



DELGADO TENNIS

WWW.DELGADOTENNIS.CO.UK

HIGHLIGHTS!

This term has been another fantastic step forward for our programme. We were delighted to welcome many new players—ranging from Mini Reds all the way through to our adult groups.

This term, we coached 224 juniors each week, alongside a strong and consistent adult turnout. Thank you all for your continued support—it truly makes a difference.

Despite some very wet and challenging weather this winter, the attitude and commitment from all groups has been outstanding. We're hoping the worst of the weather is now behind us and we look forward to a warm and exciting summer ahead!

Paul Delgado
Founder and Director of Delgado Tennis

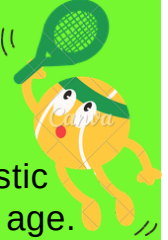
New sessions:

We are excited to introduce three new sessions next term:

- **All-Girls Junior Group (Ages 8–12)**
 - Thursdays 5–6pm with Coach Michael
 - Designed to encourage more girls to get involved, particularly as some current groups are boy-heavy.
- **Adult Match Play (Intermediate)**
 - Fridays 7–8pm with Coach Ellis
 - A great opportunity to develop competitive play.
- **Cardio Tennis**
 - Saturdays 10-11am with Coach Justin
 - A fun, high-energy fitness session designed to get your heart rate up!



Player shoutouts!



Mini Reds

Our Mini Red star player this term is **Verity Vickers Garcia**. Verity has made fantastic progress, with noticeable improvements in her technique and rallying ability for her age. She has also been on an impressive winning streak for Ghost Busters! Verity regularly volunteers to demonstrate drills and always welcomes new players with kindness. Well done, Verity!

Junior Hitters 1

This term's star player is **Ivy Kerr-Clemenson**. Ivy's tennis continues to improve each term, but what has really stood out is her attitude. Her enthusiasm, willingness to compete in games, and positive energy on court have been excellent. Well done, Ivy!

Junior Hitters 2

Our standout Orange Ball players are **Mark Vest** and **Tristan Josey**.

Mark continues to develop into a very strong player, showing great ability to generate topspin and slice across all shots. His competitive mindset has also impressed the coaching team—something we're excited to see grow further. Well done, Mark!

Tristan has also had a brilliant term in his match play sessions. He listens carefully, applies feedback, and this is clearly reflected in his improving results. Well done, Tristan!

Green Ball

Our Green Ball Player of the Term is **Matthew Knowles**. Matthew has worked incredibly hard, improving his aggression and depth of shot. His focus and effort each week do not go unnoticed. Well done, Matthew!

Yellow Ball

Shoutouts go to **Zachary Nathan** and **Anirudh Melkote**.

Zach has had a fantastic term and has earned a place in the Under 18s team—an excellent achievement. He also brings great energy to sessions and is a popular member of the group. Well done, Zach!

Ani continues to impress with high-level tennis. His tactical awareness is improving steadily, and he is becoming a very intelligent player on court. Best of luck in your Under 14 matches—keep it up, Ani!

The World of Tennis:

The 2026 season began in Australia with the first Grand Slam of the year. **Elena Rybakina** defeated world number one **Aryna Sabalenka** in a thrilling final (6–4, 4–6, 6–4), claiming her second Grand Slam title following her 2022 Wimbledon win.

On the men's side, **Carlos Alcaraz** defeated **Novak Djokovic** (2–6, 6–2, 6–3, 7–5) in a spectacular match. Alcaraz, world number one, became the youngest player to complete a Career Grand Slam, securing his seventh major title at just 22.

Meanwhile, **Jamie Delgado** continues working with British number one **Jack Draper**, who recently reached the quarterfinals at Indian Wells. After an impressive win over Djokovic, Draper narrowly lost to **Daniil Medvedev**. We look forward to watching the pair of them work together as the French Open and Wimbledon approach.



Player of the Term

A big congratulations to **Norman Perry**, our Player of the Term - Mr Delgado Tennis himself!

Norman has made fantastic progress, improving his consistency, power, and tactical awareness. He will captain the Under 14s team this summer, and we wish him and the team the very best of luck. Keep up the excellent work, Norman!

April-July 2026

Term dates:

Start Tuesday 14 April 2026 and finish Saturday 25 July 2026 (included).

Our next camp:

May half-term
Tuesday 26 May - Friday 29 May 2026

Book here:

www.delgadotennis.co.uk/book-now

Rules on court

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of our on-court rules. At the start of each term, we discuss these expectations with all young players. We kindly ask parents to reinforce these at home where needed:

- Respect your racquet
- Do not throw it, misuse it, or leave it unattended
- Respect the net
- Do not lean on it, hit it, or climb over/under it
- Stay engaged
- Players should not sit on the court but remain active and attentive
- Respect others
- Encourage teammates, be supportive, and always use appropriate language

Matches

The **LTA Summer League** begins in April, and we wish all our players the very best of luck representing Delgado Tennis across Berkshire. Our first match takes place on **Saturday 11th April**, with our Ladies' Doubles team kicking things off against Binfield Tennis Association.

Teams competing this summer:

Under 12 Boys
Under 14 Girls
Under 14 Boys
Under 18 Boys
Ladies' Doubles
Men's Doubles



It promises to be an exciting summer of competition!

Thank you all once again for your continued support and we wish everyone a wonderful Easter break!

The Delgado Tennis Coaching Team