



# PADEL NEWSLETTER

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# LTA X SILVERSTONE



# LTA PADEL POP-UP COURT FEATURED AT F1 BRITISH GRAND PRIX

*F1 fans from across the world flocked to the Silverstone circuit last weekend for the biggest motorsport event in Britain – the British Grand Prix.*

Those lucky enough to attend the Grand Prix were treated to high-speed racing, the best drivers in F1, entertainment across the weekend and for the first time this year.

We took a pop-up padel experience to the British Grand Prix to give fans the chance to try the sport with friends and family - encouraging them to pick up a racket again in the future and continue playing at their nearest courts. A record-breaking 480,000 fans attended Silverstone across the four-day event, with the padel experience completely booked out and buzzing with excitement until closing on Sunday.

Throughout the weekend fans had the chance to play and learn from some of the biggest names in British padel including **Tia Norton, Louie Harris, Catherine Rose, Aimee Gibson** and **Francis Langan**.

*“The Silverstone experience with the LTA padel pop-up is definitely one to not forget,” said British No.1 Norton. “Being able to help promote padel at such a huge and prestigious live-sport event was a great privilege for not only myself but all the team and players involved across the weekend. “Seeing the success of the event as well and how much Silverstone fans were enjoying the experience gives me huge belief that Padel is going to explode very, very soon... if not already!”*

To read the full web piece, [click here](#).

# INAUGURAL PADEL OPEN IN WALES

More than 60 players from across the UK and Europe recently travelled to Cwmbran to compete in the first Welsh Padel Open tournament. The Welsh Padel Centre in Croesyceiliog opened in January 2022 and hosted Men, Women and 100+ categories during a 3-day event sponsored by Tennis Wales.

Check out the BBC coverage from the event [here](#).

Or read the Cwmbran Life article [here](#)



# PADEL ARRIVES ON THE WIRRAL

Iain Lancaster of the LTA is delighted that Padel United opened courts in May, close to his home and he is taking full advantage of their arrival. Richard Hall-Smith at Padel United tells him,

*It's been an excellent start for 'Padel on the Wirral' having engaged over 300 players in such a short period. It has been a real team effort and we believe we have found a wonderful partnership with Port Sunlight LTC which has been pivotal in the early successes.*

*Having already been the first to build clubs in Essex, Devon and now the Wirral we are aware will how long it takes to build a sustainable facility accessible by everyone.*

*We have only just started, and we have a long way to go, we are looking to bring junior academies, social and competitive events and much more to the club over the coming weeks.*

*Richard added, 'I've been blown away by the community spirit at the venue and the area, what a wonderful part of the world it is, and I can see this becoming a very uniquely wonderful padel facility the local area can be proud of. A special mention to our excellent partners at PSLTC who have been amazing from day one. Special mention to Dan Holbrook and Bill Connell for their excellent and continuing support.'*



# ROCKET PADEL POP-UP AT BATTERSEA POWER STATION

As part of the Battersea Games, an evolving calendar of sports and games suitable for all ages and interests, **until 3 September** players are welcome to book from 9am – 10pm the panoramic court positioned outside Battersea Power Station.

The court is surrounded by a custom-built container with shop, refreshments and snacks. Equipment is available to rent at the court, and Rocket Padel's team will be on-hand to explain the rules if necessary.

Sandy Farquharson and founder of The Padel School, is teaming up with Rocket Padel to be on site for coaching sessions, corporate events, and exhibition matches with the Great Britain Padel Team. Coaching sessions with The Padel School can be booked online and via the Padel Mates app for specific dates.



# LTA PADEL BRITISH TOUR

## Rocks Lane Chiswick hosted the latest LTA British Tour alongside a host of Seniors events

Despite the challenging weather, the penultimate British Tour event of 2023 saw British players, Sam Macneil, Aimee Gibson and Victoria Nicholas claim wins across the board at the LTA Padel British Tour at Rocks Lane Padel Club.

Aimee Gibson won her fifth British Tour of 2023, partnering Victoria Nicholas to claim the Womens title by beating top seeds Claire Smith and Abigail Tordoff in the final.

In the men's draw, Sam Macneil partnered Rafa Vega to victory, defeating Cameron Dollimore and Theo Garton in a 3 set final.

The final British Tour event of 2023 takes place at Island Padel, Jersey on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September.

For our event summary, including draws and results



# WOMEN'S PADEL

Femme Open held a joint event with Padel Shift to introduce padel to their women members at Bamford Members Club. Whilst these courts are part of the private members club, they can be booked by the public through Padel Shift.

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Femme Open then ran a hugely popular training day with The Padel School at the recently opened Rocket Padel in Bristol.

