
HERTFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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H.S.B.A. Tournaments 2002

Sunday, March 3rd	Year 6 and under (U11) Boys Doubles	9.30 a.m.
	Year 6 and under (U11) Girls Doubles	9.30 a.m.
	Year 8 and under (U13) Boys 'B' Singles	9.30 a.m.
	Year 8 and under (U13) Girls 'B' Singles	9.30 a.m.
	Year 10 and under (U15) Boys 'B' Singles	2.00 p.m.
	Year 10 and under (U15) Girls 'B' Singles	2.00 p.m.

Semi-finalists in the 'B' Singles gain a free entry to play in the 'A' Singles the next week

Sunday, March 10th	Year 5 and under (U10) Boys Singles	9.30 a.m.
	Year 5 and under (U10) Girls Singles	9.30 a.m.
	Year 8 and under (U13) Boys 'A' Singles	9.30 a.m.
	Year 8 and under (U13) Girls 'A' Singles	9.30 a.m.
	Year 5 and under (U10) Boys Doubles	2.00 p.m.
	Year 5 and under (U10) Girls Doubles	2.00 p.m.
	Year 10 and under (U15) Boys 'A' Singles	2.30 p.m.
	Year 10 and under (U10) Girls 'A' Singles	2.30 p.m.

All these tournaments played at Stevenage Leisure Centre

Entries for the tournaments on March 3 and March 10 should all be sent in by Friday February 22 and no entries will be accepted after February 27.

**Registration time for all tournaments: 15 minutes before start time - please be there!
OR please find a way to let the organisers know if you are not going to play.**

**Entries to: Megan Lumb, 16 Strafford Gate, Potters Bar, Herts. EN6 1PN
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Minibus - At the last committee meeting it was suggested that it might be possible to hire a minibus for players to travel to away matches. Would parents of squad players please contact their parent rep to indicate their interest in this idea.

U15 Parent rep - Helen Miller Tel: 01438 717583
U13 Parent rep - Charity/Jeremy Warnes Tel: 01438 715272

E.S.B.A. South U17

Phil Westwood

Boys Standard Singles

Herts had four entries in this event, but none managed to survive the box stage. With the draw showing 40 players distributed into 8 boxes, it was dispiriting for Herts supporters that the first game of the round, indeed of the day, was David Westwood versus Andrew Freshwater (Mx) who, consensus had it, was likely to win the event. It was a close game until a dispute as to whether David had touched the net during a lifted clearance. After playing a let, the game quickly slipped away, David losing 11-15. He duly came second to Andrew in the group, and Andrew did indeed go on to win the event! At the other end of the draw, Jack Lipyeat also drew a short straw, losing in his group only to Dalvir Matharu (Wk) who went on to contest the final. Joe Webb won one game and lost two, to 13 and 11, to claim second place in his group. Stuart Phillips won one game and came close to another in a tough box which yielded a three-way tie for top spot.

Boys Alternate Doubles

David Westwood/William Westwood won the event, somewhat to their surprise. On paper, Andrew Freshwater/Niklas Ong (Mx) had looked a threat as had Jack Lipyeat - depending on who responded to his 'partner wanted' entry. But with Niklas below par, as he had been throughout the day, and Jack playing with John Hunt (Av), both pairs failed to survive the box stage. Stuart Phillips/Joe Webb were beaten in their box too, by the eventual runners-up. David/William cantered through the final against Kieran Batt/Richard Wrigley (Ke) to a comfortable win, after a very long day!

Results

Boys Doubles (Alternate)

Final

David Westwood/William Westwood beat
Kieran Batt/Richard Wrigley (Yo) 21-6

E.S.B.A. East U13

Christine Comras

This tournament took place on Sunday 9th December at Stevenage Leisure Centre. There is always a pre-Christmas feel to this tournament with many parents slipping out to do some early shopping whilst the children are busy.

As the U13s arrived there was already a buzz in the air with the commencement of the semis and finals of the U17s from the day before. Thirty seven girls and fifty eight boys formed the original entry with a few withdrawals on the day. The competition was therefore strong for everyone.

