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What an exciting Davis Cup match for GB against Croatia! Captain Leon Smith talks tennis and Davis Cup and Scotland's Davis Cup player and number 1 doubles player visits Whitecraigs for a Doubles Master class.

Congratulations to Gordon Reid for his recent two ITF wins, Kevin Simpson on winning the Scotland Disability Award, Louie McLellan who took the u16 Winter Nationals and British Tour in Glasgow titles and Maia Lumsden and Jacob Fearnley on leading the way at the Nationals.

In this issue we also bring you Tennis Scotland's new community partnership with The Edinburgh Clinic, Barclays Ball Kid Jennifer Shaw at the O2 and a chance to win a £250 PWP tennis voucher plus the latest rankings by age and county.

Watch out for our next issue when we will be featuring the Tennis Scotland Awards and the 2013 Tennis Scotland Coaches Conference.

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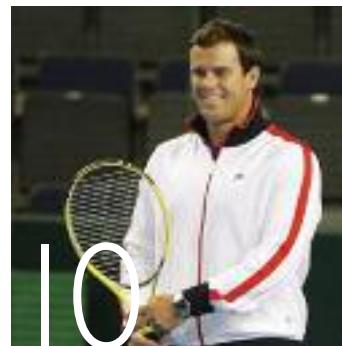
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Andy Murray wins Wimbledon 2013 ©Getty Images

# MAIN ARTICLE

# A nation hooked but can we land another big fish'

writes Iain Boyd

We'll all remember where we were when a Scot hoisted the Wimbledon trophy.

However, I'll remember 'that' day even more vividly. Trudging across the University of Stirling football pitch on a baltic November evening, heading towards the Gannochy National Tennis Centre, the only indoor centre in Scotland and only place to play for much of winter. My remit? To provide guidance to some of Scotland's finest junior talent in a Tennis Scotland (or SLTA as it was then) funded weekly squad. The year was 1997.

These kids were feisty. They'd run rings round me. I couldn't wait for it to be over. Then my phone rang. "He can make it," said my fellow coach and friend. "I reckon he'll win a Slam." I knew which of my charges he was talking about. And it made me laugh. He was Scottish for goodness sake. At the time, Tim Henman was our only British hope and a perennial semi-finalist at best. We had one indoor facility and no Scot ranked in the top thousand in the world. How could a Scot 'make it'? Preposterous, history told me. Cheering me up I breezed through a difficult two hours, sending 'him' off for racquet abuse, banning 'him' from next week. He

was the feistiest. He cried. 'Harden up son, if you're going to make it,' I thought. Ha, as if.

Fast forward 16 years and I still think about that night. Now, more so than ever. You see the friend in question was current British Davis Cup Captain, and Scot, Leon Smith. And the player? Well that was the 2013 Wimbledon Champion now, wasn't it!

As Dunblane-born Andy Murray hoisted the Wimbledon trophy aloft, watched by his Davis Cup captain, following a superb 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 battling win against World's No. 1 Novak Djokovic, I've never been happier to be wrong. The 26-year-old became the first

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*"If Scotland is to have a tennis boom it needs more courts in parks and rural communities"*

Scottish men's winner since little-known Harold Mahoney in 1896. Made it? I'd say so! And made me eat humble pie into the bargain.

But was I right to be skeptical? More importantly though, what do the next 16 years hold? Well, Murray has already inspired a generation, no doubt. Just as Swedish five-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg was a pioneer, allowing the likes of Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg to believe Grand Slam titles and No. 1 rankings were possible, Wimbledon wins for Jamie Murray (2007 mixed doubles) and seven ATP doubles tour titles for Colin Fleming to date are testament to that. Current World Under 14 Orange

Bowl Tennis Champion Maia Lumsden is further demonstration of a Murray led charge with Anastasia Mikheeva, currently one of the best in Europe, backing up the girls side.

However, Murray won Wimbledon because he's an imitable talent, has dedicated his life to the sport he loves and has a self-belief that defies belief. He's also Scottish. Much like Roger Federer, Murray was going to be a champion not because of but in spite of his birthplace. That's not to say he's not proud to be Scottish, and us of him. Both are true in equal portions. But his migration to train in Spain, aged 15, tells you everything about the facilities and coaching knowledge base that were available to him



Young Players at Falkirk

here at the time.

So, nearly a decade on from Scotland's first sighting of her favoured son at Wimbledon in 2005, do we have the infrastructure in place now to allow the current crop of inspired youth to train and learn here?

"If Scotland is to have a tennis boom [following Andy's Wimbledon win] it needs more courts in parks and rural communities," says LTA master performance coach Kris Soutar. "Tennis clubs with potential need their facilities upgraded so they are friendly, inviting and in some cases safe to visit," he continued.

While indoor courts, vital for continuous play here from October to March, have

increased from three in 1997 to 40 today, Soutar believes we still have a way to go to produce a conveyor belt of talent like our Spanish and French counterparts.". We need to fill these courts with a full spectrum of competitive opportunities and we need to insist we have good people [including coaches] in place to drive these facilities forward."

Federation Cup Captain, and Andy's mother, Judy Murray agrees, citing coaching as the key missing ingredient, telling the Daily Telegraph:

"We don't have anywhere near enough coaches..." said Murray. "By the time the kids get to 16 years old, you want to have

batches of them like France and Spain do. And the key to that is in the coaching."

Well, ironically and perhaps not unexpectedly, following her son's historic win the calls for investment have finally been answered, with a 5.8 million pound investment in tennis just announced from Sport Scotland over 4 years. The funding will go towards getting people involved in the sport while public park facilities will be upgraded. 2 million pounds will be invested in 4 new indoor centres. "This money is all about making sure the right facilities are there to help people get more active," said Sports Minister Shona Robinson.

While news not to be sniffed at, how can we ensure we don't waste the impetus, money and guarantee a champion to match Murray? After all, funding and systems is one thing, yet delivery is another. Just ask the LTA. Our all knowing, all seeing big brother continue to squander millions gained through Wimbledon each year, having failed to produce Tim Henman (who trained independently), Greg Rusedski (Canadian!) nor Murray. Furthermore, the USA has an abundance of quality coaches, fine weather and top-notch facilities yet where is their Top 10 male player? Australia too!

Well, quite simply, there are no guarantees. Like a good Scottish fisherman you spread the net wide and hope you snag some prime Atlantic salmon. You then nurture them and pray for spawning.

"I think it's potentially great for tennis in Scotland," said Judy, speaking of her son's win. I really hope it can start to change the face of tennis in Scotland and get a lot more people playing," said Judy to the BBC.

History told me 16 years ago that all this wasn't possible. History now tells me anything is. Now we just need to land another big fish and get everyone hooked.



*"I think it's potentially great for tennis"*

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# Building on Andy's Success

David Marshall, Chief Executive Officer of Tennis Scotland tells on court of their plans to get more people playing tennis

"There is no doubt we would all love to produce another Andy Murray from within Scotland although the fact Andy is such a unique talent means that quest is quite a challenge but one we most certainly do not shirk from.

We do currently have pathways in place to ensure our top performers are afforded every possible opportunity to maximise their potential and that will include, if appropriate,

spending time abroad. Each and every one of our athletes is different and, as an organisation, we learned a lot from Andy's journey, including the fact that tennis ability is only one facet of what makes a champion, with response to constant travelling, physical fitness and mental strength just some of the disparate aspects that have to all come together to complete the jigsaw.

The athleticism required these days to reach the top of the game is nothing short of phenomenal regardless of what type of player you are and the top four of Novak, Rafa, Roger and Andy have taken the game to a level hitherto uncharted.

Of course there is much work still to be done, particularly in terms of facilities within the country where there are obvious facilities gaps that need to be addressed, but there is equally much activity currently ongoing throughout Scotland where tennis is being taken directly into the communities with the objective being to increase participation.

Success has been achieved in Drumchapel and Knightswood in Glasgow where, at two traditional 'non tennis' venues, an upgrade at a cost £300,000, part funded by the Tennis Foundation and Glasgow Life, we now have an intensive schools outreach programme across the area, a community



tennis co-ordinator in place and a link to local clubs to establish a pathway from park to club.

