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Will to Win Foundation Report 2018

The Will to Win Foundation has supported various groups in the period 2016-18, donations total £8000 to date

Case study: Hogarth School, Chiswick, West London (Present)

The brief: To work with the School and PTA to raise funds to create a kids ball park.

The outcome: £5,000 from each party was used to pay to create the ball park, to be used by the pupils during the school day and for after school classes opened officially by Steve Riley Founder of Will to Win and the Head teacher- Avril Stockley on 11th May 2018.





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Newman Collard TC - £250 donated (June 2018)

£250 donated to form links between the club and Liss Junior School



Marlybone School £500 donated March 2019

£500 donated to offer an after school tennis club and in school coaching

Nets - £500 donated (August 2016)

Nets is a new sport to the UK (around 10 years) and is a hybrid of netball, basketball and squash. There are local and social leagues but no national league is currently set up.

WTW Foundation donated £500 to Rob and Katy Pell towards costs for training and travelling.



Below is a statement from Rob and Katy who applied for the grant:

"The tournament was a fantastic experience filled with positive experiences and tough challenges. We arrived in Wellington and were given a couple of days to get over jet lag before training started. We then had a week of training consisting of morning match play against local sides and afternoon training sessions (with the occasional match practice here too!). This was a real eye-opener for us on the different style that the New Zealanders utilise. Much more aerial, with much slower movement and quite an unstructured - yet impressively accurate - approach to ball handling. The mixed game in particular is probably the least like standard netball in style of play. It's much more physical, based on angles and agility, rather than the lateral speed that you can apply in a ladies indoor netball game or a standard netball game. This is down to a combination of court size, and the way that men train and play in the other three nations.



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The set up for tournament week was the 6-a-side tournament first, followed by the 7-a-side. Each tournament has two days of 3 games a day, where you play each nation twice, which sets the teams up in a table. Then on the third day you play a knockout tournament. We were competing against South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. All three nations have played indoor netball for between 15-40 years (respectively) with England only being introduced to the sport in the last 10. Over the 7 days of tournaments we played 14 full matches. A real test of physical and mental endurance. And whilst the mixed side were able to offer competition to opposing nations in many of these, getting very close on occasions, the superiority of style and familiarity with the sport of the other nations meant that we were unfortunately unable to medal.

The real difference between nations though was made clear on the first day of each tournament where we struggled to adapt to the skill set of the opposition. Having played indoor netball, together, for years in competitive regional leagues at home and with the squad identified a year in advance, their confidence and team familiarity made significant differences. Unfortunately in England, netball is still considered a female sport and indoor netball is only played in 5 centres throughout the UK. This means it was the first time for most of our team that they had played indoor netball competitively and for the men, the first time they'd played any form of netball competitively. So to even get close to Australia and South Africa was something we were really proud of.

As an England side however, we did have some success. Our ladies team won gold in the 7's tournament - which was a fantastic success. It's the first time an England open side had medalled at all in the 7s tournament which made it so exciting to be there and be part of the support. And the U21s also reached semi-final stage, taking their final match to extra time and then a very dramatic penalty shootout. And on a personal level Katy was nominated as one of the top 3 players of the 6's tournament (out of 48 players) which is such an honour. The whole experience is something we'll never forget. And to have the opportunity to represent our country together as siblings, was really special. Not only were we able to be on court at the same time, but we even played at the same end on a couple of occasions!"

Tom Wyman-£1000 donated (April 2016)

WTW Foundation donated £1000 to Tom to enhance his junior and adult programmes for his company 'TennisFIT' in Cornwall. It has enabled him to provide new equipment and an indoor facility hire.





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Tara Moore - £1000 donated (July 2017)

Tennis pro Tara Moore received £1000 of funding to pay for costs/expenses & training. This grant will help Tara further progress in her career - Tara made it to Wimbledon this year and is going from strength to strength.



Chris Perrin - £500 donated (May 2016)

£500 was donated to Cheslyn Hay - a company which is developing tennis at a leisure centre at an affordable price for both children and adults.

The money donated by the WTW Foundation will go towards new equipment and tennis markings.

Ealing United - £1000 donated (November 2016)

Ealing United is a local club (West London) which was started up for the development of Junior Football. The teams train four times a week and we look forward to watching them grow. The grant has gone towards kit and training.

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