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2024 SEASON SUMMARY

CONGRATULATIONS TO HERTFORDSHIRE HOT RACKETS TOP 'PREMIER DIVISION' CHAMPIONS 2024

HAZELWOOD LADIES 1



L to R: Nadia Banton, Mandy Bishop, Jane Hart, Irene Bodnar

HARPENDEN MENS 1



L to R: Alex March, Jonas Hurst, Charlie Attenborough, Alex Moynihan, Dan Collins.

THE HOT RACKETS 2024 SEASON

What a FANTASTIC SEASON IT WAS FOR 2024, in all the past 15 years of Hot Rackets there have never been a season like 2024, where so many teams in nearly all 25 divisions were fighting so closely to achieve the 1st, 2nd & 3rd places. As you know the final positions are achieved by the team winning the most points, if the points are level, then it is the most Rubbers, or Sets or Games, in that order of priority. In 2024 there were many final positions that were achieved by just one rubber, or one set, or even by games, to decide which team was in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place, as so many teams were level on points, etc. So well done to so many Ladies & Mens teams in all divisions, especially the teams that were so close to achieving the top spots in their relevant divisions. It goes to prove that there are many, many, teams that are very level in their standards/match play within their divisions, which creates close & enjoyable inter club team tennis. It shows that well organised inter club tennis, which is well supported by all the clubs, organisers & players, creates a great standard of match play tennis for all levels of the game, which is what it is all about!

A massive thankyou to all the clubs & teams that regularly enter every year, to make Hot Rackets Inter Club Tennis, the enjoyable sporting tournament it has become for all standards of club tennis.

To prove the point regarding how close the top 2/3 teams are in a division, this year's Mens Premier Division couldn't have had a better finish, it came down to 3 teams that were all fighting for the top spot, Harpenden 1, Moor Park 1 & Rickmansworth 1.

Please see below the final divisional statistics:

Here are the final top three clubs finishing positions/stats of the Mens Premier Division 2024

	Team	Played	Matches Won	Matches Lost	Points	Rubbers	Sets	Games
1	Harpenden 1	6	4	2	14	16	33	243
2	Moor Park 1	6	4	2	14	15	33	243
3	Rickmansworth 1	6	4	2	14	15	30	246

As you can see all 3 clubs are on the same points, Harpenden & Moor Park are on the same Sets & Games. In the order of priority, Rubbers, Sets & then Games, Harpenden won the Premier division by just 1 RUBBER (16 v 15)! What an unbelievable finish, congratulations to all three teams to have such a close finish after 6 months of tennis. As you can see our top photograph shows the deserved Mens Premier Champions as HARPENDEN 1, who had a fantastic season. I think it is fair to show Moor Park 1 (who missed out by 1 rubber!), but also last year's champions Rickmansworth 1, who also missed out by 1 rubber & 3 sets, that's how close the margins are, a rubber, a set or a game!! Well, done to these great clubs for making it such a close, exciting, top class finish, for the Hot Rackets Mens Premier Divisions 2024.

MOOR PARK 1



L to R: Anjan Chowdhury, Adam Jamil, Eashan Raja, Shay Raja, Dylan Yadav
Players not the photograph: Brendan Emmanuel, KoJo.

RICKMANSWORTH 1



L to R: Andrew Parkes, Jordan Miles, Neil Grassick, Mark Obrien, Barney Michael
Player not in photograph: Chris Grassick

PREMIER LADIES CHAMPIONS HAZELWOOD LADIES 1

What a fantastic season for our Ladies Premier Division Champions, HAZELWOOD LADIES 1, who are our top Champions for the second time in 3 years, being the Ladies Premier Champions in 2022 & now again in 2024. Hazelwood is a 'Top Class' tennis club, with brilliant facilities & have always produced 'Top Class' tennis players for many years. Again, they are proving they are great 'Champions, now, in the Hot Rackets Leagues. They only joined Hot Rackets in 2022, and have proved in a very short time, the quality of their players & inter club match play, being champions twice & runners up in 2023, a fantastic achievement, and well deserved. Congratulation to Nadia Banton, Irene Bodnar, Mandy Bishop & Jane Hart for again Winning the top division for two out of three years.

Congratulations to all the teams that have won their divisions & to all the teams that have gained promotion. As I mentioned earlier, 2024, was by far our best year for all teams throughout all Ladies & Mens divisions. The final divisional statistics showing many teams were only separated by one rubber, or one set, or games in their final positions.

This is the culmination of teams playing regularly in Hot rackets over many years, that has seen the quality of tennis get better & better in all divisions, creating a competitive level that is suitable for all club players according to their own personal standard, giving all teams and players a wide range of tennis levels.

Again, this season has produced some first class matches, and many teams were playing right up to their final matches to achieve promotion, top positions, or avoid relegation in their divisions. As usual there was a high number of 'Quick Fire' deciding sets being played, again proving how close & well matched many of the teams are throughout all divisions.

Many thanks to all the captains/clubs that entered their fixtures quickly on the web site (within 3 days of the completed fixture), that really helps to keep all the divisional positions & required statistics up to date.

As usual, a big thank you to many of the captains for quickly sending through the new match dates for rearranged fixtures, again a big help for us to keep the fixtures up to date on the web site. Especially sending through the important basic details, The Division, 2 teams playing, the original match date, the new match date & time, & the club sending the new details. This is a massive help, allowing us to locate the fixture details, easily & quickly, on the web site & enter the new fixture details. Many thanks again.

A great job was done by all the captains & club administrators for making sure all the matches were played, not an easy job in any season.

Well done to all the Hot Rackets teams throughout all of the 25 divisions who are really 'embracing' quality organised league doubles, playing & enjoying inter club tennis at all levels. Thank you for all the emails we receive from many clubs stating how much they enjoy the playing format, competitiveness & organisation of the Hot Rackets league.

As usual a special thanks to all of our clubs, captains, players and administrators who do a great job in helping the Hot Rackets Inter Club Tennis Leagues to run smoothly, especially the administration & web site, which helps all of our teams to play top quality, competitive & enjoyable tennis, all of which help to make Hot Rackets a first class Inter Club Team Tennis League.

Many Thanks,

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