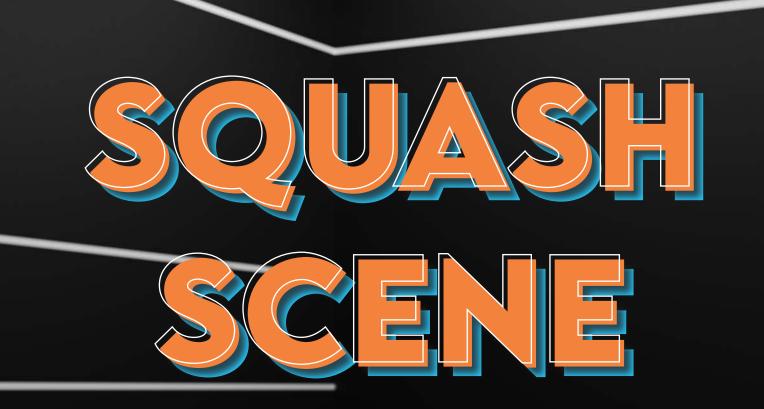
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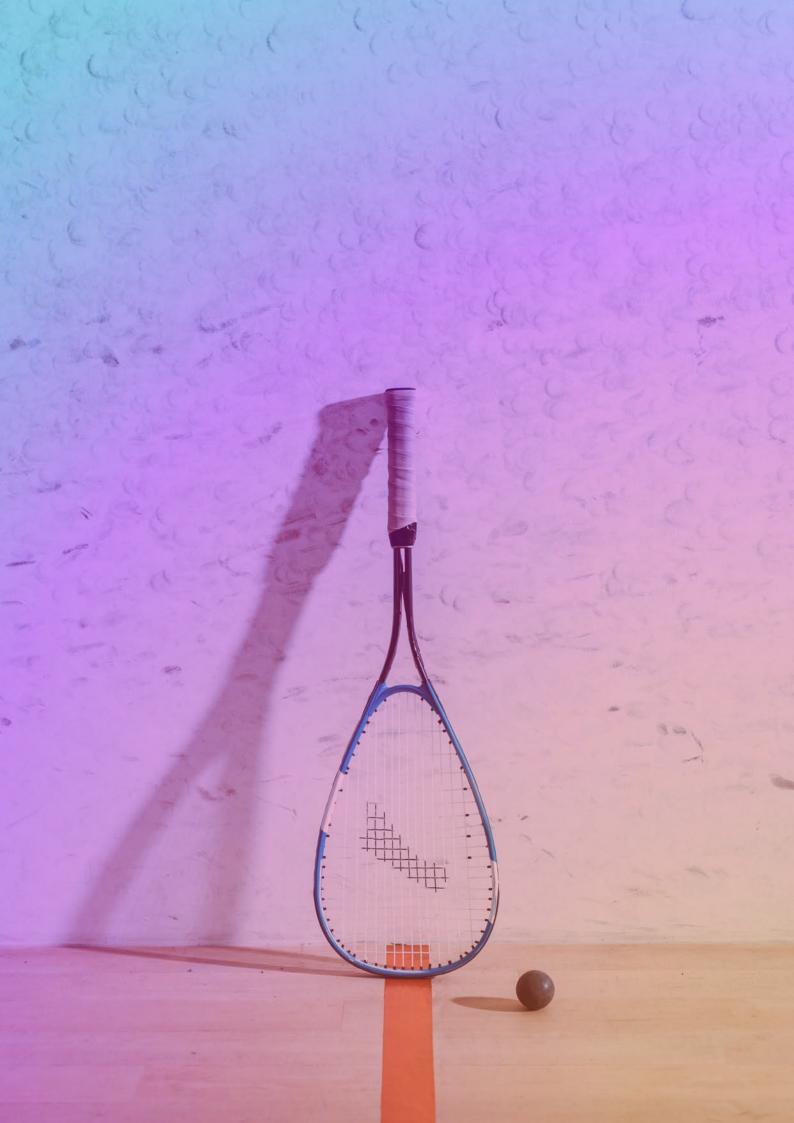


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A WORD FROM THE HEAD PROFESSIONAL ...

Dear Member,

I hope you enjoy this packed edition of our annual *Squash Scene* which includes highlights and successes from last season and details of a full, exciting, fun season ahead.



We continue to offer something for everyone and this season is no exception ... I encourage you to join in any of the Tuesday social Club nights and friendly matches – a great way to enjoy your squash, improve your game and meet new friends and foe along the way.

