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University tennis in the UK is growing.
There are huge opportunities to play top level
tennis in the UK on a scholarship programme.

This leaflet helps explain more about university
tennis in the UK and why it might be the right
choice for you or for someone you know...

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MORE TENNIS PLAYERS ARE NOW CHOOSING TENNIS AT UNIVERSITY IN THE UK

Universities in the UK now offer a wide range of courses to help accommodate students who want to continue to develop their sporting interests. Competitive tennis at a university in the UK is now a year-round option.

Players like Colin Fleming (Davis Cup squad March 2009 pictured right) will endorse the option of going to university as a way of really helping them to develop their tennis.

The standard of British university tennis has increased significantly and over 1000 senior tennis players now compete in Barclays BUCS tennis leagues on a regular basis. The Barclays BUCS Tennis Championships main draw is of a standard equivalent to the last round of qualifying in a Futures event. A high percentage of main draw players have or have had a world ranking or Junior ITF ranking – the average rating is consistently in the region of 2.1.



‘BUCS tennis has developed significantly over the past few years. Over 1000 players from 85 universities compete in the Barclays BUCS leagues.’

Teams from British Universities now compete regularly in Europe

London Met University won the EUSA (European University Sports Association) Team Championships, (both Men & Women) in Dublin, Ireland in 2008.

The highest ranked male player in the event was Pavel Chekov of Moscow WR 250 ATP and many of the seeded teams presented players with WR.

In 2010, The European Collegiate Tennis Association, The Inter-Collegiate Tennis Association, USA, Tennis Europe and the United States Tennis Association propose to host the first ever USA vs. EUROPE University Tennis Challenge.

This Ryder Cup style of event will be contested between the very best in American College Tennis players and European University players and BUCS tennis teams will be very much involved in participating in all ECTA Tennis events in order to qualify its players for this prestigious event.

‘Players at university in the UK have the opportunity to play across Europe. Teams from British universities travel to compete in Europe against teams such as Moscow, Warsaw, Cologne and Montpellier.’



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GB University Entry Requirements

Degree Level	More information
Part Time Ed (3 units per year)	Combine playing / coaching with a part-time degree option
Access to Higher Ed. Courses	Access to Higher Education (HE) courses prepare students for study at university. They are designed for people who would like to study at university but who left school without the usual qualifications, such as A levels
Foundation Level Course	Offered by universities in partnership with higher education colleges and further education colleges. Universities and colleges set their own entry requirements.
Undergraduate Degree	See the UCAS website www.ucas.com . A wide range of courses to suit all
Masters Degree	Would normally require an undergraduate qualification and will typically be a one year full time / two year part time option

‘Competition within university tennis in the UK is a year round option’

There are approx. 260 teams competing in university tennis in 40 different leagues – teams play in leagues throughout first term and the early part of second term... league winners and Barclays Premier League teams progress through to the team championships and onwards to the BUCS finals event – a huge multisport event covering over 20 different sports in one city over a one week period.



Former university students



Colin Fleming
Stirling University
Highest WR: 365



Andrew Kennaugh
Bristol University
Highest WR: 689



Sam Smith
Exeter University
Top 100

Universities in the UK offer tennis scholarships where resources and coaching are available to tennis players.

Universities will support players by providing structured coaching, free court access, travel and entry to tournaments, physio and medical facilities, sports science and nutritional advice.

Universities will help students to accommodate their coursework, studying and exams around their playing schedule where possible and where applicable.



‘A serious tennis player at a university in the UK can be playing high level tennis and training on/off court at least 25 hours/week and combining this with studying’

A sample of a university weekly training schedule

	8-10am	2-4pm	5-6pm	On court	Off court
Monday	On court small squad	Individual / small squad	S+C	4	1
Tuesday	On court small squad	Individual / small squad	S+C	4	1
Wednesday	Barclays BUCS university competition			5	
Thursday	On court small squad	Individual / small squad	S+C	4	1
Friday	On court small squad	Individual / small squad	S+C	4	1
TOTAL HOURS	25			21	4

The weekly training schedule can be flexed to suit individuals but is indicative of the tennis/ training load expected of scholarship students at university.

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