



# LADIES SUMMER COUNTY CUP 2018

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## Team

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First of all I would like to thank all of the girls that showed immense commitment this week to ensure that we had a team for the week. From playing an event in Roehampton, to come and play with us and then head to the Bath grade 2. To another traveling over 400 miles to get to us, to only be able to play for one day! However, everyone gave something up to come and compete for Dorset, a county they are proud to be a part of.

Day one we faced Cumbria who were very tricky and had some fantastic players at the net. We gave it our all, 3 sets, change of tactics but in the end we lost overall 6-3. We had chances all the way through the matches and it really was a match that we should have won. Day two we came up against Suffolk, everyone was pumped at breakfast for a good days tennis and stronger desire to win. Some fantastic tennis from all the pairs and we came out victorious 6-3.

Day three was against the strongest team in the group – North of Scotland, with most of their team, currently out at USA universities. We played some of the best tennis of the week and our third pair Nat and Cleo even ruffled the feathers of the first pair at the end and got the most games! We simply did not have the same depth as them and we went down 7-2.

A few pictures below are from a few games that we played, resulting in having to wear those items.



Day four, we were lucky enough to have the day off. After a very lazy morning, the team went to a rescue sanctuary for animals, with over 100 different animals there. We made friends with a beautiful Alpaca who we called Joey, a retired Polo playing throughbred black horse called Pantera and we got surrounded by geese, which was a little scary! We had to sacrifice some of the feed we had brought in the shop and run in the other direction. Day five, we took on South of Scotland. A boiling day in Frinton, the girls all worked incredibly hard and in a hard fought day of tennis we came away with a deserved win 5-4.



It became a ritual to leave the tennis club and head straight for the sea to cool off. It was such a beautiful place to be and finally a tennis club that no one in the team had been to!

Overall to break even and win / lose the same amount of matches is a good result given the amount of team changes that we had. Division 7 is not something to be smirked at as the level of tennis was incredibly high and even our super star youngsters found the week very tough.

My thanks once more to Annie, Dani, Cleo, Abbie, Aysha, Nat, Sophia and Jess for all your efforts this week.