

Great Britain Tennis Shine in Italy

Four players who train at West Bridgford Tennis Club represented Great Britain in a 3 Nations Tennis Tournament for players with a Learning Disability in Italy from 23rd to 25th May.

The event saw 12 players from Italy, 4 from Holland and 4 from Great Britain compete over the 3 days in singles and doubles matches.

For the West Bridgford players this was the first time they have been selected by the Tennis Foundation to represent Great Britain and it was the first time they had competed on European clay courts. The team of Patrick Cox, Michael Clarke, Joseph Eccles and Alex Eustace won 3 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze and 1 fourth medal between them. Patrick and Alex won gold in their respective singles groups and Joseph with his Dutch partner won gold in the doubles.

National coach Lesley Whitehead, who trains the players at West Bridgford Tennis Club traveled with the team. Lesley says, "I am so proud of the way these players performed. It is a big step for them to compete for their country in an International tournament but they all rose to the occasion".