Roehampton Club, as Men's and Ladies' National winners, represented England in the 2023 European Club Championship in Paderborn, Germany. The Ladies won, retaining, the European Club title, while the Men finished second, read the full report on page 18. Roehampton Club's recent history includes the Ladies being European Champions in 2022 winning the title in Italy and being National Men's and Ladies' Champions in 2022 and 2023.

Exciting news ... Roehampton Club will host the European Squash Club Championship in 2024. I hope all Members will be proud to host this prestigious event where the best National Clubs from Europe compete, please make a note in your diary (3rd – 7th September) to support our team and watch some world class squash.

If you wish to receive emails and updates from me regarding the squash section, please email me at paul.lindsay@roehamptonclub.co.uk

Paul Lindsay Head Squash Professional and Racquets Manager

AUTUMN COACHING PROGRAMME



There is squash coaching available for all standards and ages and the professional coaching team are available for lessons and social session 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 enjoy the game even more.

Coaching sessions are bookable via roehamptonclubracquets.as.me

Adult and Junior Individual Coaching

Book a 45-minute private squash lesson with a qualified coach and work on any element of your squash game.

Junior Squash Coaching

Monday 5:30pm to 6.15pm – Junior Match Play Saturday 9am to 9:45am – Mini Under 7 Squash Saturday 9.45am to 10:30am – Intermediate Juniors Saturday 10.30am to 11:15am – Advanced Juniors Saturday 11.15am to 12:00pm – Beginner Juniors Sunday 9:00am to 10am – Junior Match Play Sunday 10:00am to 10:45am – Mini / Beginners





Book online and put the name of the child attending in the 'your information' field.

If a session does not have a minimum of four Members, the session will be cancelled in advance.

To arrange coaching with the Squash Professionals or for more information please contact Paul at paul.lindsay@ roehamptonclub.co.uk or on 07841 429910 SCAN HERE TO BOOK NOW

CAPTAIN VS CHAIRMAN TEAM CHALLENGE

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Two teams battle for the team challenge trophy – one captained by outgoing Squash Captain, Steve Richardson, the other by outgoing Squash Chairman, Hugh Thorneycroft.

Afterwards we will adjourn to the Members Bar for refreshments.

Picture from the 2022 Team Challenge

JOIN IN!

Free to join. Places limited. For more information and to sign up email Paul Lindsay, Racquets Manager at paul.lindsay@roehamptonclub.co.uk







TEAM TRAINING

This season's Team Training started Monday 4th September.

We need you back on court and up to full speed for the start of the Bath Cup season.

Team training will run each week. There is no fee for these sessions.

MONDAY 6 – 7PM MONDAY 7 – 8.30PM

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

The professional is on hand to offer hints and tips while organising the sessions, should you wish to develop your game further please book an individual lesson.

Team Training is aimed at training, not individual coaching.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Back in May, Roehampton Club Men's, Ladies' and Over 35s National Teams made their way to sunny Sheffield to compete in the National Club Championships, hosted by Hallamshire Club.



Men's Team: Nathan Lake, Adrian Waller, Charlie Lee, Joe Lee, Jonah Bryant, Ben Coates. Ladies Team: Tesni (Tez) Evans, Satomi Watanabe, Jazz Hutton, Katie Malliff, Emily Coulcher-Porter.

The Ladies' Team played local Surrey club Surbiton in the semi final and this match against a very strong team proved to be the most difficult. Katie was first on and although the game scores seemed comfortable, the rallies and match proved tricky, but Katie's quality and speed of movement proved too strong, winning the match 3-0.

Tez had made the short trip across from the Manchester Open having sadly lost the night before, to play against Welsh National teammate Emily. This saw Welsh number one Tez against Welsh

number two Emily. It was the perfect match for Tez to forget about the night before. It was a slow start by Tez and we were wondering if fatigue may be an issue. No chance, as a tough battle ensued and Tez's quality of shot proved too good. After winning a close first game Tez never looked back to win 3-0.

Jazz, having also made the short trip after competing in Manchester, gave a professional performance of concentration and shot selection. She had a slight lapse in concentration to lose the third game, but the result was never in doubt as Jazz reasserted her authority and quality in the fourth game. **Roehampton Club beat Surbiton 3-0.** *Game scores*

Tesni Evans beat Emily Whitlock 3-0. 14/12, 11/7, 11/3. Jasmine Hutton beat Alicia Mead 3-1. 11/4, 11/5, 6/11, 11/6. Katie Malliff beat Hayley Openshaw-Blower 3-0. 11/5, 11/4, 11/2.

The Men's Team played Edgbaston in their semi final. The match got off to the perfect start with Nathan, world number 32, delivering a top professional performance of how to beat a very dangerous player, George Parker world number 43, by giving him no route into the match. Nathan's tight width and correct shot choice nearly every time would frustrate George into a combination of mistakes or leave him physically unable to get to the ball. Nathan did not let up for three games, an underestimated skill.



