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Tennis Popular event attracts its largest ever number of entries

Tournament has cemented its place as a Bury tradition

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The Bury and West Suffolk Junior Tennis Tournament enjoyed its best ever year to confirm its place as a Bury St Edmunds sporting tradition.

Celebrating its 88th year, the annual event attracted more than 240 players, the largest entry since moving to Culford four years ago, with players coming from across East Anglia to compete for honours.

On the court, Thurston's Luke Watson proved the big winner, clinching no less than four titles including singles trophies in Under-12, Under-14 and Under-16 categories as well as Under-12 doubles success alongside Nathan Castle, while Red Lodge's Marco Mittev-Will finished as runner-up in the Men's Singles event.

And with the ever-popular tournament proving a bigger success than ever before, organiser Susan Glasswell, who has been involved for the past 15 years, could not hide her delight as she hailed the event which she believes has become an integral part of the town itself.

"It is the best we've had since we moved to Culford School four years ago," she said.

"We had higher entries than ever before, it just keeps on growing every year which



BIG WINNER: Luke Watson, who won four titles at the The Bury and West Suffolk Junior Tennis Tournament

is fantastic.

"I was worried this year that numbers wouldn't be as good as past years but players came from all over East Anglia to play and that just shows you the appeal of the tournament.

"I think it is so popular because the atmosphere is so good and it is very well organised with a fantastic referee.

"It means the world to me because it is part of the Bury St Edmunds tradition.

"My parents played in it, I played in it and have my name on a cup from when I was 16 and my three children have played in it as well, so it is lovely to see it carry on.

"It has become part of Bury St Edmunds and it is fantastic to see it come around and grow every single year.

"We want to keep growing year upon year and we have already started thinking about next year and beyond."



RUNNER-UP: Red Lodge's Marco Mittev-Will finished as runner-up in the Men's Singles event



ON THE MOVE: A female competitor looks to return the ball

Results



FULL FOCUS: Nathan Jackson keeps his eye firmly on the ball

RESULTS

Bury and West Suffolk Tennis Tournament 2015 winners - 8U Mixed Singles 1-8: Bethany Gardens. Ratings A: Jomi Aminu. Ratings B: Jake Dorbin. Ratings C: Rocco Richardson. Ratings D: Harvey Durham. Ratings E: Benedict Luttmann-Johnson. Ratings F: Reva Onibere. Ratings G: Reva Onibere. Ratings H: 1 Millie Hansgate.
9U Boys' Singles: Oliver Buckingham-Green.
9U Girls' Singles 1-4: Jasmine Payne.
10U Boys' Singles: Saul Hindmarch. Ratings A: Merlin Stamper. Ratings B: Sam Harrison. Ratings C: Jamie O'Sullivan.
10U Girls' Singles: Louise Booker.
10U Mixed Doubles: Charlie Barber-Lomax/ Joe Warner.
12U Boys' Singles: Luke Watson. Qualifying draw: George Bedford.
12U Boys' Doubles: Nathan Castle/Luke Watson.
12U Girls' Singles: Laurie Cruickshank.

14U Boys' Singles: Luke Watson.
14U Boys' Doubles: Jasper Chase/Asa Sumner-Keens.
14U Girls' Singles: Sama Malik.
14U Girls' Doubles: Laurie Cruickshank/Georgia Parker.
14U Mixed Doubles: Caspar Boyce/Poppy Vass.
16U Boys' Singles: Luke Watson.
16U Boys' Doubles: Haadi Shah/Kareem Shah.
16U Girls' Singles: Sama Malik.
16U Girls' Doubles: Millie McClraith/Natasha Scott.
18U Boys' Singles: Nick Ghaznavi.
18U Boys' Doubles: Simon Curtin/Jack Kearton.
Open Men's Singles: Nick Ghaznavi.
Open Men's Doubles: Joshua Dashwood/Tom Marsh.
Open Women's Singles: Millie McClraith.
Open Women's Doubles: Helen Bastow/Karen Soons.



BACKHAND: Ewan Evans in action in the Men's Open Singles event