

Mark Mc Andrew

Head of Tennis Strategy and Development

Level 4 ITF/Tennis Performance Coach

Tennis Ireland Director of Tennis Certified

MSC in Applied Coaching and Sport Science

Tennis Ireland Licensed Coach

Multi-skillz Certified

Cardio Tennis Certified

Rate 60 per hour

In 2014 I started my coaching journey by joining the Brookfield team and for the majority of that time I was working under one of Ireland's most renowned and successful Coaches Tadhg Lambe. Working for Tadhg for over a decade was one of the best things for my development as a coach, as I gained invaluable knowledge and insights watching Tadhg operate on a daily basis.

In my time in Brookfield I have worked with a diverse group of adults and children and this includes all ages and standards from beginner's right up players competing at national level. In my first few years as a coach I spent a lot of time upgrading my coaching qualifications and in 2017 I achieved the highest level of coaching certification in Ireland becoming a Tennis Ireland/ ITF Level 4 performance Coach.

In 2021 I was looking to upskill so I enrolled in a masters in Applied Coaching and Sports Science at the University of Limerick, I graduated in 2023 with a first class honours . One of the greatest learning experiences from the course was my dissertation on Talent Development Environments in an Irish tennis club setting, my dissertation research has proved pivotal to my work in shaping the club today.

In 2024 I was appointed as Head of Tennis Strategy and Development. My main objectives have been to continue the growth of the junior programme and develop new initiatives within the senior tennis .I have been fortunate that my short time in charge has been marked by a period of unprecedented success for the club such as winning the Leinster Tennis small club of the year award, a junior class 1 league title, and having a junior player in the final of a National Indoors event.

Prior to my time as a coach I learned to play Riverview Rackets club in the Rawstorne Tennis Academy under Francis Rawstorne. Francis played grand slam doubles and had coached many pro players in his career including the current Irish number 1 when I was a junior. My time spent being coached by him has had a major influence on my coaching today. When David Lloyd Took over Riverview I successfully tried out and was accepted to the performance squad which included some of the top juniors in the county. As a junior I had some limited success with my biggest achievement winning the U14 boys Singles in the East of Ireland Championships.

In recent years my main playing focus has been league tennis for Brookfield, and I have captained the men's first team for over a decade. In that time we have gone from a team initially struggling to stay in class 3 into a team which was recently promoted to class 1 in DLTC's Summer League, and this was for the first time in the clubs history. I also compete in Open Tournaments regularly with a particular focus on the master's circuit. A big honour for me was to have to opportunity to play for Leinster twice on the over 30's team competing in the Interprovincial Masters championships in 2023 and 2024.