contest against No.2 seed Duncan Stahl. In his opening two matches, Hageraats had won by +22 points against Alex Dy Noyer and Simon Vaclahovsky. Why break from tradition? The Dutchman once again delivered a +22 win, beating Duncan Stahl before tennis after winning table tennis and badminton.

In the final, he would take on top seed Nicolas Lenggenhager. The improving Swiss star ended the run of teenage prospect Florian Harca. The badminton was the decisive set in that semi-final, with Lenggenhager breaking Harca's defences with a crushing 21-3 win.

It was a fascinating final, with Lenggenhager and Hageraats having never played before. As expected, the duo split the opening two sports. Hageraats snatched a 21-7 table tennis win before Lenggenhager retaliated 21-8 on the badminton court.



Squash proved to be the decisive sport as Hageraats beat Lenggenhager 21-10

The momentum swung in Hageraats' favour as he controlled the squash. A solid 21-10 result left him needing just 10 points on the tennis court. Despite his best effort, Lenggenhager couldn't produce a comeback. Hageraats won 10-7 to ensure he got his hands on a second elite singles title. Hageraats now turns to the World Championships where he'll be considered one of the favourites. Lenggenhager will enjoy one more warm-up tournament, taking part in August's IWT German Open.

Duncan Stahl joined the duo on the podium after masterminding a superb win over Florian Harca to win a bronze medal.



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