Other projects include Cowan Park in Barrhead, Fairmuir Park in Dundee and Brodie Park in Paisley while the Edinburgh city centre initiative at The Meadows, a fantastic facility, has produced thousands of court bookings to demonstrate just what can be attained at an outdoor city park venue.

Tennis Scotland is currently working closely with many local authorities and other potential partners from both the public and private sectors to ensure the investment announced by sportscotland is matched from other sources to ensure we do take full advantage of the current situation and utilise it where it will result in maximum impact in terms of getting more people playing. Included in this will be the upgrading of facilities but to be honest, if existing courts are

in the wrong location, the construction of new facilities in the correct location would normally be the preferred option.

The level and quality of coaches is of course fundamental to all of what is going on and there is a major drive to improve on both counts with mentoring an integral aspect going forward. In 2013 over 300 new coaches came through one of our UKCC accredited Coaching Courses with an increased number of courses planned in 2014.

The success of Andy has placed our great sport in a unique situation in Scotland and, while there will always inevitably be areas that could be improved, we must do everything possible within our power to make sure that success is the catalyst for more people playing the game than ever before."

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# MAIN INTERVIEW

# Leon Smith talks Tennis in Scotland and Davis Cup

## Iain Boyd meets the Davis Cup Captain

After three years in the international wilderness Great Britain are back in the World Group of Davis Cup.

A side led by Wimbledon Champion Andy Murray, with support roles from fellow Scots Colin Fleming, Jamie Murray and Jamie Baker; it is a lesser-known Scot who has orchestrated the revival.

Glaswegian captain Leon Smith was a surprise pick to succeed John Lloyd back in 2010. However, having secured seven out of eight wins since taking over with Murray, unavailable throughout last year, the only squad member featuring in the World's top 10 as well as 100, the 37-year-old's achievements are as impressive as they are remarkable.

on court magazine sat down with the youngest Davis Cup captain in 40 years to discuss his rise to the top, pretending to be

Ivan Lendl and causing trouble around the Scottish tennis circuit.

**Iain:** How did you start out in tennis?

**Leon:** When I was around eight or nine years old we moved to a new house directly across from Clarkston Tennis Club. After years of junior tennis I decided at the age of 18 that coaching was going to be the best option for me and took my first coach apprentice job at Giffnock Tennis Club.

**Iain:** What's your fondest memory growing up around the Scottish tennis circuit?

**Leon:** These were some of my best memories of tennis. We had so much fun travelling to tournaments such as The Bell's Junior Open in Perth, the Scottish Hard Courts at Broughty Ferry and the Irn Bru Junior Finals at Bridge of Allan. There were

loads of us all around the same age that would stay at bed and breakfasts at these tournaments, and yes we got up to mischief but we also played so much tennis.

It was such a healthy environment to grow up in and nearly all of us who were part of that circuit are still involved in tennis in some shape or form, which says a lot about the importance of well-run local/regional tournaments.

**Iain:** How has Scottish tennis evolved since your early years?

**Leon:** Like most areas of British tennis things have moved on and there are many positives across Scottish tennis, none more so than our biggest star, Andy Murray who has done so much to grow the popularity of tennis in Scotland.

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In my earlier coaching years I was very fortunate to be part of a national coaching set-up, working under Judy Murray (my long time mentor and one of my closest friends). What Judy set up was brilliant and we had so many good kids come through that programme and importantly had so much fun as a coaching team delivering it. Some of my best coaching memories are from that time and I hope I can work with Judy and a team like that in Scotland in the future.

**Iain:** You're a father yourself. Is Daniel going to be the next Andy Murray?

**Leon:** I'm a father of three great children (Daniel, Olivia and Benjamin). Daniel has definitely picked up the tennis 'bug' and plays 2-3 times a week. He loves Andy Murray and watches some of his matches on TV.

For his sixth birthday he wanted a tennis party for his entire class! Judy Murray offered to run the party and as usual she was brilliant and all of the 30 kids that came along had a great time. All the kids went away with a tennis racket and ball instead of a goody bag and hopefully most of them will take up tennis from that day.

**Iain:** Your brothers are heavily involved in Scottish tennis. What are they up to these days?

**Leon:** Toby and Gary are both tennis coaches. Toby heads up the Stirling High Performance Centre for Tennis Scotland and has done a terrific job the last few years developing some of Britain's top young juniors. Gary works out of the David Lloyd Club in Anniesland (Glasgow) where he works with adults and juniors. He's got a great personality and gets people working hard and, importantly, loving the sport of tennis.

**Iain:** Andy moved abroad when he was a teenager to further his development. Have we caught up to other countries in terms of coaching and facilities?



*“Work hard  
every day,  
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competition...  
and believe!”*

**Leon:** I think every individual is different and when Andy moved to Barcelona, aged 15, it was the right time for him to be in a different environment and it definitely worked for him.

But you have to look at each player differently and figure out what works best for them and what they would respond to at each stage of their development. I think we have good coaches in the UK but there is still work to be done in improving the overall level. Especially for developing younger players to ensure they have very good tactical/technical skills from a young age, which will really help them as they move up the age groups.

**Iain:** Have you been star struck by anyone you've met and what's the best bit of advice you've been given?

**Leon:** I'm really fortunate to be involved at the highest end of international tennis. Over the last 7 years at the LTA I've been able to work closely with coaches such as Paul Annacone and Brad Gilbert and I still work on a daily basis with Greg Rusedski.

I have to admit I was a bit star-struck when first introduced to Andy's current coach, Ivan Lendl. It was a bit surreal sitting in Melbourne at the Australian Open having a coffee and chat with one of the all-time great

tennis players. I'm sure I used to pretend to be like him when practising on the blaes courts at Clarkston!

I guess another surreal moment was at this year's French Open when I was invited to attend a meeting with the World Group Davis Cup captains and walked into the room with Jim Courier, Pat Rafter, Alex Corretja and Arnaud Clement! I didn't say too much during that meeting!

**Iain:** You've been a real mentor to the 'other' Davis Cup Scots namely Colin Fleming, Jamie Baker and Jamie Murray. How impressed have you been with what they're achieving?

**Leon:** All these boys and Andy were part of the Tennis Scotland squads we used to run so I've known them for about 15 years now. They are a great bunch of guys and it is so good that this group of Scottish lads have all made careers out of tennis.

It is actually amazing to think that such a small tennis community can produce this level of player. Goes to show that setting a motivating learning environment is so important when the players are growing up.

**Iain:** What's your message to young Scots who are unsure if they can make it as a tennis player?

**Leon:** Work hard every day, enjoy your training and competition, be in a programme that motivates you but also makes you work hard (tennis is a tough sport so there is no hiding place from hard work!), and believe! Look what Andy and the other Scottish boys and girls have achieved.

**Iain:** Some calls for Davis Cup to be compulsory. What are your thoughts on that?

**Leon:** I'm biased of course, but I love Davis Cup and if you ask all the players and coaching staff they will say the same. So whatever happens with the format or structure of Davis Cup all of us involved want to protect and grow this great competition.

**Iain:** What's been your biggest challenge to date and what does the future hold for Leon Smith?



Dan Evans shares a joke with Captain Leon Smith

**Leon:** I love the challenge of Davis Cup ties. The matches are tough five setters and so much can happen over a weekend.

The biggest challenge so far was in the tie against Russia in April this year when we found ourselves 0-2 down after day one having lost two very tough five set matches.

The team did an incredible job in turning this tie around to win 3-2 and was definitely one of Britain's best Davis Cup wins of all time. It was a privilege to be part of that team.

As for my future, I'm focused on trying to improve men's tennis in the UK and moving our players that are behind Andy up

the rankings as much as we can. In 2014 we have the World Group of Davis Cup to look forward to starting with a 1st round tie away to USA at the end of January.

**That's about as far ahead as I'm looking for now....**



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Colin Fleming with players at Whitecraigs

# UK Number I Doubles Star shines at Whitecraigs

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Colin Fleming takes Doubles Masterclass with Juniors

The UK's no. 1 doubles tennis champion and Commonwealth games gold medallist, Colin Fleming, paid a visit to Whitecraigs Tennis & Sports Club to host a unique event that offered an insight into the world of professional doubles tennis.