Adrian was against a tricky opponent in Simon Herbert. There were times when the movement patterns in the rallies were frustrating for Adrian but when it mattered, Adrian remained calm and used his deception to get over the line.

Joe had a tough first game and it looked like the match result could have gone either way to those watching. In reality Joe had made Elliott work so hard for the first game he had nearly broken him. An added bonus for Joe was he also gave his body time to get used to the fast-paced squash. An increase in errors from Elliott and perfect placement of the ball from Joe saw the next three games go Joe's way.

Jonah showed maturity beyond his 17 years as he looked in control of his match from the outset. His speed and ball retrieval, as the kids would say, 'is a joke'. As he develops his game to use this as a strength more than to retrieve it shows why he has all the attributes to go very high in the professional rankings. A little too many errors in the second game gave his opponent a glimmer of hope but this was quickly extinguished with quality squash in the next two games. **Roehampton Club beat Edgbaston 4-0.**

Game Scores

Nathan Lake beat George Parker 3-0. 11/5, 11/4, 11/3. Adrian Waller beat Simon Herbert 3-1. 11/6, 10/12, 11/7, 11/7. Joe Lee beat Elliott Morris 3-1. 11/13, 11/3, 11/3, 11/3. Jonah Bryant beat Will Salter 3-1. 11/5, 6/11, 11/4, 11/4.

In the Ladies' Final Roehampton Club faced Edgbaston Priory. A change of playing order saw the number ones go on first. Satomi, on first, had come from Manchester that morning after losing in the semi final the night before, demonstrating amazing performance, result, and commitment. Against a tricky opponent in Millie, Satomi started well and was showing no signs of tiredness after four tough matches in the previous four days. Quality of movement and striking of the ball was too

much for Millie to handle as she couldn't settle. The second game started in the same vein with Satomi just too good but now Millie was asking more questions and extending the rallies to try to tire Satomi. Satomi held on in a close second game. The third game was close but a few too many 'flicks' at the front of the court mid-way through the game saw Satomi lose her depth of shot and control of the rallies. Millie took full advantage to take the third game against a tiring Satomi. Some wise words in between games from 'coach' Jazz, helpfully assisted by me, saw Satomi refocus and not allow Millie to control the middle of the court. Satomi won the fourth game and the match 11/5.



Katie went on against Kiera, and while favourite on paper to win it would prove to be a test of patience. It was a slow start to settle into the match on a warm court, and with Kiera playing well, Katie had to work hard for every point. This is exactly what Katie did, again with wonderful advice from Jazz, and after a very close first game Katie was just too good, winning the match 3-0 and meaning Roehampton Club had retained the Ladies' National Club Championship title.

Although the result was now immaterial Jazz went on court to play Yasshmita in a best of three. No coaching required in between games for Jazz as she quickly dispatched of Yasshmita while treating the watching crowd to some wonderful winning shots. **Roehampton Club beat Edgbaston Priory 3-0.**

Game Scores

Satomi Watanabe beat Millie Tomlinson 3-1. 11/7, 11/9, 7/11, 11/5 Jasmine Hutton beat Yasshmita Jadishkumar 3-0. 11/3, 11/5, 11/0. Katie Malliff beat Kiera Marshall 3-0. 11/9, 11/5, 11/2.

The Men's Team played Surbiton in the final, a battle of the noisy supporters. Surbiton had numbers in depth while Roehampton Club's support included chief vocal supporter / antagoniser Michael Hill, whose support over the weekend along with Marc Newey, was greatly appreciated by all the Roehampton Club team.

First matches on saw Adrian play Raphael Kandra (world rank 28) and Jonah play Josh Masters (previous high world rank 50). Roehampton Club have played in this competition for ten years now and experience plays a part ... as we realised toward the end! The gut feeling was this result would be close regardless of the match scores and wow, it was close. Rather than individual reports on matches I want to highlight the players' personalities how they represent the Club, enhance its reputation and brand both nationally and globally.

Adrian's match was nothing short of world class against a top-class opponent. The match was fast and free flowing, and like gladiators delivering near knockout punches they both kept getting back up. Adrian is the perfect team player, even two games down he knew the importance of the format and scoring. Each game could be vital, even points. His effort and desire to help the team was maxed out getting back to two games all with each game score so close. It was gutting to lose 3-2 but it would prove to be huge overall. He's good with restaurant recommendations too.

