

Aston Park Summer Season 2019 - Special Report

Aylesbury and District League

Ladies 1 had a successful summer in Division 4 fighting to the very last match to be champions. Unfortunately, the Tigerturf at Tring proved the team's Achilles heel but it was a very credible 2nd place and hopefully promotion to Division 3 next year. Aston Park's Pamela Reid, Sarah Baker and Sue Hoey all were rated in the top 4 of league players according to the playing statistics.

Men's 1 fought very hard and with some very close matches, took 3rd place, two points from the team finishing second.

Ladies 2 had a mixed season with one very good win and 2 draws, finishing in 5th place and hopefully staying in Division 5 for next summer.

Men's 2 were in contention for promotion until the last couple of matches which did not go their way and they will remain in Division 6 next summer.

Intermediate Cup- Aston Park were crowned winners of the Intermediate Cup but not without some controversy. After a very close half-set win over Cublington, the team next faced Princes Risborough on their clay. Again, the team performed very well and won 5-3 on the night to reach the final. There are very strict rules about who is eligible to play Intermediate Cup and Aston Park stuck to the rules. However, the two teams we were due to meet in the final did not and both were disqualified for fielding ineligible players. Aston Park therefore did not need to play a final but were crowned champions. Special mention to Michael Chase and Pamela Reid who gained the key sets in both matches; Michael was the stand-out player on both evenings.

Buckinghamshire LTA Summer Shield Matches

The highlight of these league results was Mixed Medley 1 who won all but one match in Division 4 and should be promoted to Division 3 next summer. The loss to Burnham was not unexpected as Burnham had rather overpowered Aston Park last year but one set from Andrew Nurse and Pamela Reid meant that Burnham did not get the 100% set record they were seeking that afternoon (they only won 95.8% of sets for the summer!).

Men's Bucks Shield 2 pair team finished 3rd in Division 8 and should remain there for summer 2020.

The winter 2019/20 leagues begin shortly and we have some new players and sufficient interest to re-introduce a 3rd ladies team. Things look promising for the future with younger players now competitive for places in the Ladies 2nd and 3rd plus Men's 2 teams.

As usual if you are reading this and would like to get involved in team tennis in a small village club do get in touch with the team captains listed on the website.

Pamela Reid- Ladies Captain
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