Organiser Pep Stoner said, “We were thrilled to run our first ever training event with The Padel School which attracted over 32 ladies travelling in from all over the UK to attend. Sandy and his team put us all through our paces and we all enjoyed learning so much from them. Most importantly we all enjoyed getting together as a community and having some fun whilst playing padel, a sport we all love so much”.

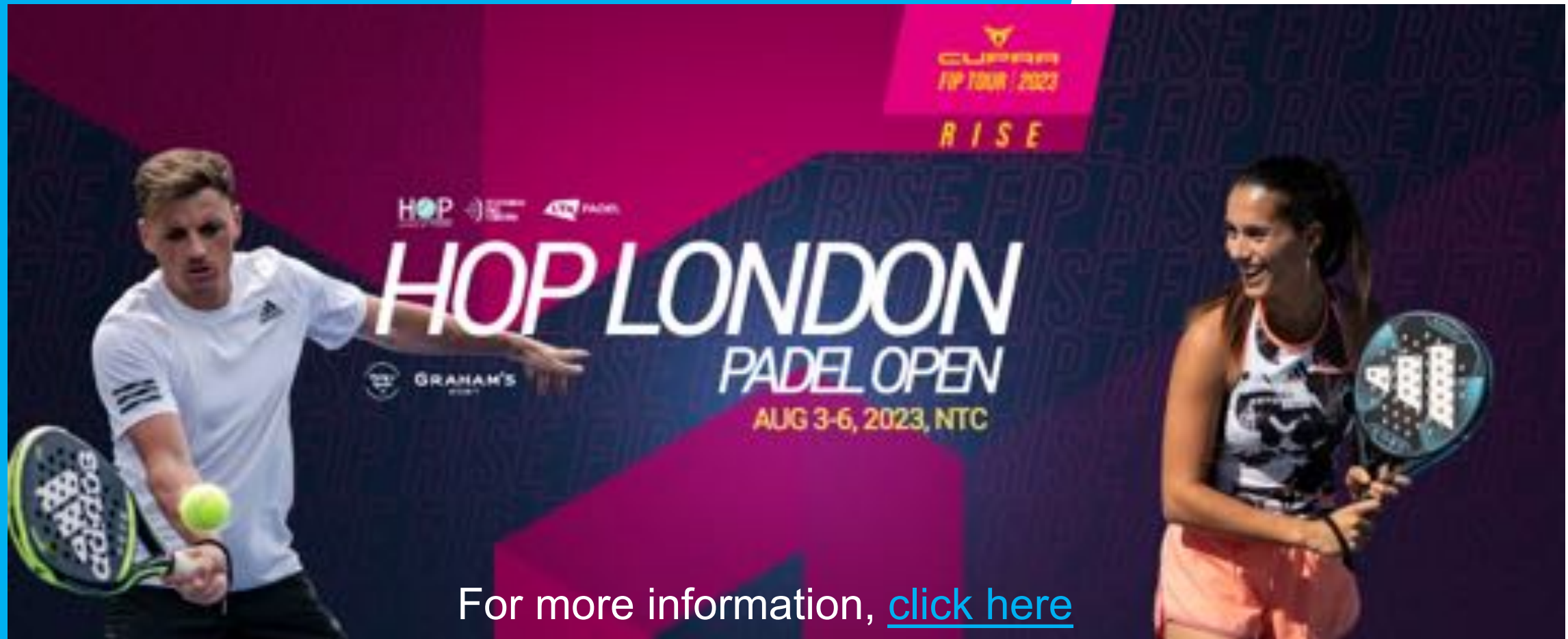




# UPCOMING EVENTS

The London Padel Open will be hosted at the NTC from August 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>.

It's free for spectators, so come along to see some of the best padel players in GB and Europe compete for this year's title.



For more information, [click here](#)



# TOUR PERFORMANCE ROUND UP

Tia Norton along with partner Rosalin Van Der Hoek (NED) won the FIP Rise event in Al Alamein, Egypt, winning 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 last weekend, beating Bruna Albuquerque Melo (ESP) & Melissa Martin (FRA)

Christian Medina Murphy has also enjoyed success last weekend on the FIP tour, winning the FIP Promotions in Elche, Spain with partner Alberto Garcia Jimenez, beating Guillem Figuerola Santiago (ESP) & Gerard Arnaldos Serranos (ESP) 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.

In the same event, Louie Harris also reached the quarter finals with partner Miguel Martin Cano (ESP).

Abi Tordoff with partner Laura Buteau (FRA) also reached the Quarter Finals in ther FIP Rise in Agrigento, Italy.