In the Boys Standard Singles James Reynolds won his box, losing to Arthur Cheung (Bu) in the first knock-out round. Victor Liew won his box, beat Alexander Dodds (Nm) in the quarter final, but lost to Ian Mercer (Yo) in the semi-final. The Boys Alternate Doubles showed a few changes in the groups. With play in three groups, the winner of the first group had a bye through to the final. Nigel Tao/Prag Shah were the winners of this group. Luke Donnelly/James Southgate confidently won the second group to take their place in the semi-final, where they beat Daneil Savill/Stephen Savill (Ex) 15-8. It was an all Herts final and as this was home ground for the four players there was much general excitement. It was a good final with the close score reflecting the standard of play. Nigel/Prag were the eventual winners beating Luke/James 15-13.

Meanwhile the Premier graded players had been arriving and play was well underway in the boys and girls singles events. In the Boys Premier event, play was in six groups, the winner of the 1st group going straight into the semis. Matthew Brown and Gregg Roantree were runners-up in their boxes, but Arjun Mehta and Kamran Haq won their boxes. Arjun lost in the quarter final to Matthew Johnson (Nm) but Kamran beat Darren Chesworth (Sy) before losing in the semi to Robert Hird (Bu).

The Girls Premier Singles was also closely competed. In the lower half of the draw, Katie Comras fought hard against Linda Sloan (Re) to win her box and reach the semis. Also in the lower half, Laura Cousins won her box to play against Katie in the semi. Laura beat Katie to reach the final where she lost to Michelle Cheung (Bu).

In the Boys Main Doubles, Victor Liew/Arjun Mehta fought hard in their group, winning both matches in 3 ends and reached the semi-final where they lost to Robert Hird (Bu)/Richard Woolgar (Db)

The Main Girls Doubles event was played in two boxes. Katie Comras/Victoria Stokes were runners-up in one box while Laura Cousins/Samantha Ward won the other. It was straight into the final where Laura/Sam lost to Michelle Cheung/Karen Hird - the very last match of the day.

Overall the standard was excellent. It was difficult to report on individual games as there were many outstanding rallies at all levels of play. Very good spectator value!

Thanks must go to the organisers and the the many Herts parents who kept the supply of shuttles, scores and the sale of raffle tickets flowing throughout the day. We look forward to inviting back all the younger players next year as it will be their turn to aim for the medals!

Results

Boys Singles (Premier)	Quarter final 2-11	Arjun Mehta lost to Matthew Johnson (Nm) 9-11,
	Semi-final	Kamran Haq lost to Robert Hird (Bu) 8-11, 11-6, 1-11
Boys Singles (Standard)	Semi-final	Victor Liew lost to Ian Mercer (Yo) 5-15
Girls Singles (Premier)	Semi-final	Laura Cousins beat Katie Comras 11-9, 6-11, 11-5
	Final	Laura Cousins lost to Michelle Cheung 1-11, 6-11
Boys Doubles (Main)	Semi-final	Victor Liew/Arjun Mehta lost to Robert Hird (Bu)/Richard Woolgar (Db) 1-11, 8-11
Boys Doubles (Alternate)	Final	Prag Shah/Nigel Tao beat Luke Donnelly/ James Southgate 15-13
Girls Doubles (Main)	Final	Laura Cousins/Samantha Ward (Sy) lost to Michelle Cheung/Karen Hird (Bu) 8-11, 5-11

E.S.B.A. East U17

Phil Westwood

Girls Standard Singles

Kate Lester achieved a nail-biting 15-14 victory over Bethany Wong (Wk), but found her other two box opponents too strong. Frankie Edelmann won her box with a 15-13 win over Kelly Clements (Av), only to lose her quarter final to Sarah-Jane Moore (Do).

Girls Alternate Doubles

Frankie Edelmann/Kate Lester were defeated in their group by Charlotte De Carle/Holly Mee (Le), but seen in context, their 16-21 defeat was a good effort as the subsequent semi-finalists could only manage 1 and 9 against this pair. Nicola Farr/Emma Stokes, in a tough box, failed to register a win.

Girls Premier Singles

In a field of only 12, Jenna Tye and Fiona Perry failed to come through the first stage, having the eventual finalists, respectively, Ruth Coleman (Nm) and Jenny Bilton (Sy) in their boxes.

Girls Main Doubles

With only 6 pairs, this was a straight knock-out. Fiona Perry/Rebecca Wall (Ex) lost 10-15, 8-15 to Linsey Aston (My)/Elizabeth Holt (GM). Seeded two, Jenna Tye/Charity Barnes (Nf), after a bye in the first round, despatched Aston/Holt to meet Jenny Bilton/Nicki Penn (Sy) in the final. In the first game, Charity/Jenna took early command. Jenny/Nicki then hauled themselves back into the game, to draw level at 10-10. Charity/Jenna edged the game on their third game point, but the initiative had changed sides. Jenny/Nicki took the next game and reached 13-5 in the third before Charity/Jenna rallied, but they had left their recovery too late.

