

# PADEL NEWS APRIL 2022

Welcome to the April edition of Padel News, where we share padel updates from around the country. Please share this newsletter with venues in your County and encourage them to circulate amongst the rackets' community.

## PADEL DASHBOARD

No of courts in the UK 155 (on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022)

No of covered courts 93

No of outdoor courts 62

No of venues 70

How to find courts [near me](#)

## VENUE NEWS

### Island Padel, Jersey



Island Padel in Jersey is the newest padel facility on the block. Founded and headed up by former Wimbledon tennis player Scott Clayton, they will soon have one of the larger facilities in the UK with 3 indoor Super Mondo canopied courts as well as 2 outdoor floodlit courts. Island Padel currently hosts one of the largest league programmes in the country (70 teams) and court utilisation has been over 90%, hence the need for new and more courts.

This is what Scott had to say. "Island Padel's ethos is all about family, community and fun achieved through the playing of the fantastic sport of padel. Our aim is to make all players, visitors and spectators feel at home in our state-of-the-art facilities. We also have a team of passionate padel specific coaches and programs for those who want to either learn or improve their game. It was important to us to keep this very much about the community so not only are we going to be a pay-and-play facility, but we have also started a charity which will help provide padel to people whom feel they cannot afford to play the game. We are looking forward to the completion of the facility at the end of April, when we can start implementing our initiatives. We are also hoping to hold big events at the facility to attract as many players and spectators as possible. We hope to welcome you all to our lovely island and to the home of padel in Jersey."



If you want to speak to Scott about any of their exciting plans or want to visit the facility you can email him [scott@islandpadel.com](mailto:scott@islandpadel.com) or can visit their website [www.islandpadel.com](http://www.islandpadel.com) where you will see a 3D fly through of what the facility will look like upon completion. They are also using social media @islandpadeljersey.

Their venue is registered with the LTA, and they hope to host a high tier padel event towards the end of 2022. They will become a holiday destination for players looking to visit Jersey and will offer some great packages to play a few games whilst taking in everything the island has to offer. Scott is also keen to speak to any venues who would like to arrange reciprocal matches in the future.

Island Padel is sponsored by Rathbones.

## PADEL TASTER SESSIONS

For rackets venues considering padel, remember you can book the National Tennis Centre padel courts on a pay-and-play basis. Find out more details [here](#).

## GB PERFORMANCE PLAYERS COMPETING AROUND THE WORLD

### Meet Hansie Ruddick



After completing University in Oxford, Hansie had the opportunity to play volleyball professionally in Spain. She also competed for the GB volleyball team and decided to stay on in Madrid when her contract ended. She was introduced to padel by a friend in Madrid five years ago. Her friend suspected she would enjoy padel given she had played tennis at a high level previously. For Hansie it was love at first sight. Her potential was quickly identified, and she was recruited for classes, teams, leagues, and tournaments which proved to be the building blocks of her competitive padel journey.

A year ago, she took the next step and she played in professional tournaments, the first ever Brit, male or female, to qualify for a main draw. She was thrilled to then represent Great Britain in the European Team Championships in Marbella and in the World Cup in Qatar. These proved to be amazing experiences that has left her hungry for more.

Looking ahead to 2022, her first full year of competition, her goals are to play as many WPT and FIP events as possible, to secure as many points as she can to guarantee direct entry into any tournament on the circuit. Hansie plays on the backhand side and partners Ana Cristina Sánchez Pérez. She is keen to promote padel in the UK, to raise awareness and encourage more young people to play and share her passion for this fantastic game.

Hansie is sponsored by Cartri and plays with their Tamarit racket. It is a top-heavy racket designed for an aggressive, attacking game, which suits her game. Hansie tells us that her best shot is the bandeja and the one that needs more improvement is her backhand volley. We wish Hansie the very best with her goals for 2022!



## COMPETITION

The first stage of this year's competition calendar is now available [here](#). Teams can now enter the LTA Padel National League [here](#)

## SENIORS PADEL

### GB Seniors padel teams (men and women) both in the World Championships

Peter Vann reports from Dublin. A squad of sixteen recently travelled to Ireland to compete across five age-groups and were successful in securing one of the qualifying places for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seniors World Padel Championships. Under the captaincy of John Leach (centre) the GB squad got off to a flying start in the 55's age-group match on the first of three days play in unusually dry, but cold weather.



What followed in the other age groups (50's 45's 40's 35's) were a series of victories, resulting in a 5/0 defeat over the Irish team to guarantee the qualifying spot.

The Men join the Women's squad, who had already automatically qualified for the main draw, which is hosted in Las Vegas at the end of March 2022.

We wish both teams good luck in their American adventure, where GB Beanie hats will not be required!



Anyone wishing to be considered for our senior's squads, should contact Sally Fisher [sallyfisher@me.com](mailto:sallyfisher@me.com) or Peter Vann [peter.vann@padelgb.org](mailto:peter.vann@padelgb.org).

## **WORLD PADEL TOUR 2022**

<https://www.worldpadeltour.cm/en/tournaments/>

## COACHING UPDATE



Existing racket sport coaches, who would like to sign up for LTA Introduction to Padel Coaching CPD can now do so via the LTA website.

The LTA Coach Development & Support team are working with Sandy Farquharson to produce the new Padel Coaching Qualifications, which are expected to launch at the end of March in 2022 and anyone interested can register their interest [here](#). We know there is a huge demand for a padel coaching qualification, please be patient, it's coming!

## OFFICIATING NEWS

Remember existing tennis referees can do the free one-hour LTA Padel Referee Conversion Course. If you are an LTA Licensed Official and would like to upskill yourself and learn more about Padel Officiating, you can complete the LTA Padel Referee Conversion Course [here](#).

### Call to action!

Similarly, to the LTA website please make sure you have a padel page on your County Website and promote the opportunities padel can offer to venues.

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