

## LTA National League (formerly Team Tennis) Competition History (including National Open Roll of Honour)

Over the past 24 years, the competition has grown thanks to commitment from the LTA and major support from sponsors such as Everest, Prince, KIA Motors and Aegon. Through the seventeen years, the competition has grown to include over 6,000 teams (2019) from 8&U through to Open (adult) age groups.

### Pre 1993

#### The Puma Cup

The Puma Cup was a competition that was run up until 1992 and was the competition which provided the teams for the inaugural National Club League to be established in 1993. In 1992, all teams competing in the Puma Cup were given information on the new National Club League and the structure it would take. This meant that for the first time, counties ran leagues in the Puma Cup which was a requirement to qualify teams into the National Club League.

### 1993 – 1995

#### Everest National Club League

In 1993, the Lawn Tennis Association decided to launch the National Club League in conjunction with sponsors at the time, Everest Home Improvements. The aim of the competition was to involve 10,000 competitors from nearly 1,000 clubs in raising standards and the general level of interest in the sport. The National Club League Premier Division involved 12 teams in 2 leagues of 6 with Regional leagues supporting this.

#### NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

1993 – Banbury West End, Oxfordshire beat Royal Berkshire

1994 – Castle Farm beat David Lloyd Raynes Park

1995 – David Lloyd Bushey beat Winchester Tennis & Squash Club

#### THE PLAYERS

**Banbury West End** - Team sponsored by Karcher UK Ltd

	Nail Barwick (123 WR) Wayne Arthurs (335 WR)	Australian semi-finalist at ATP Tour event in 1992. Australian who reached three semi-finals on LTA Spring Satellite circuit.
	Marius Barnard (401 WR) Johan De Beer (427 WR)	South African doubles specialist; won the ATP Tour title in Moscow 1992. South African currently playing ATP Tour and Satellite circuit.
	Nick Fulwood (130)	Current leader of Reebok Tour; former British No. 4.

**Royal Berkshire** - Team sponsored by Cellnet

	Chris Wilkinson (173 WR) Andrew Foster (324 WR)	British Davis Cup player; currently ranked No. 2 in GB. British No. 8 and former National Junior Hard Court Champion.
	Sean Cole (359 WR) Tom Kempers (488 WR)	British No. 6; finalist at 1991 British National Indoor Championships. From Holland; represented Netherlands in European Team Championships.
	Paul Hand (683 WR)	The British No. 15; reigning British National doubles champion with partner Chris Wilkinson.

**Holcombe Brook (Bury, Lancs)** - Team sponsored by Hamilton McBride & Co. Ltd

	Svetlana Parfimonko (343 WR) Angie Woolcock (372 WR)	From Russia; former Wimbledon doubles semi-finalist. From Australia; twice a semi-finalist on LTA Spring Satellite circuit.
	Natalia Egorova (462 WR) Alison Smith (522 WR)	From Russia; former world ranking 77 and Soviet Federation Cup player. Current British No. 18 and Reebok Tour finalist in 1992; Women's LTA Satellite winner 1992.
	Anne Simpkin (130)	Current British Universities Champion; former National Junior champion at all four age groups.

**Winchester** - Teams sponsored by Winchester Commodities Group Ltd.

	Julia Pullin (430 WR) Julie Salmon (471 WR)	Current British No. 11 and Essex No. 1. Current British No. 14 and Federation Cup player; twice reached third round at Wimbledon.
	Caroline Hunt (574 WR) Mair Hughes (820 WR)	Current British No. 19 and 1991 National Junior Champion. British No. 34; a promising young player from North Wales.
	Joanne Caplan (130)	Former Hampshire County Captain and ex GB International.



