

ACUSON S2000 serves up ace diagnosis

Innovative ultrasound system from Siemens Healthcare provides medical assistance at prestigious tennis championships

This year the newly sponsored AEGON Championships at The Queen's Club in London took place from 8-14 June. Top seed and world number three Andy Murray cruised through the tournament without dropping a set, becoming the first British winner of the title since Bunny Austin in 1938.

The ACUSON S2000™, an advanced ultrasound system from Siemens Healthcare, was on site in the doctors' consultation room throughout the tournament to assess strains and injuries. On average four to five players were examined every day, ranging from those with minor problems to those with more chronic injuries. The system provided valuable imaging assistance, particularly for the scanning of shoulders, knees, ankles and fingers, areas that receive a lot of strain during a tennis match.

"The portability of the S2000 is fantastic and having it on site enabled us to give instantaneous assessment of injuries and quickly answer any questions players or their medical team had," said Dr. Adam Mitchell, Consultant Radiologist at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. "We were also able to examine players with ongoing injuries that had not had access to scans at previous tournaments. We found the system to be both dynamic and interactive."

"The S2000 delivers high quality imaging for detailed scans of musculoskeletal injuries and features an ergonomically designed 18L6 HD probe for improved contrast resolution," said Declan Dunphy, Product Manager for Ultrasound at Siemens Healthcare. "We are delighted that some of the world's top tennis players were able to get injuries assessed rapidly and accurately thanks to the versatility and image quality of the S2000."

The S2000 is a next generation ultrasound system offering 2D, 3D, Colour, Pulse-wave Doppler and 4D images for confident diagnosis at the point of care. Featuring innovative knowledge-based workflow, the system speeds up the examination process and streamlines workflow. The controls are within easy reach of the user to provide simple, stress-free operation and the high resolution 19-inch flat panel display ensures clear image quality in all lighting situations.

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Picture caption: Dr. Adam Mitchell, Consultant Radiologist at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, using the ACUSON S2000 in the doctors' consultation room at Queen's Club.