Jonah, against Josh was always intriguing. Josh can win a match as quick as Ronnie O'Sullivan wins a snooker frame. Jonah on the other hand can get to nearly any ball on the court. This match saw endless swings in momentum with everyone watching in awe. Jonah was giving everything and words of advice from Joe and I in between games show he wants to learn (wisely, he listened to Joe a lot more than me)! What stood out though was a fist pump in later games, the care and pride he showed to help the Club and team try get a result. It was an unbelievable deciding game in which two players had given everything but Jonah crucially won.

Joe followed Jonah on court (Adrian was still battling away on the other court). Joe has been with us since the start of our national club journey and with Adrian, his experience and knowledge is invaluable. Joe might be a quietish character but when he speaks, you listen. He wants to make others better and his passion, knowledge of and enthusiasm for the sport is as good as anyone. Lucky for him, I was there in between games to help him. It was an unusual first game, while Joe didn't do anything wrong, he also hadn't really done that much right to have won so easy. Advice, do the same but be prepared it should get tougher. It never did. Joe quietly dismantled his opponent winning the tough battles when asked and playing the quality shots when opportunity presented.

Charlie had just got on court before Joe had won, not knowing the game scores. Charlie had a slight injury but his willingness to play the match for the team and Club showed why he is so important; without Charlie we would not have had the same opportunity to fight for the title. Although we were 2-1 up matches, Charlie might need to win a game to get the team victory and with this he gave his all to get over the line. A close first game went Surbiton's way and although Charlie knew Joe had won, the team still needed that game for the title. Another close second game went the way of Surbiton.

Some quick maths by Steve Richardson assisted by Dave Newman who has a PHD in 'Quantum Thermodynamics in the strong coupling regime' (so, he's okay with numbers), meant we had retained the title by virtue of points on countback even if Charlie didn't win. Charlie lost the match but won us the title. All four played as an important part in the win as each other ... as did all those involved even if not directly playing.

Roehampton Club beat Surbiton 2-2*.

Game Scores Adrian Waller Lost Raphael Kandra 2-3. 9/11, 10/12, 11/8, 11/9, 9/11. Charlie Lee lost Ben Coleman 0-3. 7/11, 8/11, 6/11. Joe Lee beat Jack Mitterer 3-0. 11/3, 11/4, 11/2.

Jonah Bryant beat Josh Masters 3-2. 9/11, 11/9, 11/8, 6/11, 11/8. *Roehampton Club win on points countback.

Both the Men's and Ladies' Squads are a team, one I hope all Members are proud of.

A mention to the Over 35s' Team of Steve Richardson and Dave Newman who were runners up to Alderley Edge and thanks to Emily for stepping in to play.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2023

UPCOMING FRIENDLY MATCHES

First Half	Home Team	Away Team	Captain
Tuesday 5 Sept	Club Night	Season Opener	
Thursday 7 Sept	Roehampton Club	Wine Trades	Nick
Tuesday 12-17 Sept	European Club Championship	Germany	
Thursday 14 Sept	Roehampton Club	Lloyds	
Saturday 23 Sept	Members 1 day Tournament		
Tuesday 3 Oct	Club Night	Captain v Chairman Team	Challenge
Thursday 5 Oct	Roehampton Club	St George's Hill	Nick
Thursday 12 Oct	Roehampton Club	Hurlingham	
Monday 16 Oct	Roehampton Club	HAC	
Thursday 19 Oct	Sheen	Roehampton Club	
Thursday 26 Oct	Roehampton Club	Half term	
Tuesday 7 Nov	Club Night	England v Rest of World	
Thursday 2 Nov	Roehampton Club	RAC (doubles)	Paul
Thursday 9 Nov	Roehampton Club	Old Wellingtonians	Nigel
Thursday 16 Nov	Roehampton Club	SWANS	rugoi
Thursday 23 Nov	Roehampton Club	St Pauls School / Old Salor	nians
Thursday 30 Nov	Wimbledon R&FC	Roehampton Club	510115
Tuesday 5 Dec	Club Night	Secret Santa	
Friday 8 Dec	Roehampton Club		
Fludy o Dec	Roenampton Club	Dulwich (doubles)	
Second Half	Home Team	Away Team	Captain
Sunday 7 Jan	Roehampton Club	James Newell Invitational	
Thursday 11 Jan	Roehampton Club	Vets of GB	
Sunday 14 Jan	Roehampton Schools Squash Invitation Division 2		
Tuesday 16 Jan	Roehampton Club	HAC	
Saturday 20 Jan	1 day Members Tournament		
Thursday 25 Jan	Roehampton Club	Old Wellingtonians	
Thursday 1 Feb	Roehampton Club	Wimbledon R&FC	
Tuesday 6 Feb	Club Night	Fancy Dress and Quiz Nigh	nt
Thursday 8 Feb	Roehampton Club	Barnes	
Saturday 3-4 Feb	Roehampton Club University Cup		
, Thursday 15 Feb	Roehampton Club	Escorts	
Thursday 22 Feb	Roehampton Club	Jesters	
Thursday 29 Feb	Hurlingham	Roehampton Club	
Sunday 3 Mar	Roehampton Schools Squash Invitation Division 1	Rechampton club	
Tuesday 5 Mar	Club Night	Doubles Tournament and	H/Can draw
Thursday 7 Mar	Roehampton Club	Wine Trades	
Wednesday 13 Mar	Club Championship Starts	which hades	
Thursday tbc Mar	St George's Hill	Roehampton Club	
Monday 18 Mar	SWANS	Roehampton Club	
Thursday 21 Mar		Sheen	
	Roehampton Club		
Monday 27 March	Old Salopians / St Pauls School	Roehampton Club	
Friday 10 May	Club Championship Finals Evening	Deckenenter Club (d. 11	
Wednesday tbc May	RAC	Roehampton Club (double	es)
Saturday 18-19 May	Dunlop British U23 Open		