“My biggest personal goal is to win a doubles Grand Slam title...”



Whitecraigs Lawn Tennis and Sports Club was a hive of activity, as it played host to Colin Fleming's Doubles Master Class. Over 100 Junior and senior members took to the courts to have a hit with Fleming, while onlookers flanked the side-lines to watch on as the sporting champion demonstrated his professional playing standard.

Fleming commented: "What a beautiful location and brilliant turnout today here at Whitecraigs Lawn Tennis and Sports Club. I was lucky enough to be there to witness Andy's fantastic win at Wimbledon. I've never

known a harder working guy than him, not just in sport in any walk of life, so he absolutely deserves his success. He'll now move forward as one of the favourites at the Australian and favourite for Wimbledon next year. What a great position to be in. I can see Andy going on to win many Slams in his career now."

"In terms of what this means for Scottish tennis, well that remains to be seen. Clearly the Murray effect has created a bit of a bubble at the moment in terms of interest which will hopefully get many more involved

in playing tennis here. We've also had the huge and very welcome funding announcement by Sports Scotland for Scottish tennis. I just hope that this excitement and interest in our sport can be harnessed and we can grow the game and help to develop the next generation of international players here in Scotland."

Fleming, who made it to the doubles quarter-finals at Wimbledon and Flushing Meadows with his long term doubles partner Ross Hutchins has been impressed by the way that Hutchins has dealt with his illness. Hutchins leukaemia diagnosis was a big blow to Fleming.

"Ross has clearly had a lot to deal with over the last 12 months. It was a real shock when he told me. I've been so impressed by the way he has tackled this head on and by the amount of fundraising work he has done.

Murray's success is now something that Fleming is looking to follow...

"My biggest personal goal is to win a doubles Grand Slam title. I've recently teamed up with Jonny Marray, last years Wimbledon doubles champion. I hope that with this new partnership, I can make this goal a reality."

Jon Pankhurst, Head Coach at Whitecraigs

"We're delighted that Colin has taken time out of his busy schedule to work with our members. His masterclass in doubles play was brilliant and our members have turned out in serious numbers to benefit from a truly world class Scottish player.

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## COLIN FLEMING BACKGROUND

Colin Fleming is Scotland's 28 year old, Linlithgow based doubles specialist. Earlier in the year he won the Heineken Open with Bruno Soares. He is an Olympian and Commonwealth Games gold medallist, currently ranked number 32 in the world; is a member of the successful British Davis Cup team and a Wimbledon quarter-finalist. Once the doubles partner of Ross Hutchins, Fleming presently partners Jonny Marray; Wimbledon doubles champion of 2012.

Colin Fleming signs autographs at Whitecraigs

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Gordon Reid in action at Nottingham ©Tennis Foundation

# Reid wins Three In a Row

Helensburgh's Gordon Reid won his second Nottingham Indoor Wheelchair Tennis Tournament title in October as the final British world-ranking event on the 2013 NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour drew to a close at the Nottingham Tennis Centre.



Gordon Reid wins Nottingham Indoor Wheelchair Tennis Tournament ©Tennis Foundation

British No. 1 and world No. 4 Reid claimed his second men's singles title in three years. Second seed Reid and Dutch top seed Maikel Scheffers met in the men's final in Nottingham for the third successive year after both having beaten each other in the last two finals, but the 2011 champion Reid proved strongest this time as he claimed a 6-3 6-3 victory.

Both players held serve in the first four games before Reid broke for a 4-2 lead and he went on to serve out the opening set, which he secured with a powerful forehand down the line. Reid gained the first break of the second set and although Scheffers broke straight back Reid reeled off the last three games of the match to complete victory after 67 minutes.

"I'm really happy and delighted to regain the title," said Gordon after beating Scheffers for the second successive tournament this year and for his second successive ITF 1 Series title in a row. "You're not going to play your best tennis all the time and I'm pleased with how I got the job done today. It's my second straight ITF 1 title and my third tournament win in a row, so it give me lots of confidence going into next month's NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters."

Earlier in October Gordon Reid clinched the first ITF 1 Series singles title of his career at the Open de la Baie de Somme to complete an astonishing three days for the British No. 1 men's wheelchair tennis player during which he beat the world's top three ranked players in successive days.

Helensburgh's Reid also finished the tournament with the men's doubles title, which he had already secured partnering Frenchman Stephane Houdet, the player he beat 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-3 in the singles final.

"It has been an amazing week for me. After winning both titles and taking out the top three ranked players in the world, I feel great," said Reid. "I have been working very hard in training recently on a few specific areas and to see those parts of my game having such a positive impact at this tournament is really encouraging. I'm really pleased with the fight I showed to come through two tough three set matches and delighted to have won the doubles with Stephane to keep our unbeaten record intact."



Kevin Simpson

# Kevin wins Disability Sport Award

Kevin Simpson won a Scottish Disability Award in September. It was presented to him at National Tennis Centre at Stirling. He didn't know he was getting it and thought he was just having a meeting so it was a real surprise for him.

He was then presented with his award by Scottish disability sport vice president Sandra Proudfoot, who said,

"It was while at the spinal unit in 2002 that Kevin was introduced to tennis by an ex-patient. In 2004, he decided to pursue wheelchair tennis full-time and, through hard work and determination, soon became a world-class player. He achieved his goal of competing for Team GB in the Paralympics in Beijing in the men's singles and doubles in 2008.

Then in 2010 he decided to develop his coaching skills and over the last 3 years, again through hard work and determination, he has successfully achieved the UKCC level 3 tennis coaching qualification having completed UKCC levels 1 and 2.

It seems fitting that in its inaugural year that the Russell Hogg Trophy should be awarded to an individual who has succeeded as a top class player and is starting his career as a coach hence emulating the journey of Russell Hogg to whom the trophy commemorates and has been presented to Scottish Disability Sport by his wife, Julie Hogg."



Kevin Simpson

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## Louie storms to U16 Nationals and British Tour Titles

Stirling's Louie McLelland has had a very successful few weeks. At the end of October 7th seed, Louie won the Winter Nationals U16 Tour in Loughborough.

In the quarterfinals she had a convincing win over 4th seed Ellie-Rose Griffiths before winning against 2nd seed Livvy Tomkins in the 3rd set in the semi-finals, 7-6(5), 5-7, 6-2. In

the final, Louie won the first set 6-2 against Megan Davies and after losing the second set 4-6, came back to win the 3rd set, the match and the tournament.

Earlier in October Louie also won the Aegon British Tour women's singles tournament in Glasgow. In the final she defeated Farah Abdel-Aziz 6-3, 6-2.

# Maia and Jacob lead the Way

Maia Lumsden and Jacob Fearnley led the way for the Scottish contingent at the Aegon British Junior National Championships.



Jacob Fearnley

Glasgow's Maia Lumsden was in sensational form all week at the 16U event in Nottingham dropping only one set on route to her victory in the girls' singles. The no.2 seed produced a strong performance in the final against Emily Arbuthnott, the no.4 seed, to record a 6-3 6-3 victory.

Lumsden had shown the mentality of a champion the day before to win her semi-final against Jasmine Amber Asghar after being a set and 4-1 down and she appeared to take that momentum with her into the final. She said: "I'm really happy to have won the title because I haven't even got to the semis since I was about ten. Although I did win that time as well so I'm very pleased."

The Scot had also successful teamed up with Gabriella Taylor, whom she defeated last December in the all-British final of the Junior Orange Bowl in Florida, to win the 16U girls'

doubles final. Top seeds Lumsden and Taylor proved too strong for Emily Arbuthnott and Sophia Haine, the no.3 seeds, winning 7-5 6-2 to hand the Beaconsfield pupil an impressive double.

