



PADEL NEWSLETTER

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THIS MONTH'S PADEL HIGHLIGHTS

Deloitte shows us how AI can make padel more inclusive.



GB Seniors finish strong at the FIP European Padel Championships in Spain.



Tia Norton & the Las Vegas Smash team win the inaugural Pro Padel League.



More action from across the country at our Grade 1 British Tour events.



Youth Padel Programme, Performance Pathway and Workforce Development.



Don't miss the key updates from the LTA Coach & Support team.



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LTA PADEL BRITISH TOUR

Stratford Padel Club deliver fantastic LTA Padel British Tour event which sees British players claim top spots again.

The Grade 1 British Tour event, the highest level of padel competitions in Great Britain, welcomed over 100 players to Stratford Padel club for a weekend of exciting matches.

There was an incredibly high level of competition on display as many of the top LTA Ranked men and women competed for a £3,500 prize fund. For the second Tour event in a row there was British success across the men's and women's competitions with **Louis Harris** and **Sam Jones** claiming the men's title, and **Victoria Nicholas** and **Claire Smith** being crowned the women's champions.

The next British Tour event is at Rocks Lane, Chiswick from 21- 23 July.

For our event summary, including draws and results [click here](#)



WOMEN'S PADEL

As padel grows in the UK, so must the drive for equal numbers of women across participation and coaching.

Having female role models in clubs and programmes is one of the most important ways to attract more women and girls into the sport, and one of the most powerful role models is, of course, the coach. In light of this, the LTA are investing in coach subsidies for women on the LTA Padel Instructor qualification.

Female coaches wishing to get involved, get qualified to coach padel and help grow the female game, can check out this [link](#) for more information.

To access the grant, coaches should contact the LTA Coach Development Centre that's delivering the [course](#).



SENIORS PADEL

Great Britain's senior padel teams strong showing at the inaugural FIP Senior European Padel Championships 2023

Britain's best female and male Padel players, from age groups 40+ to 60+, travelled to La Nucia in Spain to compete against Europe's best in the first ever FIP Seniors European Championships.

Despite being years behind other European nations in 'Padel age', with courts, coaching, and participation still in the early stages, the four GB teams that represented male and female Seniors and Super Seniors all fought hard, played well, and placed competitively in their respective events.

Of the many highlights from such an incredible week, stand-out performances were Sally Bickerton and partners Audrey Henderson/Rosie Connel were undefeated in the team event at the 60+ category. In the men's, Ben Gudzulak and Javi Etayo were undefeated in the 40+ category, and Nick Holloway was undefeated in the 60+ age group. Congratulations to all players, captains, and team managers.

For full coverage of the event and results click [here](#).



LTA'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PARTNER

Deloitte creates
'Hackathon'
experience to show
how AI can make
padel more
inclusive

Read the full article [here](#).



TOUR PERFORMANCE ROUND UP

- GB Men's number 1, Christian Medina-Murphy reached the Quarter Finals of the FIP Rise event in Cordenons, Italy with partner Belar Vera Lopez;
- Also in Italy, British pair Lisa Phillips and Sophia Haines reached the Quarter Finals in the Women's event, beating the number 2 seeded pair in the last 16.
- Other international events where British players have competed in this month, include FIP Events in Gothenburg and Venice include Sam Jones, Louie Harris

LEADING GB FIP RANKINGS

Christian Medina-Murphy	142	Tia Norton	135
Sam Jones	185	Lisa Phillips	280
Louie Harris	385	Hannah Ruddick	329





**PRO
PADEL
LEAGUE**

Tia Norton & the Las Vegas Smash team win the inaugural Pro Padel League

Read the full article [here](#).



INITIAL GB SQUAD MEMBERS NAMED

Following the GB Men's & Women's camp held at We Are Padel, Derby in May, the initial selections for the GB Men's & Women's Programme have been made and are as follows:

Men	Women
Christian Medina-Murphy	Tia Norton
Sam Jones	Aimee Gibson
Louie Harris	Lisa Phillips
Nikhil Mohindra	Abi Tordoff
Richard Brooks	Claire Smith
Nick Hatchett	Catherine Rose
Sam MacNeil	Lila Simpson
Ryan Wyatt	Karen Hazzard
Alex Loughlan	Hannah Ruddick
Tom Farquharson	Amy Cairns
	Megan Montgomerie
	Victoria Nicholas

Not all players who wished to be considered were able to attend the initial selection camp due to prior commitments or unable to participate due to injury. These will be invited to a future camp for consideration and may be added at a later date.