Boys Standard Singles

Herts provided nine entrants spread across ten boxes. Joe Webb's box was won by Richard Cooper (Wi) and Matthew Comras lost out to Matthew Askey (Sx). Anthony Moye drew a short straw with both Andrew Freshwater (Mx) and Simon Broomfield (Sx) in his box, but Simon Maine drew the shortest straw of all, Dean George (Sx). Stuart Phillips fell to Andrew Kindred (Ha) and Fraser Wikner lost to Luke Jones, who, according to Luke Jones was playing his best singles of the season. William Westwood once again failed to arrive physically and mentally for the first game, losing to Michael Scobie (Sf), thus avoiding Jack Lipyeat in the next round. Jack and David Westwood were Herts' only survivors - Jack emerged from a three-way tie with Adam Back (Mx) and Craig Simpson (Li), and David scraped through with a 15-13 win over Darren Roope (Nf), only for both to fall in their quarter-finals.

Boys Alternate Doubles

Herts had a pair in each of the four boxes in this event. Matthew Comras/Simon Maine lost out to Andrew Freshwater/Niklas Ong (Mx), but the other three pairs won through to the semis. Two cracking games ensued. In spite of their spirited defensive play, Anthony Moye/William Westwood were eventually bludgeoned to a 15-21 defeat by Freshwater/Ong. In the other semi, Joe Webb/David Westwood seemed evenly matched with Jack Lipyeat/Fraser Wikner, and the game turned round at 9-11. But turn round it did. The senior pair ran away with the second half to win 21-10. Jack/Fraser went on to win the final too, with a similar score.

Mixed Doubles

Anthony Moye/Kelly Clements (Av) won their first round and quarter final matches, but fell in the semi to Dean George (Sx)/Ruth Coleman (Nm).

Results

Boys Singles (Standard)	Quarter Final	Jack Lipyeat lost to Andrew Kindred (Ha) David Westwood lost to Luke Jones (Sx) 10-15
Boys Doubles (Alternate)	Semi-final	Jack Lipyeat/Fraser Wikner beat Joe Webb/David Westwood 21-10 Anthony Moye/William Westwood lost to Andrew Freshwater/Niklas Ong (Mx) 15-21
	Final	Jack Lipyeat/Fraser Wikner beat Andrew Freshwater/Niklas Ong 21-9 5
Girls Singles (Standard)	Quarter final	Frankie Edelmann lost to Sarah-Jane Moore (Do) 21-9
Girls Doubles (Main)	Final	Jenna Tye/Charity Barnes (Nf) lost to Jenny Bilton /Nicki Penn (Sy) 15-13, 7-15, 11-15
Mixed Doubles	Semi-final	Anthony Moye/Kelly Clements (Av) lost to Dean George (Sx)/Ruth Coleman (Nm) 4-15, 9-15

H.S.B.A. U13 Match - Herts played Surrey away at Wimbledon on Sunday, 3rd February. Herts won convincingly 23-13. The team was Rhian Blowers, Rachael Boothby, Rebecca Cousins, Hannah Warnes, Rachel Warnes, Charlotte Willis, Oliver Crabb, Luke Donnelly, Victor Liew, James Reynolds, Nigel Tao and Matthew Westwood.

H.S.B.A. U11 Match - This 3 way match was the first of the season for the U11s. Everyone played and fought well and their behaviour was very good. Herts beat Sussex 10-6 and lost to Hampshire 5-11. The team was Alex Gomar, Akash Jhunjunwala, Matthew Sellars, Scott Williams, Rebecca Cousins, Helena Lewczynska, Hannah Warnes and Emily Westwood.

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Tony Clarke (U17 Squad Manager)

The Herts U17 team of Jack Lipyeat, Simon Maine, Joe Webb, David Westwood, William Westwood, Fraser Wikner, Sam Alexander, Frankie Edelmann, Nicola Farr, Rachel Howard, Fiona Perry and Jenna Tye, together with Team Managers Tony Clarke, Pat Walker and Cheryl Howard, met at Stevenage station on January 26th to catch the train to York to take part in the York RIO tournament to be held at the Railway Institute over the weekend. We arrived at York just after ten in time for the first round at 10.30. Our first match was against Lothian who were expected to finish 2nd behind Yorkshire in our group with Greater Manchester in last place. In the other group were 2nd seeds Nottinghamshire, together with Leicestershire, Surrey and Warwickshire.