There was a similarly imposing 'double' taking place down the road in Bournemouth where Edinburgh's Jacob Fearnley won both the 12U boys' singles and doubles. The Merchiston Castle School pupil, the no.9 seed, failed to drop a set on route to the title recording impressive 6-0 6-0, 6-0 6-2, 6-0 6-0, 6-4 6-1, 7-6 6-3 victories in the run-up to the final where he defeated Michael Owen, the no.4 seed, 6-1 6-0.

Fearnley and doubles partner Jack Draper comfortably won their doubles final 6-2 6-3 against Bradley Buckland and Harry Finney.

Other notable Scottish performances at

the Championships included the unseeded pairing of Alexandra Hunter (Edinburgh) and Camille Verden-Anderson (Stirling) who reached the 14U girls' doubles final before losing out to the no.3 seeds, Jodie Burrage and Sophie Drakeford-Lewis, 6-3 6-2.

Anastasia Mikheeva (Edinburgh) and Jed Alexander (Perth) reached the semi-finals of the 14U girls' singles / doubles and 12U boys' singles respectively whilst Reuben Henry (Edinburgh) and Ewan Moore (Kilmarnock) made the same stage of the 18U boys' doubles.

Reuben Henry (18U boys' singles), Ewan Moore (16U boys' singles) and Edinburgh's Ellie Burns (16U girls' singles) all won their respective consolation draws.



Maia Lumsden

# Scotland Retains Home Nations Cup

An Exciting Win for Scotland.



Scotland Home Nations Cup Team

At the Cardiff Lawn Tennis Club in September, Scotland won by the narrowest margins over runners-up Ireland and the host country Wales who finished third. The individual age group competitions were the closest in recent years with each nation winning one event at the end of the two-day competition.

Scotland retained the 14 & Under Championship despite a strong challenge from Ireland who started as favourites to win this age group. With both teams beating Wales by the same margin, the doubles, played on day 1, were shared with the Irish boys and Scottish girls both winning in three sets. The Day 2 singles, moved indoors due to overnight rain, provided some excellent play from both teams. Aidan McHugh and Ali Collins won their matches in straight sets with Ewen Lumsden and Alexandra Hunter fighting bravely but going down in three sets.

With rubbers shared at 3-3, the sets won however proved crucial in Scotland winning the match and the title.

The Welsh 18 & Under team, led by GB internationalist Evan Hoyt, dominated the oldest age group beating both Ireland and Scotland however all four Scots recorded singles wins during the weekend and finished in 2nd place to earn vital points towards the overall championship. Ireland was delighted to win the 12 & under age group – its first title for many years.

The Scottish team, which included the newly crowned GB 12 & Under boys champion Jacob Fearnley, lost narrowly to the eventual champions but comfortably beat the hosts to finish as runners-up. Once again, all four players, playing for their country for the first time, recorded wins throughout the weekend.

The overall championship, won by

Scotland in Glasgow in 2012, was not decided until the final match, watched by a very vocal and enthusiastic audience, was concluded. Even then, it was not obvious who this year's champions would be but, at the presentation, Scotland were announced champions by just one point over runners-up Ireland – a fantastic result for the Scotland team and its captains who supported their players throughout the weekend.

Allan McClure received the championship trophy on behalf of the Scotland team.



*“Scotland won by the narrowest margins over runners-up Ireland and the host country Wales who finished third.”*

## 2013 HOME NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS, CARDIFF

### 18 & Under

1st Wales; 2nd Scotland; 3rd Ireland

#### *Scotland team*

Vincent Gillespie, Allan McClure, Millie Stretton, Louie Mclelland  
Marcel Du Coudray (team captain)

### 14 & Under

1st Scotland; 2nd Ireland; 3rd Wales

#### *Scotland team*

Ewen Lumsden, Aidan McHugh, Ali Collins, Alexandra Hunter  
Toby Smith (team captain)

### 12 & Under

1st Ireland; 2nd Scotland; 3rd Wales

#### *Scotland team*

Jacob Fearnley, Connor Thomson, Eve Lumsden, Maia Montgomerie  
Mark Walker (team captain)

### Overall

1st Scotland 7 points; 2nd Ireland 6 points; 3rd Wales 5 points.

**Ireland hosts the 2014 event, which will be played on 6/7 May 2014.**

# MacLennan leads GB Seniors to World Team Championship success

Three Scottish senior women represented Great Britain at the ITF World team championships held in Croatia and in Austria.

Frances MacLennan led the GB Women's 70 team (Frances MacLennan, Jacky Boothman, Jenny Waggott and Sue Hill) in winning the Althea Gibson Cup, beating top seeds USA in the final in Austria.

Marjory Love captained the GB Women's 60 team to a bronze medal in the Alice Marble Cup, losing to USA in the semi-final before beating the Netherlands in the bronze medal match.

In the Kitty Godfree Cup, Christine Lockhart also captained the GB 65 team, which won its opening two matches in the round robin qualifying group but then lost narrowly to Australia in the final match. In the playoff stage, GB beat South Africa then Austria, both by 2-1 margins, to finish 5th overall.



GB Women's 70 team



From l-r Jotie Purba, Maia Montgomerie, Judy Murray, Eve Lumsden, Alexandra Kendall

# Scottish Girls at Mini Fed Cup Event

## Captain Jotie Purba reports

"The girls and I arrived early at the Nottingham Tennis Centre on Sunday morning at 8.30am. We waited about 15 minutes then we were escorted outside where we met with all the other teams and Judy Murray.

After hearing the format of the day the girls and I got given Great Britain tops and we went on court and started a warm up with Judy. She was great with all the girls, the coaches/captains joined in too and very quickly got to know other members in the other teams! After the on court skills/games

with Judy the girls split up into their teams where they played each nation with 2 singles & 1 doubles. It was hard in that it was timed matches of 15 minutes and of tiebreak scoring, therefore every point counted. I sat on court along with the girls and we cheered our team on, they really enjoyed it. The girls played fantastic and fought hard to win every match!

After that they had a ball girl training session and had their lunch. Following lunch, they went on court to be ball girls for the Pro Series final and the coaches/captains got the

chance to go for a match charting workshop with Holly Bambridge. We got the chance afterwards to watch the girls in action on court! Before we left the girls were presented with the prize for winning: each got a tube of new balls, a Wimbledon top and a GB Fed Cup jacket. They were delighted!!

All in all, the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience as they were not worried about rankings and ratings - simply to do the best they could for their team. Which in my opinion was the most important part of the day."



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# COMMUNITY TENNIS



Christine Allan, General Manager at The Edinburgh Clinic, Belinda Stewart, Clinical Liaison Officer at The Edinburgh Clinic, David Marshall, Chief Executive of Tennis Scotland and Hope Robertson, Marketing Consultant at The Edinburgh Clinic

# Tennis Scotland creates its first Community Tennis Partner

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Tennis Scotland has announced the creation of its first ever 'community tennis partner', which aims to support plans to get more people playing tennis, more often, on the back of Andy Murray's historic Wimbledon victory.

Tennis Scotland and healthcare provider The Edinburgh Clinic will utilise their combined resources to work in partnership to encourage people to take up the game while highlighting the importance of complementing sports participation with an overall healthy lifestyle.

Peter Gordon, Tennis Scotland's Development Manager for Edinburgh, commented: "Tennis is enjoying a massive profile at the moment and interest in the game is at an all-time high. Tennis is a game for the whole family and can be enjoyed by all ages. However, you only have to look at the number of support staff Andy Murray has working with him, each with his or her specific role, to realise that to reach your maximum potential requires more than talent, irrespective of the standard being played."

Christine Allan, General Manager at The Edinburgh Clinic added: "We are delighted to become Tennis Scotland's community tennis partner in Edinburgh. Together we share the value that getting people outdoors and into sport from a young age provides a great start for a healthy life. With Andy Murray having recently provided a truly special example of what dedication to sport can achieve, we are proud to be working with Tennis Scotland to help widen participation in tennis in Edinburgh."

At The Edinburgh Clinic our leading sports medicine and orthopaedic consultants provide a unique assessment and management service for conditions such as tennis elbow, sprained ankles and sore shoulders with the objective being to enable sufferers to get back on the courts as quickly and safely as possible."