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SQUASH CLUB NIGHT ENGLAND VS RESTOF THE WORLD

TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER FROM 5.45PM

Continuing the established rivalry in this year's 'battle' both sides have the opportunity to lock horns again and see who will win the trophy in 2023.

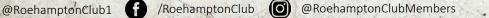
Having retained the title in 2022 RoW will be looking to emerge victorious once more. All players guaranteed three matches.

Role of honour: England – 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019. RoW – 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2021 and 2022.

All spectators welcome.

To sign up or for more information please contact Paul Lindsay, Racquets Manager, at 020 8480 4227 or at paul.lindsay@roehamptonclub.co.uk





ROEHAMPTON CLUB CQUASH TOUR SEPTEMBER

2024

New York, New York ... so good they want to go there twice! For more details contact Paul Lindsay on 020 8480 4227 or email him at paul.lindsay@roehamptonclub.co.uk





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BATH CUP FIXTURES

Division 1 first half	Date	Home team	Away team
Thursday	28th September 2023	Lansdowne B	Roehampton Club A
Thursday	28th September 2023	Roehampton Club B	Lansdowne A
Thursday	5th October 2023	Roehampton Club A	Bath and Racquets
Thursday	5th October 2023	Cumberland 1	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	12th October 2023	RAC 1	Roehampton Club A
Thursday	12th October 2023	Roehampton Club B	Queen's 1
Thursday	19th October 2023	Roehampton Club A	Oxford and Cambridge A
Thursday	19th October 2023	Hurlingham 1	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	26th October 2023	MCC 1	Roehampton Club A
Thursday	26th October 2023	Roehampton Club B	HAC
Thursday	2nd November 2023	Roehampton Club A	Cumberland 1
Thursday	2nd November 2023	Oxford and Cambridge A	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	9th November 2023	Queen's 1	Roehampton Club A
Thursday	9th November 2023	Roehampton Club B	MCC 1
Thursday	16th November 2023	Roehampton Club B	Roehampton Club A
Thursday	23rd November 2023	Roehampton Club A	Hurlingham 1
Thursday	23rd November 2023	Bath and Racquets	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	30th November 2023	Roehampton Club A	Lansdowne A
Thursday	30th November 2023	Lansdowne B	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	7th December 2023	Roehampton Club B	RAC 1
Thursday	7th December 2023	HAC	Roehampton Club A

Division 1 second half	Date	Home team	Away team
Thursday	11th January 2024	Roehampton Club A	Lansdowne B
Thursday	11th January 2024	Lansdowne A	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	18th January 2024	Bath and Racquets	Roehampton Club A
Thursday	18th January 2024	Roehampton Club B	Cumberland 1
Thursday	25th January 2024	Roehampton Club A	RAC 1
Thursday	25th January 2024	Queen's 1	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	1st February 2024	Oxford and Cambridge A	Roehampton Club A
Thursday	1st February 2024	Roehampton Club B	Hurlingham 1
Thursday	8th February 2024	Roehampton Club A	MCC 1
Thursday	8th February 2024	HAC	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	15th February 2024	Lansdowne A	Roehampton Club A
Thursday	15th February 2024	Roehampton Club B	Lansdowne B