Against Lothian we were 2-4 down after the mixed and boys singles, but three wins in each of the girls singles and boys doubles gave Herts an unbeatable lead (8-4). Two more victories gave the final score 10-5. Next up was Yorkshire. After the mixed and boys and girls singles, Yorks just led 5-4, but Yorks won 5 out of the 6 boys and girls doubles to win comfortably 10-5. In our final match against Greater Manchester we won 11-4 to end the day in the top group for Sunday's play. Now it was back to the hotel for dinner, the disco, not forgetting a few drinks for the team managers.

After breakfast on Sunday, it was back to the Railway Institute to do battle with Notts and Leicester in the top group. The first match was against the winners of the other group, Notts. With the three girls doubles to play, the match was perfectly balanced at six all. The top two pairs of Rachel/Jenna and Sam/Fiona won 21-2 and 21-8 respectively to give Herts an 8-7 win and a chance of second place, but we still had to beat Leicester.

Against Leicester's strong boys, we had to plan to win all six girls singles and doubles and pick up any two from the mixed, boys singles and the boys doubles. After the mixed and boys singles we were 2-4 down, a good start. Leicester took the 3rd girls singles 21-20 to give them a 5-4 lead with just the doubles to play. We needed to win a boys doubles! Leicester took the two opening boys doubles 21-16 and 21-13 against Jack/Simon and David/William to give Leicester a 7-4 lead with four to play. Fraser/Joe fought hard coming from behind to win a close game 21-18 and now it was up to the girls. Win all three doubles for an 8-7 win and 2nd place overall. No pressure!!

We knew this would probably be the situation and planned accordingly. We split Rachel/Jenna and had Sam/Fiona at first pair, Rachel/Frankie at 2nd and Jenna/Nicola at three. The pairings worked well and all three pairs ran out winners 21-2, 21-5 and 21-12 to give Herts an 8-7 win and 2nd place overall, far better than had been expected - a great performance by the team.

After a quick snack at Burger King it was time to catch the train for Stevenage. The train was very crowded but we all eventually got settled into our reserved seats. We arrived back at Stevenage a few minutes late, tired but very happy. It all looks very encouraging for this season's Inter-Counties Tournament on 4th-7th April.

H.S.B.A. Tournaments

U13/U15/U18 Mixed Doubles

The Mixed Doubles Tournaments for all three age groups were held on Friday, December 28th at Hatfield Leisure Centre. The U13s began at 9.30 am followed by the U15s at midday and the U18s at 2.45 pm. Several players played in two events so had plenty of games. I arrived at 11.00 am to find the U13 box games finished and the knock-out stages just starting. In the main event quarters, Gregg Roantree/Victoria Stokes beat James Southgate/Rebecca Cousins and James Reynolds/Rachel Warnes beat Victor Liew/Rhian Blowers. In the semis, Kamran Haq/Laura Cousins were too strong for Gregg/ Victoria and Matthew Brown/Katie Comras easily overcame James/Rachel. The final was a very hard fought affair, with neither side giving an inch, but Matthew/Katie eventually managed to get the last three points to become champions. The hardest game in the plate event was the quarter final in which Stephen Barnard/Hannah Warnes fought hard to beat Adam Monk/Emily Westwood. Stephen/Hannah went on to win the final against Basil Walpole/Caty Mackenzie.

By this time the extra U15s had arrived and we started all over again. Matthew/Katie were straight back on court to face William Westwood/Emma Stokes for just 3 points. Kamran/Laura - in a box of 5 - had a few minutes longer to recover and managed a little better. There were a few tight games in the boxes - notably Paul Monk/Nicola Farr taking 12 points from William/Emma and James/Rachel playing Matthew/Katie again and this time getting 13 points from them. In the main event semis Simon Maine/ Claire Allen played hard to overcome Paul Monk/Nicola Farr but William Westwood/Emma Stokes had an easier time against Anthony Moye/Frankie Edelmann. The final was fairly one-sided with William/ Emma winning comfortably. In the plate event quarter final, Kamran/Laura reversed the U13 final beating Matthew/Katie 15-11. They were then beaten by Robert Bursack/Emma Roantree. In the other half Emile Doran/Kate Lester came through to the final beating Gregg/Victoria in the semi. Emile/Kate won the final convincingly.

