

ESC History interview

Tino Mackay-Palacio (born 1999)

1. What brought you to squash rackets, and when did you first play?
 - a. As an 8-year-old when living in Kinross. There were some unused vouchers for instruction!
2. When did you first play at ESC?
 - a. Aged 9 or 10 as a visitor, perhaps three times a year
3. When did you join ESC?
 - a. 2019 after leaving Uni (I played at Heriot Watt as a student)
4. Would you like to provide a timeline of your early life?
 - a. Born in Kinross, primary school at Milnathort followed by Senior at Kinross High School, followed by a degree in Economics at Heriot Watt
5. Have you been a member of other club(s)?
 - a. Kinross and Heriot Watt/Oriam, and played at many, including ESC, Newlands, SSRC, Bridge of Allan, Inverness, Colinton Castle, Waverley
6. Who have been your most regular opponents?
 - a. Junior - Alastair Prott, Intermediate - Pietro G, Senior - members of my team (ESC 2)
7. What has been your best sporting achievement?
 - a. Scottish Junior U13 and U17 (champion?)
8. What other sports have you played?
 - a. Kinross Golf junior, Football (not seriously)
9. What reciprocal events have you most enjoyed?
 - a. East Senior at Carlisle, with Rory, Ross and Chris Gray
 - b. Tournaments in Holland, France and Germany (Cologne)
10. What does ESC bring to your life?
 - a. The club means a great deal to me, it's a place where I can go play sports I love, chat to people of various walks of life and ages, grab a drink and some of Dougie's food and detach from the day. A great place with great people!
11. Who did you first meet when you came to the club, and do you still know them?
 - a. Simon and Dave Ireson
12. Who are your best friends at the Club?
 - a. Bruno, Pietro, Andrew Glen, Harry Barron
13. What has your career path been?
 - a. Heriot Watt Uni (Economics) then Graduate in property Investment at Rettie's Estate Agency Edinburgh
14. What views do you have about the progress the Club is making, and what does the future hold?
 - a. Padel membership growth is impressive. The club has a bright future, with good people in charge
15. Do you have any photographs, memorabilia or other records from ESC?
 - a. I'm working on that...I believe I have some images from Carlisle and a newspaper cutting somewhere.
16. Have you any other questions, or suggested topics?
 - a. Not at the moment.

Some photos from throughout Tino's squash career



2012 - Tino, Diego Elias and Alasdair Prott



Scotland U 13 team with Tino



Tayside and Fife squad, Tino centre and Rory Stewart far right



East senior county team, Tino, Ross, Chris, a.n.other and Rory