In the Women's programme, the first squad training camp has taken place at the National Tennis Centre on the 3rd & 4th June, which was led by our National Coaches, Alvaro Fernandez and Libby Fletcher. Further camp dates for both the men's and women's programmes will be confirmed shortly.



PERFORMANCE PATHWAY - YOUTH

Following the first stage of providing a more formal structure to the Padel Performance Programme, the next stage in this development is to begin to look at the youth section of the performance pathway.

As padel is at an early stage of its development in Britain, the intention is to approach this across 3 key areas:

- **YOUTH ACTIVATION** – Increasing the number of young players participating in padel nationally.
- **CURRENT PLAYERS** – Whilst overall the numbers of young players participating is small, these numbers are growing, with a small percentage now looking to follow a player development journey.
- **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY** – The coaching workforce is vital to the development of the performance pathway, and the intention is to support coaches who are operating in the player development environment, in parallel with the performance pathway.

The first step will be to gather information on young players; those who are currently pursuing a developmental journey to play the sport at the performance level, by completing the following survey, which can be found by scanning the QR code. Please pass this onto any clubs, coaches, padel players or anyone else who this would be relevant to.



GB Youth Player Development -
Enquiry Questionnaire



COACHING PADEL

The **LTA Padel Instructor** qualification is now being delivered by Coach Development Centres. This means that there will be a growth of courses across the UK and throughout the year, subject to demand from coaches.

The LTA Instructor qualification entails 4 days' core training, face to face with the Tutor, plus one further five-hour Elective workshop, from a choice of two.

The Electives, also available as CPD, are as follows:

1. **Coaching the Double Glass**
2. **Coaching Kids' Padel**

For more information on padel coaching click [here](#)



Coaches wishing to prepare for the Padel Instructor qualification will need to do a **Padel Instructor Readiness Test**, which can be booked via the LTA Course Search Tool.

The test costs £36, is carried out remotely, and is submitted for video-based assessment.

COACH ACCREDITATION

If a Padel coach is operating at an LTA Registered Venue (either as a standalone padel venue, or one attached to a registered tennis venue), they should be actively working towards gaining their LTA Accreditation.

At this moment in time, they are able to continue coaching without LTA Accreditation as long as they are considered safe to practice, which means they will need to have DBS, first aid and safeguarding training in place.

If the padel coach already has a padel qualification from another body, they can apply for their non-LTA padel qualification to be recognised, to enable them to become LTA Accredited.



ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM JANUARY 2024

The requirement for Padel coaches to be LTA Accredited will become enforceable from January 2024. This means that if a Padel coach is not Accredited from that time onwards, they will not be allowed to coach at a registered venue.

