

The Dedanists Pro-Am 2025

We held the 19th annual Dedanists Handicap Doubles Pro Am on 2nd July 2025 at Queen's. It was a great success and raised funds to be shared by the Dedanists' Society and the Dedanists' Foundation. The Society runs the British Real Tennis Academy for the best young players in the country. The Foundation funds clubs to recruit new young players and schools into the game

Sixteen amateur players, mainly Dedanists, paid £550 each to play and donate. With handicaps ranging from 24 to 69, they were representative of the amateur game as a whole. They each played three round robin doubles matches against amateurs of similar handicap for a place in the semi-finals - and played with four or more different professionals in the process.

We are especially grateful to the pros for playing in this tournament. Their very presence persuades amateurs to enter and donate. They moderate their play to bring out the best in amateur partners and opponents. They entertain us with the quality of their play and banter. They encourage us with gems of good advice. It's great fun to be on court with them.

The players were as follows

Players

Professionals	Amateurs	
Rob Fahey	Paul Cattermull	Andrew Lowenthal
Claire Fahey	Richard Compton-Burnett	Peter Luck-Hille
Levi Gale	Simon Cripps	Francis Moore
Dan Jones	Ian Falconer	Richard Moore
James Medlow	Andrew Hinds	David Mills
Ged Parsons	Andrew Leslau	Richard Prosser
Ben Taylor-Matthews	Stewart Licudi	Luke Readman
Lewis Williams	Michael Llewelyn-Jones	John Saunders

Markers: Howard Angus & Neil Mackenzie

Paul Cattermull, Richard Compton-Burnett, Ian Falconer and Johnny Saunders won through to the semi-finals. Johnny had to withdraw and was replaced by Michael Llewellyn-Jones. Ian Falconer beat Michael in the final. The tennis in this year's tournament was as competitive as ever. At dinner, Josh highlighted the special achievements during this season of the British Academy. David Mills, chairman of the Dedanists' Foundation, spoke to the achievements of the Foundation and presented the trophy and other prizes. Special awards were made to Peter Luck-Hille for best shot of the tournament and to Luke Readman for

worst shot. Commiserations to Johnny Saunders for having to withdraw from the semi final when he played so well in the morning round robin.

Thank you to Josh and all those who organised such a splendid event.