

# ANNUAL REPORT



"WE CONCLUDED TWO TRANSFORMATIVE CAPITAL INVESTMENT SCHEMES THIS YEAR, AND SAW WELSH JUNIORS IN ALL FOUR GRAND SLAMS"

In 2024 we extended our Tennis Wales strategy to Open Tennis Up, from 2024 – 2026. We've welcomed continued participation growth for children and adults across Wales. We've made good progress and we want to continue this work with our partners at Sport Wales and the LTA.

This was the first year in recent memory where two Welsh juniors competed in all four Junior Grand Slams, an incredible achievement for Mimi Xu and Viktor Frydrych who have been great ambassadors for Wales.

Padel continued to grow and develop, and our padel development plan has seen us working with more venues, partners and operators to build new courts across Wales. We expect the number of padel facilities to double annually in the years ahead, and we're investing into new competitions, programmes and a pathway for padel to thrive.

2024 was a transformative year for Welsh facilities. We saw the conclusion of the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation Parks Transformation scheme, which successfully invested over £3.4m into Welsh public parks. Investment continued, with the conclusion of the Wrexham Tennis & Padel Centre redevelopment, with £2.6m of UK Government, Welsh Government, Sport Wales and Wrexham Council investment transforming Wales' largest public tennis facility for future generations to enjoy.

As always, brilliant volunteers, tennis and padel coaches, officials and tennis parents have continued to drive the growth of our tennis club network. We've seen a successful year for leagues, and competitions, and success in both North and South Wales events.

Diolch to everyone supporting the tennis and padel landscape in Wales, none of this would be possible without you.

**SIMON JOHNSON** Chief Executive





### "THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS, AND THE WHOLE TENNIS COMMUNITY, FOR CONTINUING TO MAKE WELSH TENNIS THE BEST IT CAN BE."

In 2024, Tennis Wales demonstrated continued resilience and growth, achieving significant milestones that have continued to drive our sport forward. The Cymru National Championships, welcomed 300 players across various categories, showcasing the depth of talent and enthusiasm within our community. We were proud to host the LTA 2024 Officiating Conference in Cardiff, strengthening our commitment to excellence and inclusivity. Our Welsh elite players continued to shine on the international stage, with Mimi Xu breaking into the world's top ten junior rankings and James Story securing his first ITF singles title. These achievements, alongside our wider efforts to grow the game, reflect our commitment to making tennis and padel accessible, inspiring, and 'opened up' for all in Wales.

A huge thanks to the continued dedication and commitment from the Tennis Wales staff and Board members, who give their time to ensure our sport is fit for purpose. Thank you to all volunteers, and the whole tennis community, whatever your role, for continuing to make Welsh tennis the best it can be.

SARAH JONES

Independant Chair

#### Tennis Wales Board 2024 (As of May 2024)

- Sarah Jones (Independent Chair)
- Hannah Ward (Senior Independent Director)
- Simon Johnson (Chief Executive)
- James Armstrong (Independent Director)
- Patsy Roseblade (Independent Director) reitred Sept 2024
- Lucy Cohen (Independent Director)
- Geoff Scott (North Wales)
- Bethan Lewis (South Wales)
- Sophie Hughes (South Wales)
- Anthony Phillips (South Wales)
- Nigel Osbourne (South Wales)
- Michael Gibson (North Wales)





It has been a great honour to be your President again this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting Tennis Wales, visiting our venues, and meeting so many of our volunteers, coaches, officials, players and venue members.

We have seen another great year of results especially from our junior players who are certainly putting Welsh players in major contention for more international wins at Grand Slam level. I always look forward to attending The Cymru National Championships in Penarth to watch our talented players competing, and to see some great tennis being played. I would like to thank not only both Penarth Clubs, but the team at Newport Live and David Lloyd Cardiff for hosting the wheelchair and visually impaired championships, as well as the Tennis Wales team who seamlessly run such great tournaments every year, making it so enjoyable for players and spectators.

I always feel privileged to meet so many brilliant players together with the passionate and dedicated workforce, who work so hard to support, develop and deliver opportunities to so many across our country. Over the year I have witnessed some of the excellent programmes being delivered including a Leaders course for college students in Cardiff.