Thursday	22nd February 2024	Roehampton Club A	Queen's 1
Thursday	22nd February 2024	MCC 1	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	29th February 2024	Cumberland 1	Roehampton Club A
Thursday	29th February 2024	Roehampton Club B	Oxford and Cambridge A
Thursday	7th March 2024	Hurlingham 1	Roehampton Club A
Thursday	7th March 2024	Roehampton Club B	Bath and Racquets
Thursday	14th March 2024	Roehampton Club A	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	21st March 2024	RAC 1	Roehampton Club B
Thursday	21st March 2024	Roehampton Club A	HAC

Division 2 first half	Date	Home team	Away team
Wednesday	11th October 2023	Roehampton Club 3	Lansdowne 3
Wednesday	11th October 2023	MCC 2	Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	18th October 2023	Roehampton Club 2	Hurlingham 2
Wednesday	18th October 2023	Cumberland 2	Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	25th October 2023	Roehampton Club 2	Queen's 3
Wednesday	25th October 2023	Oxford and Cambridge 3	Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	1st November 2023	RAC 2	Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	1st November 2023	Roehampton Club 3	MCC 2
Wednesday	8th November 2023	Roehampton Club 2	Cumberland 2
Wednesday	8th November 2023	Hurlingham 2	Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	15th November 2023	Roehampton Club 3	Queen's 3
Wednesday	15th November 2023	Queen's 2	Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	22nd November 2023	Lansdowne 3	Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	22nd November 2023	Roehampton Club 3	RAC 2
Wednesday	29th November 2023	Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	6th December 2023	Roehampton Club 3	Queen's 2
Wednesday	6th December 2023	Oxford and Cambridge	Roehampton Club 2

Division 2 second half	Date	Home team	Away team
Wednesday	17th January 2024	Lansdowne 3	Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	17th January 2024	Roehampton Club 2	MCC 2
Wednesday	24th January 2024	Hurlingham 2	Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	24th January 2024	Roehampton Club 3	Cumberland 2
Wednesday	31st January 2024	Queen's 3	Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	31st January 2024	Roehampton Club 3	Cumberland 2
Wednesday	7th February 2024	Roehampton Club 2	RAC 2
Wednesday	7th February 2024	MCC 2	Roehampton Club 3

Wednesday	14th February 2024	Cumberland 2	Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	14th February 2024	Roehampton Club 3	Hurlingham 2
Wednesday	21st February 2024	Queen's 3	Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	21st February 2024	Roehampton Club 2	Queen's 2
Wednesday	28th February 2024	Roehampton Club 2	Lansdowne 3
Wednesday	28th February 2024	RAC 2	Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	6th March 2024	Roehampton Club 3	Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	13th March 2024	Queen's 2	Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	13th March 2024	Roehampton Club 2	Oxford and Cambridge 3

Vets Division first half	Date	Home team	Away team
Wednesday	11th October 2023	Roehampton Club	MCC
Wednesday	18th October 2023	Roehampton Club v1	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	1st November 2023	Roehampton Club	RAC
Wednesday	8th November 2023	Cumberland	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	15th November 2023	Roehampton Club	Bath and Racquets
Wednesday	22nd November 2023	Roehampton Club	Queen's
Wednesday	29th November 2023	Wimbledon	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	6th December 2023	Roehampton Club	Oxford and Cambridge

Vets Division second half	Date	Home team	Away team
Wednesday	17th January 2024	MCC	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	24th January 2024	Roehampton Club	Hurlingham v1
Wednesday	7th February 2024	RAC	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	14th February 2024	Roehampton Club	Cumberland
Wednesday	21st February 2024	Bath and Racquets	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	28th February 2024	Queen's	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	6th March 2024	Roehampton Club	Wimbledon
Wednesday	13th March 2024	Oxford and Cambridge	Roehampton Club

Christmas Club Night

Festive Squash and Secret Santa Tuesday 5th December 6pm

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. 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







Let's squash low energy, poor performance, and aches and pains.



ROEHAMPTON CLUB: LADIES' EUROPEAN SQUASH CLUB CHAMPIONS 2023

The European Squash Club Championships were held in Paderborn, Germany from 13th to 16th September. With Roehampton Club Men's and Ladies' teams National Champions, they represented England in the European Club Championship 2023.

Squad: Satomi Watanabe, Jasmine Hutton (Captain), Katie Malliff and Kace Bartley.

The Ladies' faced three matches in two days as they played out their group with 3-0 wins



against Oly Koks and Tales (Belgium), SC Monopol Frankfurt (Germany) and Squash Fricktal (Switzerland). Topping the group provided a semi final against the host Paderborn on Friday evening. The home crowd loudly cheered on their team, but the Roehampton Club players stayed focused to take the match 3-0.

Saturday saw Roehampton Club face Frankfurt in the final. Frankfurt produced a great win against Mulhouse (France) in their semi-final to set up a repeat of the group stage match earlier in the week.