## LEADING GB FIP RANKINGS

Christian Medina-Murphy	136	Tia Norton	131
Sam Jones	180	Lisa Phillips	286
Louie Harris	484	Abi Tordoff	302



# PERFORMANCE UPDATES

- The London Padel Open, which is a FIP Rise tour event, takes place at the NTC from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August and will see the majority of the GB squad players in action.
- The European Championships will be taking place from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October (location TBC). GB selection will be taking place in the coming weeks.
- Youth – Our questionnaire for youth players who are currently pursuing a developmental journey to play the sport at the performance level, is still live and we are encouraging all clubs, coaches, padel players to complete. The survey will be live until the end of August and can be found by scanning the following QR code.

GB Youth Player Development -  
Enquiry Questionnaire





Course Tutor: Toby Bawden



# LTA PADEL INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Delivered at the NTC in July 2023

# COACHING PADEL:

## COURSES UPDATE

### LTA Padel Instructor and New CPDs Being Delivered Around the Country

The LTA Padel Instructor qualification, along with its Electives (which serve as CPDs for coaches), are now being delivered around the country by the Coach Development Centre network and LTA Qualified Tutors.

Coaches are being qualified to join the Padel Workforce in courses around the country:

- South West London
- Essex
- Harrogate
- Lancashire

Check out the [Course Search Tool](#) to find your nearest course.



# COACHING PADEL:

## READINESS TEST BYPASS

Thinking about a career in Padel coaching? You'll have heard of the Padel Instructor Readiness Test, which is the first step on the journey to getting qualified.

The Readiness Test is a remote, video-based assessment of Padel knowledge and skills to ensure prospective coaches are ready to meet the demands of the course curriculum.

Good News! – If you are in the top 100 GB women's or men's open rankings, you can **bypass** the Readiness Test.

To access the bypass, please use [this link](#) to contact us.



# COACHING PADEL:

## COACH ACCREDITATION

If a Padel coach is operating at an LTA Registered Venue (either as a standalone padel venue, or one attached to a registered tennis venue), they should be actively working towards gaining their LTA Accreditation.

At this moment in time, they are able to continue coaching without LTA Accreditation as long as they are considered safe to practice, which means they will need to have DBS, first aid and safeguarding training in place.

**If the padel coach already has a padel qualification from another body, they can apply for their non-LTA padel qualification to be recognised, to enable them to become LTA Accredited.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### FROM JANUARY 2024

**The requirement for Padel coaches to be LTA Accredited will become enforceable from January 2024.** This means that if a Padel coach is not Accredited from that time onwards, they will not be allowed to coach at a registered venue.

The **LTA Padel Instructor** qualification is now being delivered by Coach Development Centres. This means that there will be a proliferation of courses across the UK and throughout the year.

For more information on padel coaching click [here](#)



# PADEL COURTS IN BRITAIN

Get involved in one of the fastest growing sports in the world and book a padel court near you today.

There are now over 300 padel courts in Britain ready and waiting for you, with even more on the way.

Check out our padel court map [here](#) to find your nearest courts and how you can book your next hit with friends and family, a coaching session or play matches.





# QUICK ACCESS LOAN SCHEME - PADEL

LTA's Quick Access Loan Scheme provides interest-free loans to help venues invest in facilities, including the installation of padel courts.

For further information please see the following link to the [Quick Access Loan Scheme \(lta.org.uk\)](https://lta.org.uk/quick-access-loan-scheme)



## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The QAL funding framework is as follows-

Scheme	LTA TF investment level	Borrowing term
Outdoor padel Approx. cost per court - £75k	Up to 60% of the project cost	5-7 year repayment period
Covered padel (court and cover) Cost per court - £180k	Up to 60% of the project cost	5-10 year repayment period

If you are looking to develop padel at your venue, or you have any questions please contact [facilityfunding@lta.org.uk](mailto:facilityfunding@lta.org.uk)

# PADEL EXPERIENCE AT THE NTC

## *Experience Padel at the National Tennis Centre!*

This package includes 4-hours of on-court coaching, a tour around Wimbledon, a meal at a local restaurant serving authentic Spanish cuisine and an overnight stay at the NTC.

### **Need more information?**

Email: [ntc.padel@lta.org.uk](mailto:ntc.padel@lta.org.uk)

Tel: 0208 487 7296



For those venues considering padel, the NTC can offer personalised group sessions.

There's also regular sessions for anyone wanting to try padel. Players can also book the padel courts on a pay-and-play basis.

Find out more details [here](#)

# LTA WEBSITE

Explore padel through our online hub and find out how you can start playing

- Find a padel court
- Latest news articles
- Padel competitions & rankings
- Coaching courses
- FAQs



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