The partnership will see Tennis Scotland and The Edinburgh Clinic work together to

deliver 4 tennis festivals across the Scottish capital, one during each of the Grand Slam events, aimed at giving all ages and abilities an introduction to tennis and more information on how to get more involved in this sport for life. The first 'Edinburgh Clinic Festival of Tennis' took place at the Meadows Tennis Courts in September.

David Marshall, Chief Executive of Tennis Scotland, is confident that partnerships such as this one will ensure a lasting legacy for the sport: "One of the outcomes of this partnership will be a local development fund to support tennis initiatives in the Scottish capital. There are many organisations where a community partnership would offer reciprocal benefits and if the collaboration with The Edinburgh Clinic is as successful as we believe it will be, we will definitely be looking to roll out similar schemes across Scotland."



*"We are delighted to become Tennis Scotland's community tennis partner in Edinburgh."*

## ABOUT THE EDINBURGH CLINIC

**The Edinburgh Clinic was founded in 2008 and in 2011 became part of Aspen Healthcare, which owns seven other healthcare facilities in England.**

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David Marshall, Chief Executive of Tennis Scotland and Christine Allan, General Manager at The Edinburgh Clinic

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# Adam launches "Go" in Central



Bridge of Allan Primary School with Adam Brown on the right and coach Jonny Adamson on the left.

# “Give Tennis a Scotland



In the wake of Andy Murray's historic Wimbledon victory, the Central Scotland District coach Adam Brown has seized the initiative to ensure that over 1800 primary school children in the Stirling, Bridge of Allan and Bannockburn area are all getting the chance to 'Give Tennis a go'.

This has ensured that any child inspired by Murray's victories at the Olympics, Wimbledon and the US Open will have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of their hero.

Brown has been a full time coach since graduating from Stirling University. He initially returned to his roots in Cumbria where he coached for two years before taking up a performance role at a tennis academy in Hamilton, New Zealand for a further two years. On his return from New Zealand, he teamed up with fellow coach Michael Fleming at Linlithgow Tennis Club before taking up his role six months later as Central District Coach, and more recently as Regional Performance coach at the Gannochy National Tennis Centre at Stirling University. Brown was named Scottish Tennis Coach of the Year in 2009 and in the same year also received the Tennis Scotland Participation Award for developing the Central Scotland Mini Tennis Tour.

Over the past year, Brown has been working on a plan to try and take advantage of the impact Andy Murray's success has had on tennis in Scotland. One of the main areas he has focused on is to design a project that provides plenty of opportunities for kids to become involved and stay involved in the sport. Adam said "After Wimbledon and the Olympics a lot of kids picked up tennis racquets and headed down to the clubs or parks for a game of tennis, but for many this lasted a couple of weeks and then they would move on to the next thing. I wanted to think of a way to make sure the racquets would stay in the hands of the kids for a lot longer than this."

Brown developed a seven-point plan that he will deliver between now and Summer 2014. The project revolves around making tennis accessible and giving children coaching for free or at minimal cost.

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## The plan includes:

### 1) Free School Taster Sessions –

All P2-P5 children in 21 Primary Schools in the Stirling/Bridge of Allan/Bannockburn region will receive at least four weeks of School taster sessions. This offers over 1800 children the opportunity to pick up a racquet and give it a go.

### 2) After School Tennis Clubs –

After the taster sessions all 21 Primary Schools will then have access to a free after School tennis session hosted at their School. This will last for between 5-8 weeks.

### 3) Drop in sessions –

Stirling has 4 public courts in good condition in Kings Park, and children get to attend a weekly drop in session for £1 a session. Over the winter months this moves indoors to a local High School.

### 4) Invitational Session –

Throughout the project there is support from fellow coach Joe Gill, the Tennis Scotland Coach Apprentice (funded by Sport Scotland) who plays a role in identifying players who are showing a lot of promise, whether that be good attitude/commitment/enthusiasm or great striking of the ball! These players will be selected to attend a free weekly invitational session.

### 5) Fun Matchplay/Festival Days –

These will happen every 4-6 weeks and will be an opportunity for children to attend a session with their parents at one of the local clubs in Stirling.

### 6) Schools Tennis Competition –

In March/April 2014 there will be 4 separate Schools tennis competitions held in the different areas of Stirling; These will be held at local tennis clubs and Kings Park, Stirling. Then in May/June the winning School from each cluster will be invited to a Schools Finals competition.

### 7) Club/Park/Competition Programme –

Once the project is complete there are coaching programmes in place at Stirling, Bridge of Allan and Livilands Tennis Club as well as Kings Park. There is also a full list of one-day grade 6 competitions that run as part of the Central Scotland Tournament Circuit that children can access locally.

Running a project of this size takes considerable organising and funding, and Brown has spent considerable amount of time organising, planning and attending meetings, Brown said, "To pull a project like this together you need a lot of support and I have had this along the way. There are a lot of parties involved and everybody has been keen to lend a hand".

After an initial meeting with his Tennis Scotland Development Manager, Peter Gordon, some funding was offered through the Hygiene, Healthy Eating and Activity in Primary Schools (HHEAPS) project, which is set up by the Food Standards Agency. Funding has also been made available from the Tennis Foundation towards coaching activity at Kings Park and Schools tennis competitions in the area.

The next big challenge for Brown was to try and get a sponsor on board. After writing to a few big local firms, he eventually got an offer from FES (Forth Electrical Services) who were keen to support the project, Duncan Fletcher, Managing Director of FES said "I was more than happy to sponsor such a worthwhile project. We were all glued to our televisions in July to cheer on Andy Murray and I'm delighted to help the local children of Stirling experience tennis and have the opportunity to win a trophy of their own. Adam had a very well structured programme all ready to put in place and it's great that FES have been able to help it actually happen."

Once the sponsorship was received from FES it meant an application could be put forward to apply for Sport match funding through Sport Scotland. This application was successful which effectively doubled the money they received from FES and ensured the project could go ahead at full throttle. The project has also received support from Tennis Central and Active Stirling along the

way that has helped to support and coordinate the project.

With all initiatives of this nature, it is essential that there is a structure in place once the project is finished to make sure that tennis can continue in the schools. A number of programmes have been put in place to make sure that this happens. In November there is a Primary Schools Teacher Training course being held in Stirling. If schools send a teacher along to the free three hour course, they receive a free tennis kit bag with 30 racquets, a net, balls and other equipment, as well as a DVD and handbook on lesson plans and information on how to set up/run after school tennis clubs. Also in December there will be a Tennis leaders course taking place, which encourages children, aged 13+ to get involved in volunteering in tennis.

Brown will be delivering some of the sessions but most coaching sessions will be delivered by one of his team of qualified coaches. Brown said "We're incredibly lucky in this area that we have Stirling University, which is one of the hotbeds of tennis not only in Scotland but the whole of the UK. The majority of the coaches being used for



*"I love the energy and interest I've experienced in all of the schools I've been in"*

the programme attend the University here, and play for the teams and many of them are on Scholarships." The coaches are all hugely enthusiastic which is exactly what you need when you are trying to inspire the youngsters in the Schools. One of the coaches is Spaniard Bruno Argudo who is the Scottish Universities Champion. Argudo is passionate about his work with the school kids, "I love the energy and interest I've experienced in all of the schools I've been in. For some it has

been the first time they've picked up a racket and their attitude and willingness to try a new skill has been amazing!"

Brown commented "This has been an enormous but worthwhile challenge to undertake. I was determined that the local area would benefit from Murray's success and I was fortunate enough to be able to secure the funding needed to enable some of the best coaches in the area to go into the primary schools and pass on their expertise at

no cost to the schools. I was really keen to offer the local children the chance to play tennis not just for a few weeks but also throughout the school year and I sincerely hope that this project will inspire children to increase their activity levels through tennis and start to play regularly. I am already for planning for the next academic year to see if we can keep the momentum going."



Bruno Argudo



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Carrickmines Bowl Tournament Players

## £600 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support

£600 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support when Tennis West of Scotland organised its 9th Carrickmines Bowl for West of Scotland club players.