While Roehampton Club were favourites to repeat their group stage victory, the large crowd and amazing atmosphere for the venue's all-glass show court meant nothing could be taken for granted.

First on court was Katie, playing at 3. Katie had not been challenged all week in her matches and the young professional made sure her focus remained more mature than her years by producing another wonderful performance, never letting her opponent settle or into the match.

Katie Malliff beat Maya Weishar 11-3, 11-4, 11-5.





13.-16. September 2023
 Paderborn, Germany

Next on was Satomi Watanabe, Roehampton Club number 1 and world number 18. Satomi had had a tough / physical match in the group stages against England's Grace Gear, playing at number 1 for Frankfurt.

For the final Satomi treated the crowd to

some ruthless and clinical squash, with her clean striking of the ball and speed around the court just too good once more. Satomi closed out the third game quickly and much to the delight of the team retained the title.

Satomi Watanabe beat Grace Gear 11-3, 11-5, 11-1.

This meant the final string of the match, Jasmine Hutton vs Katerina Tycova was not played.



Men's squad: Adrian Waller (Capt), Charlie Lee, Joe Lee, Jonah Bryant, Ben Coates and Hasnaat Farooqi.

The Men had two group matches on Wednesday against Fitzwilliam (Ireland) and Edinburgh (Scotland) winning both 4-0. They then faced Birkerød Squash Club (Denmark) in the quarter final on Thursday, taking another convincing 4-0 win.

This meant Roehampton Club would face Uster (Switzerland) in the semi final. A solid 3-1 win to

Roehampton Club saw the Men's Team make the final of the European Club Championships for the first time.

Roehampton Club faced hosts Paderborn (Germany) in the final. A huge crowd gathered to watch the world-class squash on show. While Paderborn might have been favourites going into the match, it was too close to call.

First on was Joe Lee vs Simon Rosner. Simon, a former world number 3, had the home crowd cheering and clapping his every move. Joe took time to settle and although playing well, just couldn't string a run of points together.

With the format of four players the results have been known to come down to games or points won, with this in mind the brutal third game saw Joe win 12-10 and certainly gave himself a chance of victory. Some tactical slow play between points combined with full effort in the

rallies by Simon meant he hung on to take the game 11-6. Simon Rösner beat Joe Lee 11-4, 11-3, 10-12, 11-6.

Next up was our Captain and number 1, Adrian Waller against Dimitri Steinmann. A fast start from Adrian who was in total control taking the first game fairly easily to give Roehampton Club real hope of a trophy upset. Dimitri regrouped quickly in the second game and won another one-side game.

Both players had now settled, and it was Adrian who managed to claw back a deficit and take the third game. The fourth game was very tough with both players giving



everything physically and every time Adrian looked like getting the scores back to level, it felt Dimitri won the next point against the run of play.

It was two games all and into the decider. Again, such a close game with these two world-class players trying to force an error or hit a winner. Adrian left everything on the court but victory was to be denied as Paderborn went two strings ahead.

Dimitri Steinmann beat Adrian Waller 4-11, 11-3, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9.



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1	Roehampton
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4	Mulhouse
5	Inverness TSC
6	Oly Koks and Tales
7	 Squash Fricktal
8	Mount Pleasant LTC

Third on court was Charlie Lee against Raphael Kandra. Charlie, simply put, had to win against a player ranked higher in the world. The first game was superb with Charlie mixing deception and patience to move Rapha around. Some huge points lead to Charlie stretching awkwardly and feeling a twinge in his back.



While not evident as Rapha won the first game, it was decisive as Charlie was unable to move freely and compete. Bravely Charlie played out the match but Rapha won 3-0 and with it, retained the title for Paderborn.

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Raphael Kandra beat Charlie Lee 12-10, 11-4, 11-1.

This meant the final string of the match, Lucas Wirths vs Jonah Bryant was not played.

Words from the Roehampton Club Team Manager Paul Lindsay after the match: 'The Men's Team performed amazingly by making the final and the Ladies' Team produced some very strong performances all week. Delighted with the performances in the finals and winning the European Ladies' Club title. I can't speak highly enough of all the Roehampton Club players involved and am very proud of their achievements at this European Club Championship.'

Words from the Paderborn Captain Simon Rösner after the match:

'The fact that we were able to stand up here on the podium today and play in front of such a great backdrop in the Ahorn Sports Park is something very special. We had a very strong opponent in Roehampton Club, against whom we played our best squash. If someone had told us beforehand that we would win 3-0, we wouldn't have believed it.'

An amazing effort from all involved in Germany.

UNIVERSITY CUP

Roehampton Club University Cup 2023 was a packed day of squash and all players made it a pleasure to run.