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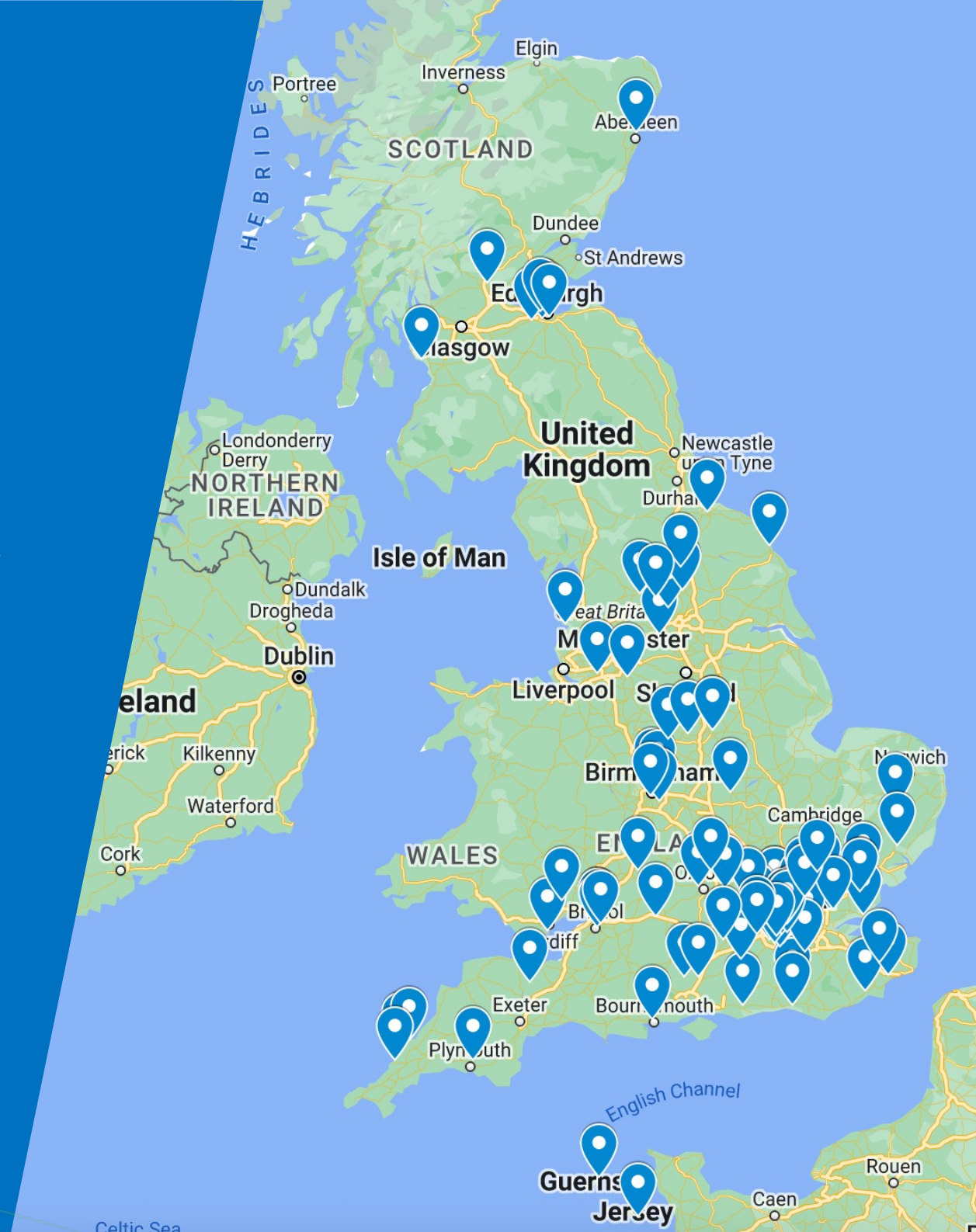
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PADEL COURTS IN BRITAIN

Get involved in one of the fastest growing sports in the world and book a padel court near you today.

There are close to 300 padel courts in Britain ready and waiting for you, with even more on the way.

Check out our padel court map [here](#) to find your nearest courts and how you can book your next hit with friends and family, a coaching session or play matches.



QUICK ACCESS LOAN SCHEME - PADEL

LTA's Quick Access Loan Scheme provides interest-free loans to help venues invest in facilities, including the installation of padel courts.

For further information please see the following link to the [Quick Access Loan Scheme \(lta.org.uk\)](https://lta.org.uk/quick-access-loan-scheme)



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The QAL funding framework is as follows-

Scheme	LTA TF investment level	Borrowing term
Outdoor padel Approx. cost per court - £75k	Up to 60% of the project cost	5-7 year repayment period
Covered padel (court and cover) Cost per court - £180k	Up to 60% of the project cost	5-10 year repayment period

If you are looking to develop padel at your venue, or you have any questions please contact facilityfunding@lta.org.uk

On 15th June we will be running two webinars; 2pm and 7pm, to introduce and outline the Quick Access Loan scheme and answer any question you may have. If you would like to register for the webinar please see the following [zoom link](#).

PADEL EXPERIENCE AT THE NTC

Experience Padel at the National Tennis Centre!