I very much enjoyed my visits to many of our tennis clubs and padel courts and refurbished public park courts. I even had a hit on one of the new pickleball courts which are springing up in many clubs across Wales. It is really encouraging to see how these sports are growing across all ages and venues across the country.

Always a highlight of my year is being involved in the Tennis Wales Awards ceremony and panel. At the ceremony, I was thrilled to present the 2024 President's and Team of the year awards. I would like to thank everyone part of the Tennis Wales community who continue to make an impact on the levels of participation and the enjoyment of Tennis. As President, I am only able to contribute at Tennis Wales with the amazing help of Simon, Maria and the dedicated team across Tennis Wales. A big thank you to all the volunteers and coaches who have hosted me and for all your superb support in allowing me to get around Wales championing Tennis Wales. Here's to a great year ahead.

### BARONESS AMANDA SATER President





# 2024 KEY FACTS **& FIGURES**

159,000

Adults playing tennis annually in Wales, a slight decline on 2023

98,000

Adults playing tennis monthly in Wales, an increase from 2023

# £1.97m

Turnover for the year, increasing from 2023

36,000

Children playing tennis weekly in Wales, increasing from 2023

### 514

Centre bookings

148

New LTA Level 1 & Level 2 coaches qualified

198

Venues offering LTA SERVES programmes



Welsh players on the LTA **GB** Player Pathway

13,046

Social media fans &

12,435

Children competing in inter schools events

191

Accredited coaches

Players competing at least once in Wales during 2024

43 Renovated public park

Padel courts now available in Wales

23

Tie-break funded EDI



LTA Advantage



### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Tennis Wales financial year ending 2024 saw an increase in total revenues of 44% compared to the previous financial year, primarily due to Sport Wales Capital Funding of £476,006 to support investment into strategic tennis venues in Wales. We also saw a rise in revenues for Tennis Wales in the Park venues as we opened a further 14 sites across South Wales.

Operating expenses grew slightly, largely due to staff changes in the year but administrative costs remained similar to the previous year reflecting the success of efficiency measures and close monitoring of spend.

Key Investments in the year included:

- Sport Wales Capital Investments: £176,006 contribution to Cardiff Council for court resurfacing and/or repainting at Heath Park, Llandaff Park, Hailey Park, Roath Park and Rumney Hill Gardens. £300,000 contribution to the £3m redevelopment of Wrexham Tennis Centre.
- Tiebreak Funding: £30,000 allocated to tennis and not for profit organisations to grow and transform the game across Wales.
- Performance Funding: Player funding grants of £33,500 and Venue Support of £22,500 supporting performance pathways.

Throughout the year, Tennis Wales maintained financial stability and in the end delivered a surplus of £37,172 which overall was an improvement on our forecasted year end position.

With a strengthened year end result and also a review of our reserves policy, this has allowed us to further invest in 2025 in supporting our long-term goals of investing in strategic places to play, development and diversification of our workforce and increased support to tennis communities through our Tiebreak Funding.



### RACHEL TREVOR

Finance Manager



### FINANCE BREAKDOWN

#### Income

LTA Funding	£ 624,408
Sport Wales Core Funding	£ 354,066
Sport Wales Capex Funding	£476,006
Venue Registration Fees	£ 47,206
Commercial	£ 126,657
Elite Programmes	£ 25,366
County Tennis Programmes	£ 29,038
Leagues & Competitions	£ 68,336
Parks	£ 88,110
Coach Development Centre	£ 56,076
Tennis Wales Awards	£ 4,225
ARWAP* Grant Scheme	£ 32,250
Other	£ 38,943

Expenditure

Staffing	£ 741,199
Business & Admin Costs	£ 93,604
Leagues & Competitions	£ 140,055
County Tennis Programmes	£ 46,052
Elite Programmes	£ 180,741
Sport Capex Funding	£476,006
Growing the Game	£ 26,407
Coach Education	£ 57,568
Disability Tennis	£ 14,317
Tennis Wales Awards	£ 11,231
Parks	£ 82,783
ARWAP* Grant Scheme	£ 10,160
Marketing & Promotion	£ 17,585
Sponsor Servicing	£ 35,804

Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan (\*)

<u>£ 1,933,513</u>

£1,970,686



# GOVERNANCE

#### Governance

The Tennis Wales Governance Committee and Board has continued with its work to ensure that Tennis Wales is modern and fit for purpose during 2024. Our work included;

- Regular review of TW policies and procedures in partnership with Croner HR, Sport Wales and the LTA
- Application to Sport Wales for formal recognition for Pickleball which was unsuccessful but being persued in 2025
- Completed Sport Wales Capability Framework and adopted recommendations including the integration of finance into our Governance Committee structure
- Investigation into potential Charity Status review
- Began process to recuit new independent non executive director

#### **UK Anti-Doping**

Tennis Wales, working in partnership with the LTA, submitted a new Implementation Plan to UKAD for 2024-26 and maintained compliance with the UKAD Assurance Framework. During the year we:

- Delivered anti-doping educational workshops to players on our wheelchair and non-disabled national programmes
- Communicated changes to the Prohibited List to Welsh players and used our social channels to promote and contribute to UKAD Clean Sport Week
- Appointed a new Board lead on anti-doping (Lucy Cohen) with Exec team support (Chris Lewis, Head of Performance)

#### Safeguarding

Tennis Wales retained the highest Level 3 accreditation with the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) of the NSPCC for our work to safeguard the sport in Wales, collaborating with the LTA.

Key areas of work included launching a Youth Welfare Ambassador programme, piloting safeguarding audits at competitions in Wales, introducing a new Welfare Officer virtual forum and launching a competition to create our first child friendly mascot for the game in Wales.

#### **Board sub-committee**

Bethan Lewis (Chair), Lucy Cohen, Hannah Ward, Simon Johnson, Maria Rees, Mark Vaughan and Dave Humphrey (LTA)



### PERFORMANCE TENNIS

#### **National Performance Programme**

Our National Performance Programme provided a range of opportunities and experiences for Welsh players. We significantly enhanced the player pathway in Wales by forming a new performance partnership with Cardiff Met University. The partnership enabled the launch of a new performance training programme for our top Welsh juniors aged 14+ years and University students. We were pleased to appoint Callum Findlay as National Performance and University Head Coach to lead on this exciting new programme. For our younger players, we delivered two rotations of National Training Days at 10U, 12U, and 14U with over 40 players coming together to train with their peers from across Wales.

We continued our investment into player grants, kit & clothing, domestic competition support, and trips to Tennis Europe events and Junior Four Nations. Welsh players performed very well on the international stage, with appearances in all four Junior Grand Slams, Team GB representation, and reaching 54 finals across singles and doubles at national and international level competitions.

Mimi Xu broke into the top 10 of the ITF Junior world rankings and achieved a best of #8. She reached the semi-finals of the Junior US Open singles and the final of the Junior Wimbledon doubles. Mimi broke new ground on the women's professional circuit by winning her first professional singles title and finishing the year as Welsh number one with a WTA ranking of #506.

James Story established himself as the Welsh number one male player by winning his first professional singles title in Tunisia and finishing the year with an ATP ranking of #795. James also represented the GB Universities team who won the silver medal at the Master'U BNP Paribas competition in France.

Viktor Frydrych competed in all four Junior Grand Slams and reached the final of the Junior Australian Open doubles event. He achieved a best ITF junior ranking of #22 during the year.

#### **County Performance Programme**

Tennis Wales continued to coordinate the delivery of the County Performance Programme in North and South Wales. Over 200 young players from 8U – 18U took part in regular training with a team of county captains in preparation for the LTA County Cup competition across Great Britain.



## PERFORMANCE TENNIS

#### **LTA Player Pathway**

The LTA accredited Regional Player Development Centre (RPDC) at Swansea Tennis Centre continued their crucial work within the Welsh performance landscape by providing year-round training programmes for some our best young players. The quality of provision of on-court coaching, strength & conditioning training, and competition support is some of the best across GB at the U14 stage of the pathway. Tennis Wales collaborated with the team in several areas where we could add value throughout the year.