## Everest NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE

29th May 1993

GOSLING SPORTS PARK




#### NATIONAL OPEN LADIES WINNERS

1993 – Holcombe Brook, Lancashire beat Winchester Tennis & Squash Club

1994 – Clearview, Essex beat Bramhall Park, Cheshire

1995 – The Queens Club, London beat Holcombe Brook, Lancashire



## 1994 EVEREST NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE FINALS

### Men's final: Castle Farm 5 David Lloyd Raynes Park 1

D Sapsford lost to J Bates 7-5 4-6 1-6; R Matheson bt C Bailey 6-4 7-5;  
S Herdoiza bt A Foster 6-3 6-7 7-5; J Fox bt N Forward 6-3 6-4;  
Sapsford and Matheson bt Bates and Foster 6-4 6-2;  
Herdoiza and Fox bt Bailey and Fulward 6-3 7-6

### Women's final: Clearview 5 Bramhall Park 1

M Wainwright lost to C Taylor 6-7 2-6; G Coorengal bt R Mawdsley 6-2 6-3;  
A Smith bt C Billingham 6-4 6-2; S Gomer bt J Taylor 6-1 6-2;  
Smith and Coorengal bt Billingham and C Taylor 6-2 7-5;  
Gomer and Wainwright bt J Taylor and R Mawdsley 6-0 6-3

## 1996 – 1998

### Prince National Club League

The opening three years of the competition brought together some of the top players in Great Britain and from around the world. Prince UK was on board as competition sponsors as teams competed in the North and South premier divisions.

Edgbaston Priory Ladies and David Lloyd Bushey dominated the competition in this era of the competition. Edgbaston Ladies were represented by top British players at the time such as Jo Ward, Lucie Ahl and Louise Lattimer. The David Lloyd Bushey men's team were represented by players such as Todd Larkham, Wayne Arthurs and Ross Matheson.

### NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

1996 – David Lloyd Finchley beat Banbury West End, Oxfordshire

1997 – David Lloyd Bushey beat David Lloyd Raynes Park

1998 – David Lloyd Bushey beat Frinton LTC, Essex

### NATIONAL OPEN LADIES WINNERS

1996 – The Edgbaston Priory Club beat Gosling Sports Park

1997 – The Edgbaston Priory Club beat Harpenden LTC, Hertfordshire

1998 – The Edgbaston Priory Club beat Holcombe Brook, Lancashire

# NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE

## PREMIER DIVISION FINALS

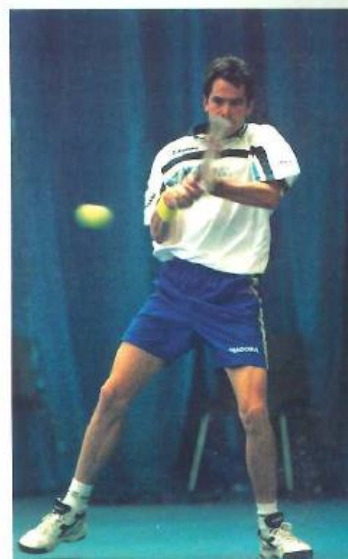
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### Men's Singles

DL BUSHEY	V	DL RAYNES PARK	RESULT
Chris Wilkinson (1)	V	(1) Mark Petchey	DL Bushey 6/4 6/3
Andrew Richardson (2)	V	(2) Luke Milligan	DL Bushey 7/5 6/3
Wayne Arthurs (3)	V	(3) Robbie Koenig	DL Raynes Park 6/2 6/3
Nick Fulwood (4)	V	(4) Gary Henderson	DL Raynes Park 6/3 6/1

### Men's Doubles

DL BUSHEY	V	DL RAYNES PARK	RESULT
Andrew Richardson/ Chris Wilkinson (1)	V	(1) Luke Milligan/ Mark Petchey	DL Bushey 3/6 6/3 6/3
Wayne Arthurs/ Brent Larkham (2)	V	(2) Gary Henderson/ Robbie Koenig	DL Bushey 6/4 1/6 6/4



Chris Wilkinson unbeaten in all premier division matches

**Winners – DL Bushey 4-2**



Despite being runners up, a happy looking Harpenden

### Ladies' Singles

EDGBASTON PRIORY CLUB V	HARPENDEN	RESULT
Kerry Ann Guse (1)	V (1) Karen Cross	Harpenden 7/6 6/3
Shirli-Ann Siddall (2)	V (2) Clare Wood	Harpenden 7/6 3/6 6/3
Lucie Ahl (3)	V (3) Lizzie Jelfs	Harpenden 4/6 6/4 6/4
Mandy Wainwright (4)	V (4) Caroline Herbert	EPC 6/2 6/1