This package includes 4-hours of on-court coaching, a tour around Wimbledon, a meal at a local restaurant serving authentic Spanish cuisine and an overnight stay at the NTC.

Need more information?

Email: ntc.padel@lta.org.uk

Tel: 0208 487 7296



For those venues considering padel, the NTC can offer personalised group sessions.

There's also regular sessions for anyone wanting to try padel. Players can also book the padel courts on a pay-and-play basis.

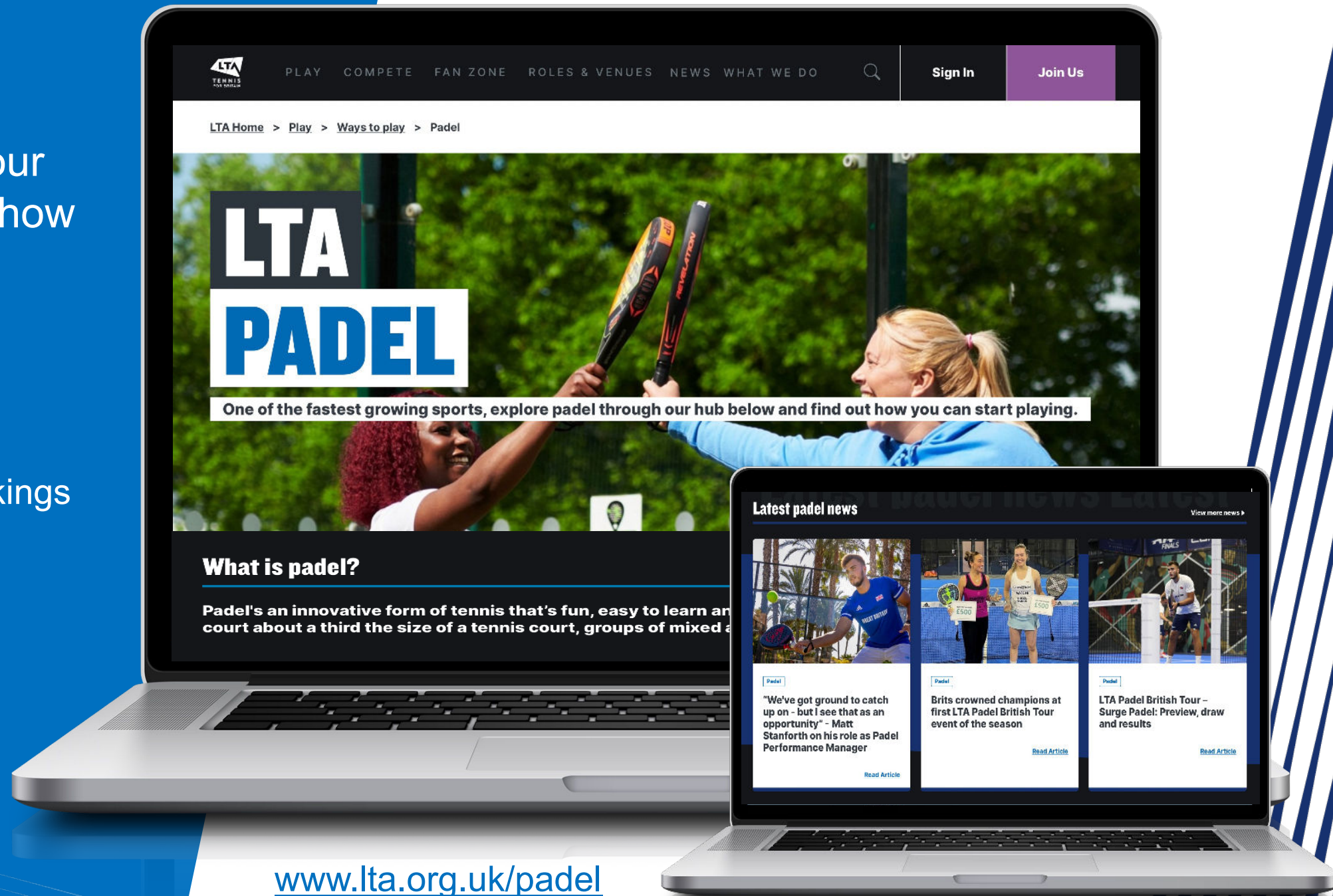
Find out more details [here](#)