Special thanks go to Satomi Watanabe for doing the Q&A, it was great to gain an insight into her current university studies, playing on the PSA tour and how she manages both schedules.

RESULTS

Congratulations to Durham University on winning the title and all involved in the teams.

Durham
Roehampton
Bristol
LSE
Imperial
Southampton
Royal Holloway
LSE 2





CLUB NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER – APRIL TUESDAYS FROM 6PM

Club Nights are a great opportunity to meet other players of all standards and to play fun games.

A league system also allows players to challenge others of a similar standard in both singles and dubles formats.

SQUASH BABIES

THE FUTURE OF SQUASH LOOKS BRIGHT

Ali Waters and John Pratt Jack born 19th August 2023 weighing 3.7kg Oliv

born :

Congratulations to all the parents featured with an especially busy summer for new baby squash Members!

> Nicholas and Zorana St John Margot born 4th February 2023 weighing 3.82kg

Tom and Harley Crosthwaite Albert (Albie) born 21st June 2023 weighing 3.5kg

Tom and Caroline Burkin AMelia born 10th December 2021 Dan and ia Thomson Lyla 14th June 2023 eighing 4kg Rudi and Tracy Willemse Hailey born 6th October 202 weighing 3.5kg

Michael and Rane Shean Nicholas born 11th July 2023 weighing 3.6kg Oli and Becky Rimmer

Marley born 4th August 2023 weighing 3.8kg

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Chris and Kerry Goodenough Jack born 4th October 2022 weighing 3.5kg

Oli and Ali Brookes Rudy born 2nd March 2023 weighing 3.2kg

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SCHOOLS INVITATION

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

The final, Epsom versus Harrow, saw both respective group winners go head to head in a closely fought match, (I also wrote that in 2022)!

This year Epsom had beaten an ever-improving Sevenoaks in the semi final while Harrow managed to lose



against St Pauls 3-2 but make the final courtesy of more overall match points. Epsom were looking to retain the trophy against a strong Harrow team.

While the Harrow 1 string had been untroubled all day the, remaining strings meant for some close results and this is where Epsom showed their strength in depth. With strings 2, 4 and 5 on first in the final Epsom looked to take control, faultless effort from all involved but it was Epsom taking an early 3-0 lead in matches meant the title was theirs once more.

A win at 1 string for Harrow and the other match to Epsom giving Epsom the title, beating Harrow, 4-1 overall. Congratulations to Epsom on winning the trophy.

All involved did remarkably well and found the event enjoyable, I look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

QUIZ NIGHT



Our Club Night Quiz Special proved to be great fun with a mix of fancy dress, doubles squash and a tough quiz!

Winning Quiz team: **'Quick Rub Down'** Hugh Thorneycroft Andy Levy Rob Findlay Nigel Clarke

18 points scored in the quiz.

CHAIRMAN'S CUP GREENHALGH'S GOBLET

The 13th July saw a great day and weather for the fourth Greenhalgh Goblet.

This year, the 'better' handicap golfers showed the others the way, dominating the top of leaderboard. But it was a close leaderboard – bar the winner!

Jo is always there or thereabouts, but had not yet got his name on the much-coveted trophy. This year he kept it together and a very tidy 38 points was more than enough to win the day.

The rest of the chasing pack only had seven points to separate them with two to four places decided on countback, and of course, at the other end of the field – Hugh Thorneycroft (27 points) won the Wooden Spoon. The host Chairman should always win something!

Name	Handicap	Score
Jo Cochrane	8	38
Richard Storer	9	34
Sam Huxtable	8	34
Jack Symons	1	34
Chris Goodenough	9	33
Neil Symons	18	32
James Dearman	31	32
Ken Brudenell	18	31
Steve Richardson	14	30
Paul Lindsay	15	29
Geoffrey Miller	21	28
Hugh Thorneycroft	16	27

The day would not be complete without a special mention to Geoffrey, who waited till the 18th hole to provide the days entertainment by letting his golf trolley drift into the water ...

We look forward to arranging the 2024 Cup and hope to see you there.

RESULTS

Nearest the Pin 2nd Ken Brudenell 6th Steve Richardson 10th Steve Richardson 17th Sam Huxtable

Team Event

Overall winners with 82 points Jo Cochrane, Jack Symons, Chris Goodenough

Individual Event

1st Jo Cochrane 2nd Richard Storer 3rd Sam Huxtable Lowest score – Wooden Spoon Hugh Thorneycroft



Jack, Chris and Jo



Richard, Geoffrey and Neil



Hugh, James and Sam



Geoffrey finding his putter **27**

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