There were 8 pairs in the U18 event - of the 16 players, nine had already taken part in the U15 event. Richard Comras/Katherine Mulligan won their box comfortably, although Paul/Nicola managed to get 11 points. In the other box, William/Emma just scraped through beating Anthony Moye/Kate Lester 15-14 to avoid meeting Richard/Katherine in the semi. However, William met big brother David instead and lost to him and partner Frankie Edelmann, but only just 15-13. Richard/Katherine duly took their place in the final beating Anthony/Kate 15-4. They then breezed through the final winning the championship for the 4th year in succession. Other players will be pleased to know that next year they will be too old to play in this event!! In the plate semis, Paul/Nicola beat Stuart Phillips/Michelle Craft 15-4 and Simon /Claire overcame Barnaby/Helen Walker 15-2. Paul/Nicola played Simon/Claire for the 3rd time in the day and this time Paul/Nicola came out on top to win the plate event.

Well done, Richard and Katherine - U18 champions for the 4th time in succession

Results

- U13 Mixed** Final: **Matthew Brown/Katie Comras** beat Kamran Haq/Laura Cousins 15-12
Semi-finalists were Gregg Roantree/Victoria Stokes and James Reynolds/Rachel Warnes
Plate: Stephen Barnard/Hannah Warnes beat Basil Walpole/Caty Mackenzie 15-11
- U15 Mixed** Final: **William Westwood/Emma Stokes** beat Simon Maine/Claire Allen 15-8
Semi-finalists were Paul Monk/Nicola Farr and Anthony Moye/Frankie Edelmann
Plate: Emile Doran/Kate Lester beat Robert Bursack/Emma Roantree 15-6
- U18 Mixed** Final: **Richard Comras/Katherine Mulligan** beat David Westwood/Frankie Edelmann 21-5
Semi-finalists were Anthony Moye/Kate Lester and William Westwood/Emma Stokes
Plate: Paul Monk/Nicola Farr beat Simon Maine/Claire Allen 21-9

Senior Schools - There have been 2 further affiliations - St Albans School and Bridgewater Middle School. The U13s have played 2 events and the U15s have played one event. The U18 tournaments are now finished. School trophies and certificates will be sent to the schools in the first 3 places in due course. The points are as follows:

<u>U18 Boys</u> (Final positions)			<u>U18 Girls</u> (Final positions)		
1	Roundwood Park	125	1	Queenswood	55
2	Haberdashers' Aske's	97	2	Freman College	48
3	John Warner	69	3	St Albans Girls High	45
4	Ashlyns	54	4	Presdales	30
5	St Albans	24	5	Simon Balle	25
6	Simon Balle	18	6*	Chauncy	22
7	Hitchin Boys	12	6*	Norton	22
8	Onslow St Audrey's	9	8	Haberdashers' Aske's Girls18	
9	John Henry Newman	6	9	Tring	4
10	Watford Boys Grammar	2			

U15 Boys (after 1 event)

1	Roundwood Park	25
2	John Warner	15
3	St Albans	5
4	Haberdashers' Aske's	4
5*	Chancellor's	3
5*	Simon Balle	3

U15 Girls (after 1 event)

1	Freman College	25
2	Chauncy	15
3	Queenswood	7
4*	Haberdashers' Aske's Girls	3
4*	St Albans Girls High	3

U13 Boys (after 2 events)

1	Haberdashers' Aske's	117
2	Hitchin Boys	77
3	Chancellor's	67
4	Lochinver	61
5	Simon Balle	30
6	St Albans	18
7	John Warner	15
8	Chauncy	12
9	Norton	10
10	Thomas Alleyne	3
11	Onslow St Audrey's	2

U13 Girls (after 2 events)

1.	St. Albans Girls High	72
2.	Haberdashers' Aske's Girls65	
3.	Chancellor's	50
4.	Presdales	16
5.	Roundwood Park	15
6.	Queenswood	6

E.S.B.A. East Midlands U15**Phil Westwood**

There were two venues for this event: the girls began the day at Leicester Leys Centre but later transferred to join the boys at Babbington Community College

Girls Standard Singles

Kate Lester came second in her box, unfortunate to have been drawn with the eventual winner. Claire Allen, meanwhile, won her box to gain a semi-final which she duly won 15-9. She lost to Kate's tormentor, Kim Brewster, in the final.