### Ladies' Doubles

EDGBASTON PRIORY CLUB V	HARPENDEN	RESULT
Kerry Ann Guse/ Mandy Wainwright (1)	V (1) Karen Cross/ Lizzie Jelfs	EPC 6/2 6/3
Lucie Ahl/ Shirli-Ann Siddall (2)	V (2) Caroline Herbert/ Clare Wood	EPC 6/4 6/2

**Winners – Edgbaston Priory 3-3 8 sets to 6**

## 1999 - 2003

### National Club League (LTA Sponsored)

David Lloyd were to continue their success in this era, however it was the turn of David Lloyd Derby to dominate the men's competition. David Lloyd Derby did the hat trick from 2001-2003 thanks to support from players such as Mark Hilton and Martin Lee.

#### NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

1999 – Unknown

2000 – St George's Hill, Surrey beat Sutton JTC, Surrey

2001 – David Lloyd Derby beat. Unknown

2002 – David Lloyd Derby beat. St. George's Hill LTC, Surrey

2003 – David Lloyd Derby beat. Sutton Junior Tennis Centre, Surrey

#### NATIONAL OPEN LADIES WINNERS

1999 – Unknown

2000 – Globe LTC, Middlesex beat Newmarket, Suffolk

2001 – Holcombe Brook, Lancashire beat. Loughborough University

2002 – Gosling Sports Park, Hertfordshire beat. Unknown

2003 – The Edgbaston Priory Club beat. Unknown

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## 2004 – 2006

### KIA National Club League

In 2004, car manufacturer KIA Motors committed to a three year agreement with the Lawn Tennis Association to sponsor the competition. The KIA National Club League featured around 800 club teams represented by up to 7,500 men and women playing more than 11,000 matches between April and September. Leading competitors nominated for their club teams in 2004 included Jamie Delgado (Bromley), Alex Bogdanovic and Martin Lee/Mark Hilton (David Lloyd Derby).

### NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

2004 – Caesarean Tennis Club, Jersey, Channel Islands beat. Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

2005 – Bromley Lawn Tennis Club beat. Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

2006 – East Gloucestershire Club beat. David Lloyd, Raynes Park

### NATIONAL OPEN LADIES WINNERS

2004 – Edgbaston Priory Club beat. Holcombe Brook Sports Club

2005 – Edgbaston Priory Club beat. Unknown

2006 – East Gloucestershire Club beat. The Connaught Club

### National Club League / Team Tennis (2007-2008)

In this period, the National Club League was in a process of change and adopted a new name 'Team Tennis NCL'. The new wording was introduced as the competition sought to become more inclusive of teams at all levels, particularly at County tier.

### NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS

2007 – East Gloucestershire Club beat. Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

2008 – Sutton Tennis & Squash Club beat. Bromley Lawn Tennis Club

### NATIONAL OPEN LADIES WINNERS

2007 – East Gloucestershire Club beat. Esporta Croydon, Surrey

2008 – Holcombe Brook Sports Club beat. The Edgbaston Priory Club



Edgbaston Priory Club (Runners-Up 2008)



Bromley LTC Men (Runners Up 2008)

### **Aegon Team Tennis (2009 to 2017)**

Aegon, the lead partner of British Tennis officially became sponsors of the competition which forms part of their commitment to supporting British Tennis at all levels.

Aegon Team Tennis is a singles based team competition for LTA registered venues. It aims to provide players of all ages (8&U – Open) with regular league fixtures, against similar standard players in a competitive team environment.

In this period the competition has gained significant focus across British Tennis and the LTA as team's across all age groups from 8&U – Open take part. In 2016, over 6,000 teams from 8&U – Open (adult) competed in Aegon Team Tennis at county, regional and national tiers. The majority of these teams compete at the county tier with localised fixtures.

