

Roehampton Club triumphs at European Squash Club Championships 2024: women's team secures third consecutive title while the men's team topples the previous champions!

Roehampton Club men finally solved the Paderborn puzzle, becoming the men's European Squash Club Champions 2024. The large crowd, who had gathered to cheer for their home team, was wild throughout the game as they witnessed their heroes crack the German code. Roehampton Club will remember 7th September 2024, as a special day as both the men's and women's teams achieved championship wins with scores of 3-1 and 3-0.



The men's match on paper made Paderborn favourites and was a slugfest with the fast tempo set from the outset by Joe Lee v Rowan Damming.

Roehampton Club entered the Nationals Clubs for the first time back in 2013 and from 2014 Joe has been ever present in the team. He has had some great wins and performances, but none will ever match this final. A brutal first game saw Joe lose a close game to the younger Rowan, but this did not stop Joe sticking to his game plan taking the next game as Rowan's error count increased. Another very close third game went the way of Rowan and Joe was looking tired, but patience and experience was starting to tell as Rowan was also looking weary. A quick fourth game went Joe's way as it looked like Rowan decided halfway through to rest and push for victory in the fifth. Joe had other ideas and in a game that see-sawed with points and emotion the raucous crowd cheered Joe on and over the line to victory. What a start.

Team Captain and number one string, Adrian Waller, was up against Nicolas Muller – both world-ranked players showing their skills to the crowd. It was Paderborn's turn for victory in this string but not without Adrian getting what could have been an all-important game if the match strings ended tied.

1 string all and Jonah Bryant (19 year's old and world-ranked 68) faced Raphael Kandra (world ranked of 30). The first game Raphael was in control and using his experience to force errors from Jonah. The second saw a more measured game from Jonah to level the scores at 1-1. Raphael took control once more in the third, but Jonah was making him work for each point and trying to change the pace of play throughout the rallies. The fourth was a turning point as Jonah mixed clever use of the lob to push Raphael back the court and then take the ball in short at the right times. The fifth game started normally but it was soon quick to see Raphael was mentally and physically broken but Jonah's speed and resilient retrieving to win point after point.

Roehampton Club now ahead 2-1 in strings but the game scores meant the deciding string match would confirm the winner. The fourth and final rubber between Simon Rösner vs Sam Osborne-Wylde once again had the crowd cheering and on the edge of their seats. Never had there been an atmosphere like it.

Simon on paper, albeit retired from Professional tour and former world number three, was favourite to win but Sam had other ideas. A close-fought first game was exactly what Sam needed as he saved game balls and ended up taking the game win and making Simon work very hard for each point. In the second Sam opened a lead and never looked back and the same happened in the third but Simon demonstrated his resilience against a younger, quicker Sam and saved four match balls, but it was not enough as Sam closed out the game and match 11/7 to take the title for Roehampton Club.

Match overview

MS3 Rowan Damming, Netherlands – England, Joe Lee	13-11 6-11 11-9 4-11 8-11 1h 18m
MS1 Nicolas Mueller, Switzerland – England, Adrian Waller	11-5 8-11 11-9 11-2 30m

MS2 Raphael Kandra, Germany – England, Jonah Bryant	11-5 6-11 11-7 7-11 1-11	56m
MS4 Simon Rösner, Germany – England, Samuel Osborne-Wylde	11-13 7-11 7-11	35m



The women's team, on the other hand, was unbreakable for their neighbour, Surbiton (ENG). The triple winners have solidified their name as an elite force in ECC history.

25-year-old Jasmine Hutton, world number 21, said, 'I found the tournament really engaging and had a relatively smooth experience in the group stages. The only tricky part was finding our balance at the beginning, but once we got into the rhythm, things started to fall into place. We had the same team as last year, so getting ready was simple. We knew

Surbiton would be our toughest competition, so we prepared a strong game plan, which we executed well.'

Jasmine was able to secure an 11-8, 11-7, 11-8 victory over Surbiton's Kiera Marshall. 'Kiera has outstanding racket skills, but my steady pressure and shots were crucial to winning this match,' said Jasmine in her post-match interview.

'The future of Roehampton Club squash looks bright, and I feel lucky to be part of it. I believe our team needs to keep pushing forward and aim for more success. Our team's journey is far from over,' she added.



'So pleased with the teams' performance this week and to win the Women's ECC title three years in a row is a true testament to their commitment and team spirit at Roehampton Club. Surbiton are a great Club and certainly pushed us - wonderful for English Squash to have two teams in the final.'

Team Manager - Paul Lindsay

Players from across Europe participated in four days of intense competition with players of all ages displaying their skills, giving their fans an unforgettable tournament. Now, the countdown begins for the 36th European Club Championship of the four-walled game. [All the results and overview](#)



Final table

ESF Club Championships Women's Team

- 1 ENG Roehampton Club
- 2 ENG Surbiton
- 3 AUTSU Wiener Neudorf Mödling
- 4 SCO Heriot-Watt Uni
- 5 CZESC Modry Svet
- 6 IRL Sutton LTC
- 7 LUXS C Sandweiler

ESF Club Championships Men's Team

- 1 ENG Roehampton Club
- 2 GER Paderborner SC
- 3 LIESRCV
- 4 ENG Leamington
- 5 PORA D Galo Mar
- 6 SCO Edinburgh S C
- 8 AUTSU Wiener Neudorf Mödling
- 8 IRL Sutton LTC
- 9 DEN Herlev/Hjorten
- 10 ESP Club Algemesi
- 11 LUXT S Sandweiler