

**Winning mentality continues to flourish in the Hutchinson family**

In the summer of 2022 **Gareth, Andy and Richard Hutchinson** celebrated something quite unique. The three brothers all played for Yorkshire in LTA County Cup teams, Richard for the O45s whilst Gareth and Andy were in the O55s, and both teams became National Champions.

**Working life**

Each of the brothers has combined success on the tennis court with very different professional careers. After leaving Cambridge University with a first class honours degree in Natural Sciences, Gareth's career as an accountant took him to the Factory Shop as finance director; Andy studied dentistry at Leeds University and set up his own dental practice; whilst Richard achieved a degree in Zoology at Leeds University and currently works in the finance sector.

**Tennis careers**

The Hutchinson family lived in Keighley and were introduced to tennis at Keighley TC by their mother Beryl who remained a member until the club closed seven years ago. However, the three sons moved to Ilkley as juniors to join renowned coach John Clifton, ex-Davis Cup player, and from that point never looked back.

At Ilkley the three brothers were part of the team that won the Yorkshire League on several occasions. They have all won honours in Yorkshire Championships and represented the county in adult and seniors' County Cups.

Andy has also enjoyed success at national and international levels, winning seven national titles and represented GB men's O55s team in the World Championships in Lisbon in 2019 and in Miami in 2022. He achieved a world ranking of No3 in doubles in Men's O55s in 2022.

**Yorkshire Tennis Honours**

Part of the winning 2022 O55s Team, **Gareth** was also in the team that achieved the same feat in 2019. **Andy's** winners'

# MEET THE HUTCHINSON BROTHERS



■ (left) Andy Hutchinson; (top right) Hutchinson brothers at Ilkely Tournament; (bottom right) 1992 Yorkshire Men's County Team with Richard Hutchinson, front row, first left.



enclosure includes Yorkshire Championship honours at U18 and U21 singles. He played for the Yorkshire Men's County Cup team from 1985 to 1989 and was part of the winning Group 1 team in 1988.

He then played for and captained Yorkshire in O35s for 15 years winning Group 1 in 2000 and 2004, captained O45's to national glory in 2013 and more recently he has played in O55s team which gained national honours in 2019 and 2022.

**Richard's** successes came early on at junior level as he was Yorkshire Junior Singles Champion at U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18. He was selected for national junior squad training and reached a national U18's doubles final.

Similar to Andy, Richard has succeeded in the County Cup competitions, being part of the winning Group 1 team in 1992 and played in seniors' County Cup for O35s and O45s winning the national title in 2022 for the second time.

**A Sporting Family**

As is so often the case, the Hutchinson family has participated in many sports over the years and enjoyed success.

**Their father, Stan,** was a Rugby Union County Champion with Bradford and was selected to play for a Yorkshire select 15 v the Barbarians. After hanging up his rugby boots he took up squash and as his form improved played County Squash at O45 level.

**Mother Beryl** captained her Keighley tennis team in the Yorkshire League for many years and achieved her goal of playing at county level for the O60's Ladies' team.

The three brothers all played first team rugby at Bradford Grammar School, **Gareth** was a Yorkshire County Squash player and a Squash Blue at Cambridge University whilst **Andy** has been a keen cyclist completing John O'Groats to Lands End several years ago.

It's fair to say that the

brothers are extremely competitive and have passed this on to the next generation of Hutchinsons who are involved in many sports as well as tennis.

Gareth's daughter emigrated to New Zealand where she competes in cycling events whilst his son Ollie had trials with Burnley FC and played squash for Yorkshire Boys U18s.

Andy's daughter Lucy went down the athletics road winning the West Yorkshire girls 200m and now on the netball court she plays for Skipton Scorpions.

The brothers continue to play together every Wednesday evening at Ilkley LTC and during 2023 will once again be playing competitive tennis – Andy will be on the Masters ITF Tour and will combine with Richard in the county men's O55s team and Gareth for O60s team. Let's hope they can repeat their wonderful successes for Yorkshire in 2023.