Boys Standard Singles

Emile Doran lost out at the box stage, coming second to David Asbrey (Nh). Shaamil Magecha came a creditable second in his box, winning 15-14 and losing 11-15 and 13-15. Simon Barson's box was won by Joshua Miles (Sx) who reached the semis.

Girls Intermediate Singles

Nicola Farr was Herts' only entry.

Boys Intermediate Singles

Paul Monk was in a very tough box, as shown by his scores. He won one 21-17, and lost 20-21 and 19-21 but still came only third in the group. How close can you get?!

Girls Premier Singles

Emma Stokes was second in her box to Kathryn Goodall (Nm) who reached the final.

Boys Premier Singles

Anthony Moye, second in his box, took 9 and 7 off Jason Marshall (Li) who went on to win the title. William Westwood, second in his box, took 9 and 13 off Paul Shelley (Wk) who reached the semis.

Girls Alternate Doubles

There were only two groups from which the winners played off for the title and the runners-up for the bronze. Claire Allen/Kate Lester won, beating Kim Brewster/Helen Evans (GI) in the final.

Boys Alternate Doubles

Simon Barson/Shamil Magecha gained one win in their group.

Girls Main Doubles

Nicola Farr/Emma Stokes were in a very tough box of three. They lost to Ingram/Priddy 12-15, 11-15 and had a tremendous tussle with Ruth Davies/Vikki Jones (MG) only to lose 15-11, 13-15, 13-15.

Boys Main Doubles

Emile Doran/Paul Monk won through their box only to lose to second seeds Luke Brudenell (Yo)/Paul Shelley (Wk) in a quarter final. Anthony Moye/William Westwood were seeded third and duly made their way to a semi-final meeting with first seeds Tom Hird/Chris Johnson (Nm). They won the first set 15-6, but lost the second 8-15 as Hird/Johnson fought back. When they turned round 1-8 down and 1-9 down all looked lost, but somehow Anthony/William clawed back and won 15-10. The other semi also produced a surprise with fourth seeds Chris Adcock/Peter Mills (Nm) beating Brudenell/Shelley. In the final, Ant/Will lost the first game, levelled with the second, but the initiative slipped away and they lost the third.

Mixed Doubles

Paul Monk/Nicola Farr went out in the first round to the unseeded pair of Peter Mills (Nm)/Jessica White (Yo) who went on to the semi-finals. William Westwood/Emma Stokes breezed the first round to meet the third seeds Tom Hird/Meera Ravat (Nm) in the second. Much to their surprise, they won 15-8, 15-11. But in the quarter final they fell to Richard Pulford/Lucy Dixon (Nm) who proved too strong and well organised.

Results

Boys Doubles (Main)	Final	Anthony Moye/William Westwood lost to Christopher Adcock/Peter Mills (Nm) 9-15, 15-7, 6-15
Girls Singles (Standard)	Final	Claire Allen lost to Kim Brewster (GI) 10-15
Girls Doubles (Alternate)	Final	Claire Allen/Kate Lester beat Kim Brewster/Helen Evans (GI) 21-10
Mixed Doubles	Quarter Final	William Westwood/Nicola Farr lost to Richard Pulford/Lucy Dixon (Nm) 5-15, 5-15

