



Loughborough University tennis team within touching distance of national club finals

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"We made the finals last year, but I think this year's performance has been better because of the quality of opposition we've had to play to get this far," Pankhurst said.

"If we make the finals again this year, it'll be just an amazing result for the guys because the calibre of players we will meet is very high. Some of the teams at nationals could even include four professionals, so it shows what standard we're playing at

The Loughborough University club, which plays its matches in the Dan Maskell Tennis Centre on campus is one of only two university-

based sides to make it this far. "The fact we're one of only two university-based teams to get to this level is a real testament to the top-level tennis programme here at Loughborough.

"It really shows to parents and potential students that we can produce the calibre of players who can reach national finals."

The format of the competition involves each team selecting two doubles pairings, with each pairing playing the other team's combinations, resulting in four matches. If the results are tied at 2

-2, then the tie is decided on a set count back.