#### **Tennis Wales 10U Development Programmes**

In 2024 we continued to focus on the 10U stage of the pathway by allocating funding to support Welsh venues and coaches looking to develop players within their programmes. Our aim is to increase the number of 10U players who can access high quality squad training, 1-2-1 coaching, and competitions at the start of their tennis journey. The programme invested into Swansea Tennis Centre, Windsor Lawn Tennis Club Penarth, Wrexham Tennis Centre, Newport Live, Bridgend Tennis & Squash Club, and Arfon Tennis Centre.

10U Player Development workshops were delivered to a network of 40 coaches in both North and South Wales. International coach educator, Simon Wheatley of SWnineteen, put our young county players through their paces in front of the coaches and discussed the very latest in player development techniques at that stage of the pathway.

#### Wheelchair Performance Tennis

We delivered our wheelchair national training programme throughout the year and in May hosted a Wales vs England All-Stars fixture. Our Welsh junior wheelchair squad dominated the LTA School Games event winning five gold medals and one bronze medal in what was a brilliant team performance. Kevin Lewis is ranked #236 in the ITF Men's Open rankings, McKenzie O'reilly is ranked #42 in the ITF Boys' rankings, and Lilly Folland finished the year at the top of the Female LTA Wheelchair Leaderboard.



## TENNIS OPENED UP

#### Coach Development Centre (CDC)

Our Welsh CDC provided tennis and padel qualifications and training courses throughout the year with a team of Welsh based coach developers. Over 2024, Tennis Wales achieved 99% learner satisfaction across 170 qualification enrolments. We're continuing to support the growth of the sport with some great achievements during the year.

- 514 individual bookings onto qualifications & training courses delivered in 2024.
- 125 LTA Level 1 Assistant Coaches trained.
- 23 new LTA Level 2 Instructors trained.
- 12 coaches attending the LTA Level 3 Coach qualification.
- 10 coaches attending our first ever LTA Padel Instructor course.

#### LTA Coach Accreditation in Wales

The number of LTA accredited coaches working in Wales increased during 2024 from 174 to 191, with an increase in the percentage of female coaches to 28%. We continued to provide face to face and online training, qualifications and support to our coaching network, right across Wales.

#### **Tennis in the Welsh Education Sector**

Approximately one third of all tennis courts in Wales are within schools, colleges and universities, and we know how vital it is to welcome children into a great sporting experience at a young age. We continued to open tennis up by working with the education sector in Wales during 2024 by;

- Training 419 Welsh teachers with the LTA Youth Schools teacher training programme, bringing our total to 1,328 teachers trained since 2020.
- Delivered inter-school competitions for Welsh primary and secondary schools, welcoming 12,435, including 834 children with disabilities via our partnership with Panathlon.
- Successfully invested LTA funding into Cardiff Met University tennis programme to support young people studying in the city.



#### **Parks Tennis Transformation**

2024 saw the conclusion of the park tennis transformation project across Wales. Park courts have been renovated as part of a nationwide investment by the UK Government and the LTA Tennis Foundation, delivered by the LTA, to refurbish thousands of public tennis courts across Great Britain and open up the sport to many more people.

15 local authorities, along with community and town councils in Wales, have collaborated with the LTA to renovate 43 sites across Wales. A total of £3,494,425.74 has been invested in park sites in Wales as of the current date, comprising £2,080,972.96 from the UK Government and the LTA Tennis Foundation, and £1,413,452.78 from partnership funding provided by local authorities, community/town councils, Tennis Wales, and Sport Wales.

The investment has seen courts resurfaced or repainted. Additionally, gate access technology has been implemented to simplify the process of finding and booking a tennis court, ensuring players know exactly when a court is available. Park tennis courts play a vital role in providing opportunities for both children and adults to stay active, offering significant physical and mental health benefits.

#### Tennis Wales In the Park

Tennis Wales continued to support Local Authority partners in Wales to operate park sites. Revenue generated from pay & play and annual subscriptions is invested into maintaining the park sites, and community coaching programmes welcome local people to participate throughout the year. During 2024, we saw 34,399 hours of tennis booked across our 15 sites, with 13,388 unique users.

Barclays Big Tennis Weekends took place at Llandaff Fields (446 attendees) and Hailey Park (373 attendees).