The event, held at Strathgryffe Tennis & Squash Club, was a handicapped mixed doubles tournament, which attracted 24 pairs from clubs in the West of Scotland. With all 10 indoor and outdoor courts in operation throughout the day, a lot of tennis was played.

At the close of play, the Carrickmines Bowl was won by the Western club,

represented by Alasdair Sandilands and LeeAnn Lucas, who beat the Rutherglen husband and wife pair of Neil and Debbie McKenzie in the final. Bishopbriggs beat Queen's Park Community Tennis Club to take third place.

The profit from the day of £600 will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.



Winners Alasdair Sandilands and LeeAnn Lucas (Western Club)

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# BARCLAYS BALL KIDS



Jennifer Shaw at the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals

# Jennifer has an Incredible Experience at the O2



After a rigorous selection process and days of intensive training and preparation the final squad of Barclays Ball Kids joined the world's top men's tennis players on court at The O2 London for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at the beginning of November.

The squad of 30 kids (aged 12-16) were selected from thousands of hopefuls that took part in a nationwide search launched by Barclays last November to find the best ball kids for this year's Barclays ATP World Tour Finals. This squad included Scotland's Jennifer Shaw.

Since selection, the squad has taken part in a number of training days, including a week long Basecamp to perfect their skills. Led by the Barclays Ball Kid Talent ID team, headed up by Mark McGrath, the training programme was designed to ensure the squad members were empowered with all the skills required to provide outstanding service to the world's top tennis players including Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic, who took part in this year's Barclays ATP World Tour Finals.

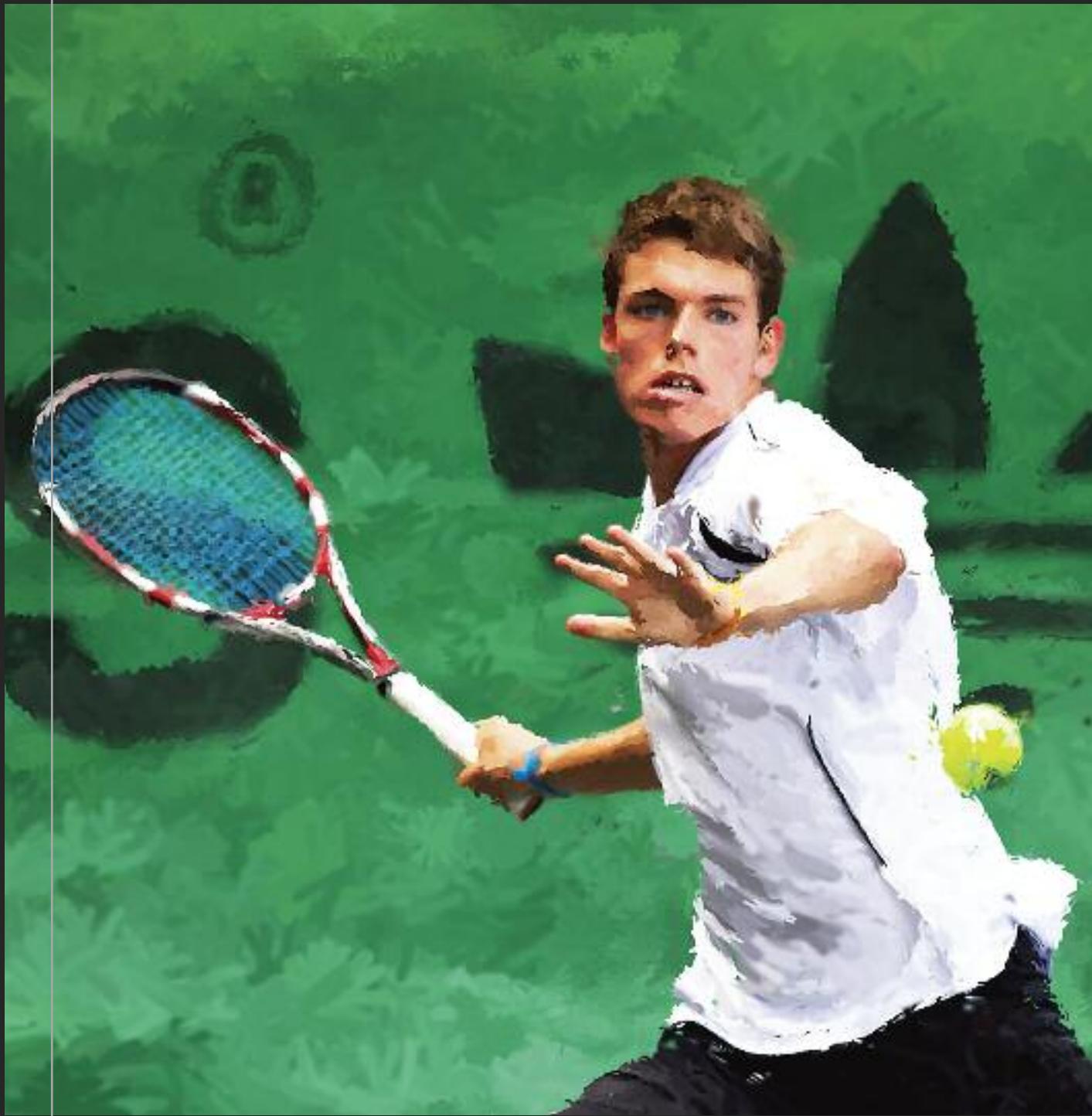
In addition to the on court skill development, the Barclays Ball Kids training programme also provided children with the opportunity to build friendships, keep fit and develop a sense of team identity and camaraderie.

As the only initiative like it in the UK, the Barclays Ball Kids programme has been backed by many of the sport's biggest names. "The Barclays Ball Kids programme is a great opportunity for kids to get involved in the very best in tennis. Sport is about teamwork, about concentration, about having a goal and being a unit to reach that goal. The earlier you learn that the better it is for the rest of your life." said three Wimbledon Champion, Boris Becker, who was a ball boy himself as a youngster at his local club in Germany.

Scotland's Jennifer Shaw enthused, "The Barclays ATP World Tour Finals has been exciting because it's an amazing atmosphere. Being a Barclays Ball Kid for Nadal was the most incredible experience."

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Lance Nisbet

## Perth Tennis Club Championships 2013

The club championships finals day attracted a total of 235 entries from players as young as 4 years to those of much greater experience and maturity.

Coach Craig Cameron hailed the tournament a great success saying. "We are again indebted to Sidey Ltd for their valuable support and we were fortunate to enjoy a month of very good weather. Players young and not so young competed throughout the tournament and not only were matches played to a very good standard, they were played in a very sporting manner"



Under 6 singles – Winner Euan Burns (centre), Runner up Robbie Smith (right) and Third place Murray Cameron (left)



Some of the winners at Bridge of Allan Sports Club with sponsor David Bowmaker from LifeFit physiotherapy.

# Players seek to follow Andy at the Central Scotland District Closed Event

This annual closed event has been running since the 1930s, and held over various clubs in Central Scotland over the years.

The tournament has enjoyed a recent surge in entries with numbers increasing every year for the past 5 years. The event this year was sponsored by LifeFit Physiotherapy and it was held at Bridge of Allan

Sports Club. It attracted over 150 entries.

Past winners include Andy, Jamie and Judy Murray as well as Colin Fleming and this year Judy Murray popped along to watch some of the local competitors. The under 10 boys event is the most sought after trophy at the tournament as it was won by Andy Murray aged 7, and it is believed to be the first ever tennis competition that Andy won. The 2013 under 10 event was won by Bridge of Allan's Fraser Laing.

# Central Scotland & STH Tournament Circuit continues to grow

The Central Scotland and Tayside Tournament circuit is a series of one-day junior events held at various club across Central Scotland and Tayside.

In its first year in 2000 it had 18 events held at 6 clubs. Over the years it has evolved, and this year there were 70 events held at 16 clubs, with 6 local sponsors helping support the event. The 2013 events have attracted over 800 entries.

There are mini tennis events as well as junior match play events. The mini events act as qualifying events and then in August the top-performing mini players get invited back to compete in the Grand Prix Finals.