Avon U13 Invitation Doubles

**Katie Comras (Haberdashers' Aske's Girls)/
Laura Cousins (Bishops Hatfield) U13 Squad -
and Christine Comras (Mum)**

This invitation tournament was held on Saturday 27th January in Bristol. The team members were: Laura Cousins, Katie Comras, Rachel Warnes, Rhian Blowers, Rebecca Cousins, Hannah Warnes, Luke Donnelly, James Southgate, James Reynolds and Oliver Crabb. We got up at 6.30 am to be ready to leave at 7.00 am. It was still dark but Laura's mum Joan had already fed the guinea pigs, showered and made their sandwiches. Nobody else had done very much! We arrived first out of the Herts team - followed by Kim's car full - Angela, Rhian, James, Oliver, Luke and James. Rachel and Hannah arrived shortly afterwards. The action started at 10.00 am. We won our first game to love. The others also won their first games - Rachel/Rhian 15-4, Rebecca/Hannah 15-10, Luke/James 15-3 and Oliver/James 15-3. So we were all off to a good start. In between games we could all go upstairs and play table tennis, snooker, pool and air hockey. In the next round Luke/James lost to the No.1 seeds Callum Lawson /Edward Long (Hants). Rhian/ Rachel came second in their group losing to an Avon pairing Cross/Ball who reached the semis. Rebecca/Hannah also came second in their box losing to Broomfield/Payne (Hampshire) who were the losing finalists. James R/Oliver played well all day and reached the semi-final where they faced Mansbridge/ Deakin from Dorset. They beat them 15-3 - a convincingly good win which took them through to the final. Here they met Lawson/Long. In the early stages the score remained level. They fought hard throughout the match but eventually lost 6-15. We were the No.1 seeds and hoping to defend the title that Laura won with Frankie last year. We had our eyes on the cup right from the start! We tried to remain focused all day not dropping a point until the final in which we 0-1 down, but went on to win 15-1 against the Hampshire pairing of Broomfield/Payne. Avon S.B.A. presented us with silver plates to keep and a cup for the year. Runner-up also received wooden plaques. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and we hope that next year Herts will regain our cup for the 3rd year running.

Primary Team Tournament

Grange (JM) Girls

Before the tournament most of us felt nervous, even petrified, because we had never played against strangers before. First we had a training session which was really excellent. We learnt some new skills and warmed up. It really improved our smashes, how we move around the court and helped some of us relax. When the matches started the nerves returned. There were 18 boys teams and 11 girls teams. In the first round we played Wilbury 3 and Brookmans Park and in the 2nd round we played Little Heath 1, Little Heath 2 and Stormont. We had some really tough matches and were thrilled to get the bronze medal.

Results

	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>
1	Brookmans Park 1	1	Little Heath 1
2	Brookmans Park 2	2	Stormont
3	Little Heath 1	3	Grange 1
4	Lochinver 1	4	Little Heath 2
5	Little Heath 2	5	Wilbury 1
6	Wilbury 1	6	Abel Smith
7	Lochinver 2	7	St John the Baptist
8	Grange 1	8	Brookmans Park
9	Grange 2	9	Grange 2
10	Much Hadham	10	Wilbury 2
11	Abel Smith 1	11	Wilbury 3
12	Abel Smith 2		
13	St John the Baptist		
14	Grange 3		
15	Wilbury 2		
16	Grange 4		
17	Wilbury 4		
18	Wilbury 3		

Combined

1	Little Heath 1
2*	Brookmans Park 1
2*	Little Heath 2
4*	Wilbury 1
4*	Grange 1
6	Grange 2
7	Abel Smith
8	St John the Baptist
9	Wilbury 2
10	Wilbury 3

H.S.B.A. Junior League Results (10/02/02)

<u>U12 Boys</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Swifts	2	2	0
SCOBE	2	1	1
Gazelles 3	1	2	
Hitchin	1	0	1

<u>U12 Girls</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Swifts	1	1	0
Much Hadham	1	0	1

U15 Boys (A)

Swifts	3	3	0
Harpenden	4	2	2
All Saiints	3	0	3

U15 Girls

*Both matches conceded

Swifts	3	3	0
SCOBE	4	3	1
Bluebirds	2	1	1
All Saints	3	0	3
Queenswood	2	0	2*

U15 Boys (B)

Gazelles 2	2	0	
Bluebirds	2	1	1
Stanstead Abbots	2	0	2

U15 Medley

Gazelles 3	3	0	
Stanstead Abbots	1	1	0
All Saints	3	0	3
Harpenden	1	0	1

U18 Medley

Swifts	1	1	0
SCOBE	1	0	1
Hitchin	0	0	0

U18 Girls

Queenswood	0	0	0
Swifts	0	0	0

Tournament Results

E.S.B.A. South East U17

Boys Singles	(Standard)	Semi-final:	Jack Lipyeat lost to William Hartwell (Ox) 8-21
Girls Singles	(Premier - 1 box of 4)	Winner -	Sam Alexander
		Runner-up -	Fiona Perry
Girls Doubles	(1 box of 4)	Winners -	Sam Alexander/Fiona Perry