TWITP sites in 2024; ·Heath Park, Cardiff ·Llandaff Fields, Cardiff ·Victoria Park, Cardiff ·Hailey Park, Cardiff •Rumney Hill Gardens, Cardiff ·Roath Park, Cardiff ·Langland Bay, Swansea ·Coed Bach Park, Swansea •Cwmdonkin Park, Swansea ·Coed Gwilym Park, Swansea ·Victoria Park, Swansea ·Romilly Park, Vale of Glamorgan ·Wenvoe Park, Vale of Glamorgan ·Penarth Rec, Vale of Glamorgan ·Millwood Park, Vale of Glamorgan



#### **Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan**

2024 saw the conclusion of Welsh Government SERVES Cymru programme, using tennis to support delivery of the objectives of the Welsh Government 's Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan. The project was a success:

- Established 19 SERVES programmes in key communities welcoming 1,668 young people from ethnically diverse communities.
- Delivered 13 festivals involving 1,083 participants.
- Trained 48 LTA Level 1 assistant coaches from ethnically diverse communities in Wales and two people at LTA Level 2 Instructor level.
- Provided anti-racism awareness training to 80 people in our tennis workforce.

#### Inclusion Plan

We have seen further progress against our inclusion commitments this year:

- 28% of LTA accredited coaches in Wales are female, moving from 19% at that start of the strategy cycle in 2022.
- Using LTA funding Tennis Wales supported 16 women and four candidates from ethnically diverse communities to complete core training elements of the LTA Instructor qualification.
- Over 500 girls have taken part in the LTA Youth Girls initiative.
- The number of players participating on the LTA Open Court programme in Wales has grown to 720 against a 2023 year-end figure of 665, across 44 projects.
- We now have 198 venues in Wales offering LTA SERVES, these numbers grew significantly in 2024 due to our new partnership with the Welsh Government Food and Fun programme adopting tennis as a sport this summer across 98 locations.
- We have seen transformative numbers with respect to participation in LTA SERVES during 2024, 7,682 young people have played tennis on the programme. Including 4,126 on the Food and Fun programme and 1,555 on sessions linked to our Welsh Government Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan project.

#### Court Collaboration Scheme 2024/25

The court collaboration scheme for this financial year has invested in four projects totalling £288,217. Two of these projects will directly benefit tennis in areas where the sport currently lacks facilities. £80,069 will support the renovation of two tennis courts, along with provision for Netball and Basketball in Tredegar, Blaenau Gwent. These courts will benefit from floodlighting to guarantee year-round play. In addition, two courts will be reinstated at Ystalyfera in Neath/Port Talbot to cater for Tennis and Netball, with a grant of £121,182.

The Court Collaboration Scheme to date has seen £1,440,582 invested in 17 projects over three years with an average award of £84,740. Twelve of 22 local authority areas have benefited with 14 of the 17 projects directly benefiting tennis.



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#### Tie-Break Fund

The Tie-Break fund entered its second year in 2024, a grant giving programme that invested into projects that opened tennis up and delivered the objectives of our inclusion plan. We funded and supported schemes across Wales including:

- Cardiff Baseliners (LGBTQ+ scheme)
- Criccieth Tennis Club (Visually impaired & walking tennis schemes)
- Ummul Mumineen Academy (Diverse communities Girl's tennis scheme)
- Wrexham Tennis Centre (Welsh language and participation schemes)
- Tennis Squad (Mental health scheme)
- Age Connect (Dementia tennis scheme)
- Sight Cymru (Visually impaired tennis scheme)
- Vale of Clwyd Mind (Disability and Inclusion Tennis scheme)
- Whitchurch Tennis Club (Welsh language scheme)
- Swansea Tennis Centre (Disability & participation schemes)
- Creigiau Tennis Club (Walking tennis scheme)
- Neath Community Tennis (Welsh language scheme)
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru (Diverse communities tennis scheme)
- We Do Tennis (Coach development and participation scheme)
- Sport In Mind (Mental health scheme)
- Haverfordwest Tennis Club (Walking tennis scheme)
- Coleg Cambria (Student leadership scheme)
- Panathlon (Disability tennis festivals)
- Tennis Wales (Woman and Girls coaches retention scheme)
- Pure Padel Swansea (Student padel scheme)
- Parkinson Cymru (Walking tennis scheme)
- Bright Ideas for tennis (Disability tennis scheme)
- North Wales County (Girl tennis festival & competitions)

#### **Sport Wales Energy Saving Grant**

The Sport Wales Energy Saving Grant offers financial support to sports clubs to make energy saving improvements that create financial efficiencies and contribute to environmental sustainability.