## This years winners were:

Mini Red: Euan Mackenzie,  
Mini Orange: Huzaifah Ali,  
Mini Green: Zak Vince.

*'The 2013 events have attracted over 800 entries'*



Mini Orange winner Huzaifah Ali (right) and runner up Joseph Logan.

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North of Scotland Autumn Open Winners

# North of Scotland Autumn Open is huge Success

Mid October saw the third year of the North of Scotland Autumn Open (formerly Stirling Autumn Open) held at Kilgraston School.

Last year the event attracted around 150 players and was split over 5 venues across Stirling. This year to make logistics easier the tournament was shifted to Kilgraston School. The tournament proved a huge success and resulted in 192 players and 255 entries. The largest event was the boys under 14 singles, which had 32 entries and was won by Jed Alexander.

# Scotland Junior Players on Tour

Over the last 12 months Central Scotland players and those in the Stirling Regional Programme have enjoyed various tennis trips all over the UK with District/Regional coach Adam Brown.

Adam said, "The players in the programmes always support the Scottish events strongly but from time to time when there are not events domestically it is a good opportunity to cross the Border and play some of the English events". Over the last 12 months Adam has taken players to grade 3 junior tournaments in Bath, Preston, Nottingham, Liverpool, Sunderland, Birchwood, Ilkley and Newcastle.

This Summer Adam teamed up with Highlands District Coach Mike Martin and took 20 juniors on a 2-week tour where they played both Ilkley Junior Open and The Adderstone Northumberland Open. It proved a great experience for the juniors getting to play on the grass courts at Ilkley and the clay courts at Northumberland. There was success for the players as well, with Ruairidh Fraser taking the boys under 14s and 16s singles titles at The Adderstone Northumberland Open and teaming up with Ewan Mckinnie for the boys under 16s doubles. This trip was supported by Tennis central Scotland.



Ruairidh Fraser with The Northumberland Open Boys u14s and u16s singles titles

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Muriel Rae, President of  
Blairgowrie Tennis Club

# RANKINGS

# LTA Top 5 Rankings

at 1st November 2013

## Scotland East

### MEN

- 1 Graeme Dyce
- 2 Alan MacDonald
- 3 Scott Duncan
- 4 Euan McIntosh
- 5 Reuben Henry

### LADIES

- 1 Ellie Burns
- 2 Millie Stretton
- 3 Kirsty Venter
- 4 Anastasia Mikheeva
- 5 Mhairi Beattie

### U18 BOYS

- 1 Euan McIntosh
- 2 Reuben Henry
- 3 Maxime Renke
- 4 David Holmes
- 5 Alistair Stiven

### U18 GIRLS

- 1 Ellie Burns
- 2 Kirsty Venter
- 3 Alexander Hunter
- 4 Jennifer Mair
- 5 Zoe Henderson

### U16 BOYS

- 1 Philip Blythe
- 2 Finlay Glidden
- 3 Alexander Ralston
- 4 Matthew Grieve
- 5 Matthew Forest

### U16 GIRLS

- 1 Ellie Burns
- 2 Alexandra Hunter
- 3 Jessica Mair
- 4 Charlotte Mair
- 5 Millie Wood

### U14 BOYS

- 1 Cameron Bowie
- 2 Alexander Mikheev
- 3 Alexander Chingwalu
- 4 Michael Morrison
- 5 Jacob Fearnley

### U14 GIRLS

- 1 Charlotte Mair
- 2 Jessica Mair
- 3 Heather Croll
- 4 Alexandra Hunter
- 5 Millie Wood

### U12 BOYS

- 1 Jacob Fearnley
- 2 Alexander Mikheev
- 3 Sammy Ralston
- 4 Calum Bowmaker
- 5 Lewis Bowmaker

### U12 GIRLS

- 1 Jasmin Smith
- 2 Lucia Rizza
- 3 Maisie Wood
- 4 Rachel Baker
- 5 Samantha Hunter

## Scotland West

### MEN

- 1 Jamie Baker
- 2 Cameron Norrie
- 3 Robert Dalgetty
- 4 Innes McNicol
- 5 Richard Fraser

### LADIES

- 1 Elena Baltacha
- 2 Anna Brogan
- 3 Sophie Dunlop
- 4 Maia Lumsden
- 5 Christine Lockhart

### U18 BOYS

- 1 Murray Stewart
- 2 Mark Watt
- 3 Daniel Gunn
- 4 Scott Campbell
- 5 Jack Walker

### U18 GIRLS

- 1 Katherine McPhie
- 2 Emily Lauder
- 3 Paige Denholm
- 4 Marie Berlouis
- 5 Harriet Beattie

### U16 BOYS

- 1 James Shemilt
- 2 Douglas Macintosh
- 3 George Baird
- 4 Scott Docherty
- 5 Jack Barclay

### U16 GIRLS

- 1 Maia Lumsden
- 2 Katherine McPhie
- 3 Emily Gates
- 4 Anna Daisley
- 5 Harriet Beattie

### U14 BOYS

- 1 Aidan McHugh
- 2 George Baird
- 3 Douglas Macintosh
- 4 Greg Walker
- 5 Cameron Kerr

### U14 GIRLS

- 1 Emily Gates
- 2 Anna Daisley
- 3 Mathilde Sreeves
- 4 Kirsty Macdonald
- 5 Alicia Gates

### U12 BOYS

- 1 Charlie Miller
- 2 Callum Caves
- 3 Fraser Craig
- 4 Thomas Whitelaw
- 5 Darlush Bavarsagh

### U12 GIRLS

- 1 Eve Lumsden
- 2 Chloe Compson
- 3 Alicia Gates
- 4 Mathilde Sreeves
- 5 Catriona MacIntosh



## Scotland North

### MEN

- 1 Andrew Murray
- 2 Nicolas Rosenzweig
- 3 Jonny O'Mara
- 4 Bruce Strachan
- 5 Bruno Argudo

### U18 BOYS

- 1 Vincent Gillespie
- 2 Calum MacGeoch
- 3 Adam Irvine
- 4 Michael Welsh
- 5 Neil Thomson-Mitchell

### U16 BOYS

- 1 Vincent Gillespie
- 2 Calum MacGeoch
- 3 Ruairidh Fraser
- 4 Ewan McKinnie
- 5 Aaron Hepburn

### U14 BOYS

- 1 Aaron Hepburn
- 2 Jason Alexander
- 3 Jed Alexander
- 4 Ross Martin
- 5 Alasdair Hambray

### U12 BOYS

- 1 Jamie Dobie
- 2 Conor McMahon
- 3 Angus Edward
- 4 Finn Mitchell
- 5 Angus Harrold

### LADIES

- 1 Louie McLelland
- 2 Lisa Munro
- 3 Shona Graham
- 4 Sophie Williamson
- 5 Sophie Dodds

### U18 GIRLS

- 1 Louie McLelland
- 2 Sophie Williamson
- 3 Sophie Dodds
- 4 Hannah Worsley
- 5 Marta Krauze

### U16 GIRLS

- 1 Louie McLelland
- 2 Sophie Dodds
- 3 Hannah Worsley
- 4 Clara Fiaxa
- 5 Marta Krauze

### U14 GIRLS

- 1 Ali Collins
- 2 Anna Gilhespie
- 3 Jodie McLelland
- 4 Caitlin Owens
- 5 Katie Scott

### U12 GIRLS

- 1 Zoe Eriksen
- 2 Joanna Sheils
- 3 Alexa Manganiello
- 4 Sarah Westwood
- 5 Jodie Harris

## Scotland South

### MEN

- 1 Adam Stevenson
- 2 Calum Gee
- 3 Allan McClure
- 4 Jonathan Adamson
- 5 Ewan Moore

### U18 BOYS

- 1 Allan McClure
- 2 Ewan Moore
- 3 Andrew Moore
- 4 Craig Martin
- 5 Jack McDonald

### U16 BOYS

- 1 Ewan Moore
- 2 Niklas Stingl
- 3 Calum Crombie
- 4 Dominic Iannotti
- 5 Euan Cooper