E.S.B.A. Sussex U15

Boys Doubles	(Main)	Semi-final:	Anthony Moye/William Westwood lost to Mark Ashton/Geoffrey Ball (Ha) 6-15, 15-14, 3-15
Girls Singles	(Intermediate)	Quarter final:	Nicola Farr lost to Sarah Walker (Ex) 9-21
		Final:	Frankie Edelmann lost to Sarah Walker 3-21
Girls Doubles	(Main)	Quarter final:	Frankie Edelmann/Kate Lester lost to Kirsty Greig (Sx)/Hannah Littlecote (Ha) 15-7, 13-15, 13-15
		Semi-final:	Nicola Farr/Samantha Ward (Sy) lost to Kirsty Greig (Sx)/Hannah Littlecote 16-17, 11-15
Girls Doubles	(Alternate)	Semi-final:	Emily Crabb/Emma Roantree lost to Gemma Brown (Bu)/Anna van Piggelen (Sy) 3-21
Mixed Doubles		Semi-final:	William Westwood/Nicola Farr lost to Matthew Askey/Kirsty Greig (Sx) 15-4, 11-15, 11-15

E.S.B.A. Sussex U13

Boys Singles	(Premier)	Semi-final:	Kamran Haq lost to Luke Thomas (Sx) 8-11, 9-11
Boys Singles	(Standard)	Quarter final:	Victor Liew beat Stephen Barnard 15-3 James Reynolds beat Oliver Crabb 15-3 Luke Donnelly lost to Andrew Brunning (Ex) 7-15
		Semi-final:	James Reynolds beat Victor Liew 17-16
		Final:	Nigel Tao beat James Reynolds 15-6
Boys Doubles	(Main)	Semi-final:	James Reynolds/Luke Thomson (Sx) lost to Callum Lawson/Edward Long (Ha) 5-11, 11-8, 5-11
		Final:	Arjun Mehta/Gregg Roantree beat Callum Lawson/Edward Long 11-4, 11-1
Boys Doubles	(Alternate)	Semi-final:	Victor Liew/Nigel Tao beat Oliver Crabb/Luke Donnelly 21-8
		Final:	Victor Liew/Nigel Tao lost to Thomas Rowling/David Williams (Dv) 19-21
Girls Singles	(Premier)	Semi-final:	Laura Cousins beat Katie Comras 11-3, 11-9
		Final:	Laura Cousins beat Sarah Walker (Ex) 11-4, 13-11
Girls Doubles	(Main)	Final:	Laura Cousins/Samantha Ward (Sy) beat Katie Comras/Victoria Stokes 11-2, 11-8

E.S.B.A Midlands U13

Boys Singles	(Premier)	Semi-final:	Kamran Haq lost to Paul Schuller (Nm) 6-11, 3-11
Boys Singles	(Standard)	Quarter Final:	Victor Liew lost to Mark Middleton (Yo) 11-15
		Final:	Nigel Tao beat Daniel Brown (Nh) 15-4
Boys Doubles	(Alternate)	Final:	Victor Liew/Nigel Tao beat Alexander Dodds/ Majeed Verjee (Nm) 15-6
Girls Singles	(Premier)	Final:	Laura Cousins beat Helen Calverley (Yo) 11-1,11-4
Girls Doubles	(Main)	Final:	Laura Cousins/Samantha Ward (Sy) beat Katie Comras/Victoria Stokes 11-7, 13-10

E.S.B.A. West U13

Boys Singles	(Premier)	Semi-final:	Nigel Tao lost to Jamie Bonsels (Yo) 6-11, 5-11
Boys Singles	(Standad)	Semi-final:	James Reynolds lost to Benjamin Tier (Ha) 8-15
		Final:	Victor Liew beat Benjamin Tier 15-4
Boys Doubles	(Main)	Semi-final:	Victor Liew/Nigel Tao lost to Robert Hird (Bu)/ Richard Woolgar (Db) 2-11, 7-11
Girls Singles	(Premier)	Final:	Laura Cousins beat Katie Comras
Girls Doubles	(Main)	Semi-final:	Katie Comras/VictoriaStokes beat Sarah Taylor (Nd)/ Rachel Warnes 11-4, 11-8
		Final:	Laura Cousins/Samantha Ward (Sy) beat Katie Comras/Victoria Stokes 12-13, 2-11

From the Editor: Thanks to Phil Westwood, Christine Comras, Tony Clarke, Katie Comras, Laura Cousins and the Grange Girls (with a little help from their teacher Jane Gentry) for their contributions to this edition of the newsletter. The U11 singles and U15 doubles tournaments are also now a thing of the past, but that was only today, so the reports and results must wait until the next issue. **Don't forget to get your entries in for the next two tournaments!!!** Closing date for items for the next newsletter is **Friday, 12th April.**

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