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Autumn 2015 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Blitz Newsletter with plenty going on to report on. Please have a look at all the dates for your diary section, and note down any dates that may affect you!

Coaching

Group Coaching - The Blitz coaching team are pleased with how the Friday group coaching sessions are going. Practise partners have been introduced to the top squad session, and a regular ranking type competition has been introduced too, giving everyone the opportunity to show what they have learnt in competitive match situations. All players are reminded that hard work, perseverance and dedication are the key elements to success and the coaching team will be looking out for this throughout all the sessions.

Satellite Clubs - The Blitz coaching team are busy running coaching sessions in several schools across the area. Satellite clubs in Hayfields, Rossington, QEHS, Balby Carr, South Axholme, & Hall Cross are currently taking place throughout term time with the Inter School league again due to start after October Half Term. Numbers at all sessions are good and lots of players are making good progress. Hopefully you will start to see some new faces coming to the regular club coaching sessions in the not too distant future.

Individual Coaching - If anyone is interested in individual private 1-to-1 coaching sessions, then both Kurt and I are available for these and players are to enquire with either of us about these.

Competitions

Blitz 2* Competition - The club are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a 2 Star competition on Sunday 24th January at the Gainsborough Academy. Hopefully we will have a good turnout and Blitz players (especially the Top Squad) will support the event by taking part.

Cadet County Championships - We are also pleased to announce that we will be hosting the National Cadet county Championships at the Gainsborough Academy on Saturday 12th December. Teams from Cheshire, Durham & Lincolnshire will be competing, bringing together the best u15 players from each county. It would be a fantastic event for some of you to come and watch to see what the standard is like.

Individual Competitions - As stated at the start of the year, we will be going out to Individual competitions as a club. Dates and locations of these competitions are in the section to the right. We shall confirm with everyone which ones we are going to as a club.

Club Teams

Gainsborough League - The Gainsborough Table Tennis League is now well underway with Blitz contributing 5 teams to the league. Look out for regular updates and match reports on our clubs Facebook page and in the Gainsborough Standard. Good luck to all players competing.

Senior British League - Blitz Senior British league team competed well in the first weekends play at Oldham. 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss left the team

Dates for your Diary

Dates in Red are Important Dates

Sat 31st Oct/Sun 1st November - Senior British League weekend at York

Sun 8th November - Burton Uxbridge 1* competition.

Sat 14th November - Chandlers 2* competition at Grantham.

Sun 15th November - National Cadet League at Ormesby

Thurs 19th November - No club session due to Hall unavailable

Sat 21st November - National Junior League at Ormesby.

Sun 6th December - National Cadet League at Ormesby

Sat 12th December - Cadet County Championships @ the Gainsborough Academy (County v County)

Sun 13th December - Parent and Child Christmas competition

Fri 18th December - Christmas coaching session (Then club closes for xmas)

Sun 27th December - Burton Uxbridge 2* competition.

Sat 2nd January - Milton Keynes 2*

Mon 4th January - Club re-opens - League teams practice night

Sat 9th/Sun 10th January - East Midlands 4*

Sun 17th January - Burton Uxbridge 1* competition

Sun 24th January - BLITZ 2* COMPETITION - to be held at the Gainsborough academy.

Sat 30th January - Chandlers 2*

Sun 31st January - Bishop Auckland 2*

Sun 7th February - National Cadet League at Ormesby

Sat 13th/Sun 14th February - Blackpool 4*

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in a good position with 5 points from a possible 8, and currently lying in 4th, going into the second weekends play in York on Halloween.

National Junior League - Blitz has only got one team competing this year, which is competing at Ormesby TTC again. Chris Gamble, Harry Tomlinson and Chloe De La Fontaine performed well winning 1 match and unfortunately losing 2. Lots of hard work ahead for these players, to try and turn these tight loses into wins next time round.

National Cadet League - Blitz has only got one team competing within this event this year, and they are travelling up to Ormesby TTC for their first days play on Sunday 15th November. Good luck to the team of Darcie Proud, Sam Phillips and Erin Greensmith on loan from Swerve TTC.



(Blitz Senior British League Team)

Future Events

Christmas Social - With Christmas fast approaching the club will be looking to run a social day/night out around the festive period for all club members. Details will be announced shortly, but we are looking at either Tuesday 29th December or Wednesday 30th December.

Christmas Competition - After a years break, we are bringing back the adult and child Christmas competition. This is a fun competition where players, parents, family members, whether they are able to play or not, enter into a handicap style drawn doubles. Keep a look out for further details on this, but date for this is Sunday 13th December.

Christmas Coaching Session - Like last year, the last Friday session (Friday 18th Dec) before we break for Christmas will be a fun Christmas session, with music and prizes etc. This will start at 6.00pm and finish at 9.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Weekly Timetable 2015/16

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| Mondays | 6.30pm - 9.00pm | Gainsborough League Matches |
| Thursdays | 6.30pm - 9.00pm | Club Practise Night |
| Fridays | 6.00pm - 7.30pm | Improvers Group Coaching |
| | 7.00pm - 9.00pm | Top Squad Coaching |

Players Achievements

Congratulations to the following Blitz players:

Darcie Proud - Representing England in the Euro Minis in France and again being selected in the England Development squad.

Adam Gittings - Representing the North East in the Sainsbury's School Games and winning Gold in the team and individual competitions. Also Gold medallist in the Halton Disability Grand Prix.

Tom McIntosh - Bishop Auckland 2* Cadet runner up. Selected once again to play for Nottinghamshire Junior/Cadet teams. Becoming the highest ranked Senior Blitz player (Damn you)!!

Chloe De La Fontaine - Bishop Auckland 2* Junior plate runner up

Amy Gittings - Selected again to represent South Yorkshire in the upcoming Junior County Championships to be held in Widnes

Steven Johnson - making the top 100 u21 players in the country! (Fluke)



Facebook / Newspaper Reports

Please check out our Facebook page for regular club updates. Like and Forward to as many people as you can to promote our club. Anyone with any news/photos or achievements please send to Paul Gittings (gittingspaul@btinternet.com) or via Facebook to include in reports online and in the local press.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Paul Johnson - Head Coach