### U14 BOYS

- 1 Euan Cooper
- 2 Euan Lynes
- 3 Archie McMillan
- 4 Aidan Brotherhood
- 5 Samuel Jess

### U12 BOYS

- 1 Joshua Kean
- 2 Christopher Bain
- 3 Michael Maggiori
- 4 Josh Kenny
- 5 Liam Smillie

### LADIES

- 1 Meghan Montgomerie
- 2 Nicole Clarke
- 3 Courtney McCormick
- 4 Nicola Slater
- 5 Claire McCulloch

### U18 GIRLS

- 1 Tara Harvey
- 2 Courtney McCormick
- 3 Nicole Clarke
- 4 Meghan Montgomerie
- 5 Sophie MacBrayne

### U16 GIRLS

- 1 Meghan Montgomerie
- 2 Nicole Clarke
- 3 Courtney McCormick
- 4 Tara Harvey
- 5 Sophie MacBrayne

### U14 GIRLS

- 1 Courtney McCormick
- 2 Alexandra Kendal
- 3 Jennifer Shaw
- 4 Maia Montgomerie
- 5 Jessica Lemmon

### U12 GIRLS

- 1 Maia Montgomerie
- 2 Alexandra Kendal
- 3 Ellie Crosbie
- 4 Robyn Elliot
- 5 Zara Elloit



Scott Duncan

Scott Duncan of the Barnton Park club in Edinburgh justified his top seeding to win the East of Scotland men's singles championship with a 6-3 6-2 final win over Jimmy Wood of the Braid club.

The Stirling University student, who celebrated his 19th birthday during the tournament, did not lose a set on his way to the title which earned him 150 points to move him up into second equal position on the Tennis Scotland Leaderboard. Alan MacDonald remains the leader on the board.

Lisa Munro leads the women's Leaderboard followed closely by Shona Graham and Sophie Dunlop.

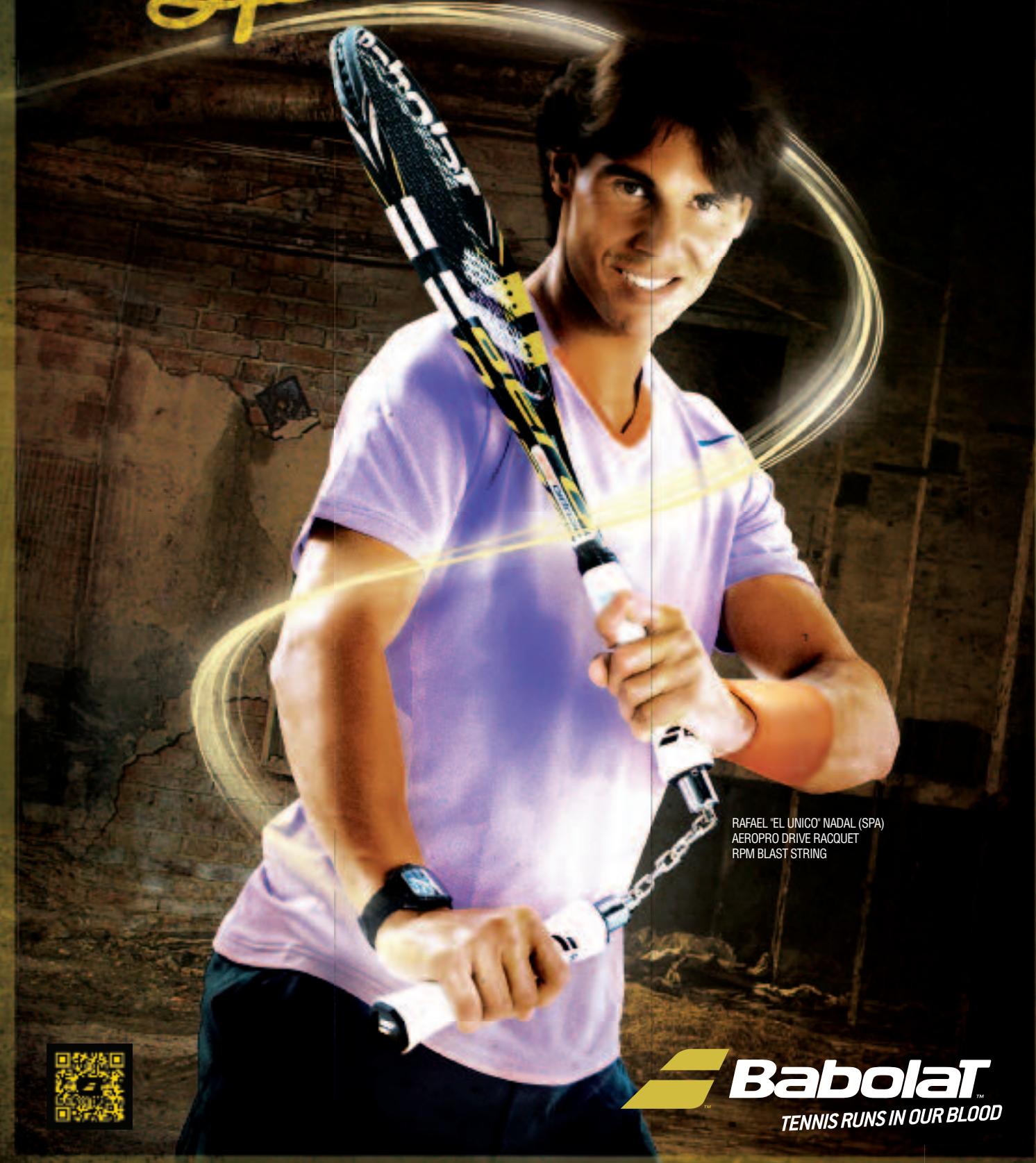
The final event of this year's Leaderboard competition will be played at the Gannochy Tennis Centre, Stirling University from 12-15 December.

Entry is online using tournament  
code NSC13W3093

MEN		Scottish Open Indoor Championships	Whitecraigs Easter Tournament	University of Stirling Grand Prix (April)	West Highland Tennis Championships	Giffnock Open	South of Scotland Tennis Championship	West of Scotland Open Championships	East of Scotland Open 2013	University of Stirling Grand Prix (December)	TOTAL POINTS
1	Alan MacDonald	250	200	125	200	200	100				1075
2	Scott Duncan	100	75	75	25		150	150			575
	Graeme Dyce		125	125	200	125					575
4	Calum Gee		75	75	75		125	100			450
5	Adam Stevenson	50	25	25	25			250			375
6	Bruce Strachan	0		200							200
7	Jordan Gray	150									150
	Robbie Price					75	75				150
	James Wood						25	100			125
10	Euan McIntosh	100									100
	Allan McClure	0		0	25		75				100
12	Bruno Argudo				75						75
	Ian Cannon					75					75
	Vincent Gillespie	50		25							75
	Scott Lister	50		25							75
	Euan McGinn	0			25			50			75
17	Robert Dalgetty			0			50				50
	Taylor Flanagan							50			50
	David Holmes							50			50
	Ewan Moore						50				50
	Jack Paterson	50		0							50
	Murray Stewart						50				50
23	Andrew Douglas		25								25
	Stuart George					25	0	0			25
	Lloyd Greatorex-Watson		25								25
	Daniel Gunn						25				25
	Barrie Hassan					25					25
	Simon Howson			25							25
	James Ledger		25								25
	James MacNaught						25				25
	Sam MacNeil					25					25
	Andrew Melrose						25				25
	Gary Smith						25				25
WOMEN											
1	Lisa Munro		50	50	100		150				350
2	Shona Graham	50	100		50	100					300
3	Sophie Dunlop	0	150			0	0	100			250
4	Mhairi Beattie	150									150
	Jennifer Green				150						150
	Louie McLelland			150							150
	Katherine McPhie					150		0			150
8	Paige Denholm	100									100
	Christine Lockhart	0	50	0	0	50		0			100
	Camille Verden-Anderson			100							100
11	Julie Blackwood			50							50
	Clara Falxa	50									50
	Alexis Lucas				50						50
	Lorna Magrath					50					50
	Stephanie Norris							50			50
	Sophie Williamson			0				50			50

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