



Babolat Cup UK Recap 2016

The Babolat Cup UK hosted its third annual tournament at the Edgbaston Priory Club in September 2016. Great competition, fun activities, and representative English weather led to a successful weekend in Birmingham. And of course, big congratulations to our Babolat Cup UK 2016 champions, Oriana Parkins-Godwin and Hugo Cochlin.

A total of 61 matches were played over the two days, which meant a lot of great matches. Our boys' winner, Hugo Cochlin, had an inspiring run of success in his second appearance at the Babolat Cup UK. After winning his first two matches on the clay on Saturday, Sunday proved a tougher challenge as play was moved indoors. Cochlin's semi-final match against Stanley Brown made for a great display for spectators, with Cochlin finally edging a 5-4(9) 4-2 victory. A very valiant 2nd seed, Lemuel Cassidy, reached the final without dropping a set before falling to our victor 6-1 6-1 in the championship match.

The girls' semi-finals matches were also of a high calibre. In the bottom half of the draw, Elise Dennis showed tenacity and fight with a close victory in her semi-final match over second seed, Bea Watts, 0-4 5-4(4) 1-0(5).

In the top half of the draw, Oriana Parkins-Godwin had a successful tournament in her first appearance at the Babolat Cup UK. She proved to be dominant on both clay and indoor hard as she did not drop a set en route to becoming champion. Parkins-Godwin also beat returning Babolat Cup UK competitors, Alice Shields and Mary Hoggard, in the first and semi-final round matches.

Local future star, Luca Pow, defeated young gun, J'Quon Du Vall-Richards, in the final of the plate. Both exhibited huge potential as rising players and top national competitors. Millie Skelton won the final of the girls' plate defeating Alice Shields in another excellent display.

A big thank you to Leyla Ogan of Edgbaston Priory and our tournament referee, Bill Perkins, for their help and organization towards delivering another excellent tournament. We would also like to thank the players for their high standard of tennis, along with their parents and coaches for their support.

And finally, to our Babolat Cup UK champions, we look forward to seeing you at Roland-Garros in June for your special prize!