In 2024, the following tennis venues received financial support:

- Radyr Lawn Tennis Club Solar Panels.
- Newtown Tennis Club Door and Window glazing upgrade.
- Windsor LTC Penarth Boiler and water harvesting.
- Llanelli Tennis & Squash Club Solar Panels and heating efficiency.
- Usk Athletic Club Solar Panels.



# INTERNATIONAL TENNIS

Tennis Wales organises and hosts national and international junior tournaments in Wales as part of our strategy to open tennis up. Our aim is to provide opportunities for Welsh players to compete at the highest level possible here in Wales, to support Welsh venues to raise their profile nationally & internationally, and to showcase Wales as a superb destination to visit.

#### Tennis Europe Wrexham

Tennis Wales organised and hosted the Tennis Europe Wrexham event in partnership with Wrexham Tennis Centre across March and April 2024. The 12U and 14U competition welcomed players from GB and internationally to the City.

#### Winners

12U Boys Singles | Timo Vinard (FRA)
12U Girls Singles | April Sackflame (GBR)
12U Boys Doubles | Fabricius (GBR) & Knightley (GBR)
12U Girls Doubles | Cunninghame (GBR) & Koberska-Wasiak (POL)
14U Boys Singles | Patrick Breen (IRE)
14U Girls Singles | Liv Zingg (GBR)
14U Boys Doubles | Janda (GBR) & Selvaraasan (GBR)
14U Girls Doubles | Dumitru (GBR) & Milojevic (GBR)

#### ITF Welsh Open Newport

Tennis Wales welcomed players from around the world to the ITF Welsh Open during May 2024, with players aged 18U competing for junior world ranking points in South Wales. We were delighted to see our very own Conor Flynn take the crown in the boy's event!

#### Winners

Boys Singles | Conor Flynn (GBR) Boys Doubles | Arthur Attrill & Ellison Minnaar (GBR) Girls Singles | Mia Wainwright (GBR) Girls Doubles | Mia Wainwright & Edie Griffiths (GBR)







# CYMRU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### The Cymru National Championships 2024

The Cymru National Championships returned to Penarth, with a fantastic week celebrating the very best of Welsh tennis and padel. We welcomed just under 300 hundred players with around 400 entries in 60+ events. Close to 500 matches were completed over the 7 tournament days.

We were delighted to once again welcome our President, Baroness Amanda Sater who spent her day switching between the two venues to watch various finals and to present trophies to many of our junior winners during the first part of the week.



Diolch to Penarth Lawn Tennis Club and Windsor LTC, Penarth for jointly hosting the competition.

#### North Wales County Championships

The North Wales County Championships took place at Prestatyn Tennis Club in May/June 2024, welcoming 65 players to compete in the annual event.

Diolch to Mark Wilkinson for refereeing the event.

#### South Wales County Championships

The South Wales County Championships took place at Dinas Powys LTC in May/June 2024, welcoming 104 juniors to compete in the annual event.

Diolch to Paul Pritchard for refeering the event.



### SENIOR FOUR NATIONS

Team Wales travelled to Bolton in April for the 2024 Senior Four Nations tournament. Players from our over 35, 45 and 50 age groups battled hard against their competitors from England, Scotland and Ireland. Though not the result they would have wanted, Wales finished joint third in a very competitive event.