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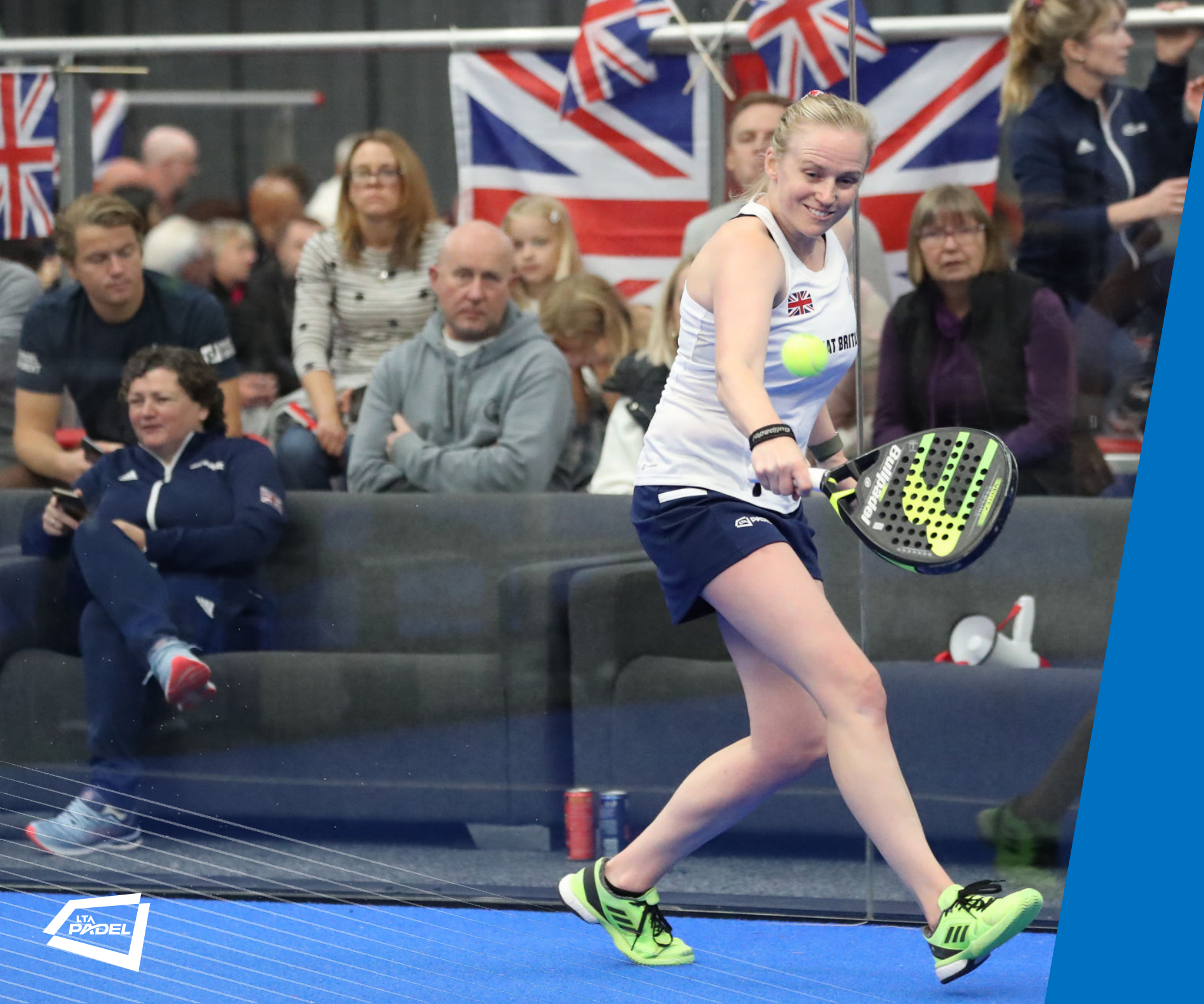
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