Developments in this period include fixed match dates for all tiers and all age groups, online entry, results, league tables and a designated match period for league matches in April, May and June. A new web area [www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis](http://www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis) was developed which included exciting new content such as a Captains' Area, Photos, Team Kit, Videos, match reports and news stories.

### **NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS**

2009 – Bromley Lawn Tennis Club beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park

2010 – Bromley Lawn Tennis Club beat. Loughborough University

2011 – David Lloyd Raynes Park beat. Bromley Lawn Tennis Club

2012 – David Lloyd Raynes Park beat. Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

2013 – Sutton Tennis & Squash Club beat. Mackintosh LTC

2014 – A1 Pharmaceuticals Tennis Academy beat. Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

2015 – A1 Pharmaceuticals Tennis Academy beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park

2016 – A1 Pharmaceuticals Tennis Academy beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park

2017 – Sutton Tennis & Squash Club beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park

2018 – DL Raynes Park beat Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

### **NATIONAL LEAGUE (2019 – PRESENT)**

Our singles based team competition continues to grow as we completed our partnership with Aegon and look ahead for potential new sponsorship. With the new LTA branding, the competition also aligned with the new vision and has been renamed as National League, with the National Open name staying the same.

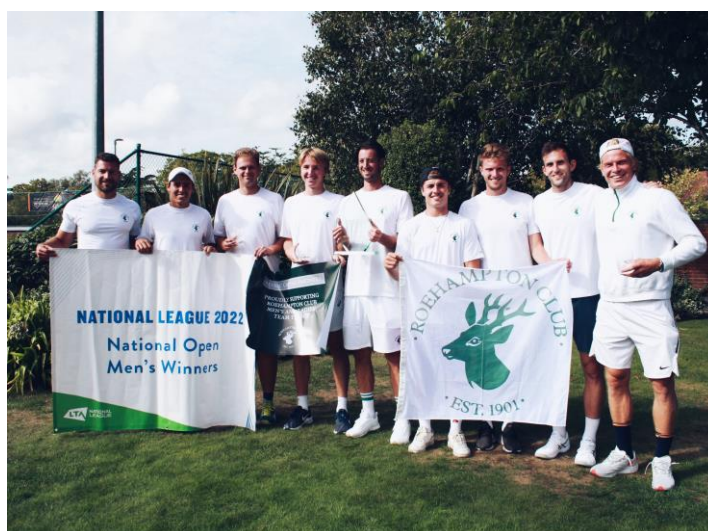
### **NATIONAL OPEN MENS WINNERS**

2019 – Roehampton Club beat Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

2020 – No winners – Competition cancelled due to Coronavirus

2021 – Sutton Tennis & Squash Club beat David Lloyd Raynes Park

2022 – Roehampton Club beat Sutton Tennis & Squash Club



*Roehampton Club (Surrey) – National Open Men's Winners 2022*

## **NATIONAL OPEN WOMENS WINNERS**

2009 – Gosling Sports Park, Hertfordshire beat. The Edgbaston Priory Club

2010 – David Lloyd Raynes Park beat. The Edgbaston Priory Club

2011 – Holcombe Brook Sports Club beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park

2012 – The Roehampton Club beat. Holcombe Brook Sports Club

2013 – Cumberland LTC beat. University of Bath

2014 – Cumberland LTC beat. David Lloyd Raynes Park

2015 – Wilton Tennis Club beat. Holcombe Brook Sports Club

2016 – Wilton Tennis Club beat. The West Hants Club

2017 – Wilton Tennis Club beat. Cumberland LTC

2018 – Wilton Tennis Club beat Holcombe Book Sports Club

2019 – DL Raynes Park beat Wilton Tennis Club

2020 – No winners – Competition cancelled due to Coronavirus

2021 – Halton Tennis Centre beat David Lloyd Sunderland

2022 – Sutton Tennis & Squash Club beat Roehampton Club



*Sutton Tennis & Squash Club (Surrey) – National Open Women's Winners 2022*

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