#### Players 2024: Ladies' Over 35s Claire Powell (C)

Lucy Scott Ellie Lewis Bethan Lewis

#### Ladies' Over 45s

Joanne Thomas (C) Michelle Morgan Julia Constantinou Janine David

### Ladies' Over 50s

Jo Price (C) Vicki Broadbent Kate Johnston

#### Men's Over 35s

Chris Lewis (C) Simon Morris Craig Evans Yoann Re Nick Rees

#### Men's Over 50s

Men's Over 45s

Jeremy Cross (C)

Rhodri Lougher

Matt Smith

Dan Jamies

David Reed (C) Jon Bunn Kevin Hong Simon Richards



2024 saw the pilot of a Master's Four Nations for the 70+ and 75+ age groups to also be held in Bolton. The event was well received by all including the introduction of Mixed Doubles to the Senior event. Wales finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

#### Ladies' Over 70s

Kim Vaughan (C) Anne Brown Val Alder

#### Ladies' Over 75s

Margaret Lewis (C) Elizabeth Graham Alice Garlick

#### Men's Over 70s

Rob Rue (C) David Byfield Mike Foster

#### Men's Over 75s

John Walworth Keith Harvey

### JUNIOR FOUR NATIONS

This unique annual event for our junior players was hosted in Donnybrook Tennis Club, Dublin where teams from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and England met to compete across 12U, 14U, and 18U age groups.

Wales went into the event having won the overall title on three occasions in the previous five years, but this time had to settle for 2nd place behind winners, England. Wales won the 18U category by beating the other three nations, finished in 2nd place at 14U, and in 4th place at 12U.

" IT IS ALWAYS AN HONOUR TO SEE PLAYERS PUT THE RED SHIRT ON AND COMPETE FOR THEIR COUNTRY. INVARIABLY, PLAYERS RAISE THEIR LEVEL IN THESE MOMENTS, AND THIS YEAR'S EVENT WAS CERTAINLY A CASE OF THAT WITH SOME EXCELLENT INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PERFORMANCES."

#### **CHRIS LEWIS**

Head of Performance



#### Captains & Players 2024 12U

Luke Simeone (C) Leo Weston Charlie Newman Elin Lewis Amelie Caesar

#### 14U

Becca Strelzyn (C) Max Lendrum Rundong Huang Awen Gwilym-Davies Isabella Lieve-Morgan

#### 18U

Chris Lewis (C) Conor Flynn Felix Bockelmann-Evans Elizabeth Evans Gracie Hurley



# TENNIS WALES AWARDS 2025

Tennis Wales continued to recognise the extraordinary contributions from our players, volunteers, venues and workforce during 2024 with our annual award ceremony. This Award ceremony was sponsored by Veygo and was hosted by Welsh Broadcaster Catrin Heledd

Floodlighting & Electrical Services Club of the Year **LLANDYBIE TENNIS CLUB** 

Dragon Signs Coach of the Year **WILL CROFT** 

Performance Coach of the Year **LUKE SIMEONE** 

Tennis Opened Up Award WOMEN CONNECT FIRST

Competition of the Year VISUALLY IMPAIRED TOURNAMENT NEWPORT

Volunteer of the Year **DR ED WILKINS** 

Veygo Young Person the the Year

CARYS HUGHES

Official of the Year TCHERINA VAUGHAN-GRIFFITHS

School of the Year **ABERTILLERY LEARNING COMMUNITY** 

University of the Year CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Junior Player of the Year / Player of the Year ELIZABETH EVANS / JAMES STORY

Club Team of the Year BRIDGEND LADIES FIRST TEAM

Park of the Year CORWEN COMMUNITY TENNIS COURTS

Team of the Year / President Award
WALES JUNIOR WHEELCHAIR SQUAD

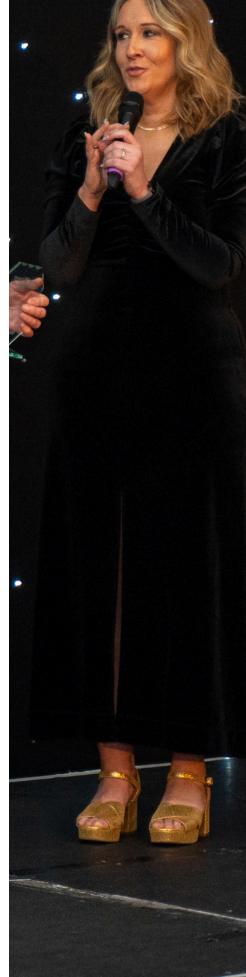
Lifetime Achievement Award DAVID BAKER





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