
HERTFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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There have been so many events taking place recently that it seems necessary to print an extra newsletter to cope with the reports that have been coming in. This is great, even if my fingers are getting worn out with all the extra typing. Please keep the reports coming.

England Selection

Congratulations to Laura Cousins and Katie Comras who have been selected to play for England U15s in the Home Countries Quadrangular Tournament at Milton Keynes at the beginning of May. Congratulations too to James Reynolds, who is going to Denmark with the England U13s at Easter to play in the Aros Tournament; Luke Donnelly and Oliver Crabb - going to Edegem, Belgium for the Junior Olve Tournament with the England U13 OB team; and Katie Comras and Kamran Haq, also going to Edegem with the England U15 team.

Lost Property

I have in my possession a dark blue Wilson badminton racket. Its owner seems to have forgotten all about it. It was left behind somewhere - at a tournament in Stevenage, at a squad practice, or even possibly at Swifts. If anyone is missing a racket, please contact Megan Lumb on 01707 653812.

Volunteer/s of the Year

The first week in June is National Volunteer Week. In keeping with this, HSBA and HBA would like to honour **two juniors Under 24** who you feel have been a significant help in any aspects of volunteering and in coaching - one in each category.

The categories of volunteering can be any aspect related to badminton, for example fulfilling a club secretary role, or a tournament organiser.

The coaching category is for qualified registered coaches (including Leaders).

In both cases, if you would like to nominate someone, please provide, in confidence the following information:

Nominees Name:

Age:

Telephone Number:

Address:

Volunteer or Coach Category (please delete where necessary)

What is it that in your opinion makes the nominee special in their support to badminton?

Your name and contact number, address, or e-mail.

Please send this information **by 10th May** to: Dave Bartlett, (by post) 27 Mardley Hill, Welwyn, AL6 0TT

by e-mail: Dave_Bartlett@telinco.co.uk

The announcement of the winners will be at the HSBA Committee meeting in June.
The committee's decision is final.

RIO 2003 **Manager)**

Tony Clarke (17 Squad

Early on Saturday (Jan 25), the U17 team gathered at Stevenage station to catch the 8.20 am train to York to contest the R.I.O. Team Tournament. All the team - Simon Maine, Anthony Moye, Paul Monk, Joe Webb, David and William Westwood, Katie Comras, Laura Cousins, Frankie Edelmann, Nicola Farr, Kate Lester and Emma Stokes - arrived in good time which kept the team managers, Tony Clarke, Pat Walker and Christine Comras, very happy (no grey hairs this year!)

After an uneventful journey, we arrived on time at York and walked the short distance to the Railway Institute (only to be accused by John Foster of being late which, of course, we weren't. He doesn't read his e-mails!)

Our first match was against Lothian, who we knew little about, pot luck for team selection. The team played really well and we ran out easy winners 10-5. Next in our group was Notts, the seeded team. We lost quite heavily 3-12, but after being 4-2 down after the mixed and boys singles, Katie, Emma and Anthony and Will all lost 20-21 which, had we won those games, we might have put some pressure on Notts.

The final game in the group was against Leicester which we won 9-6 to give us a place in the top four. It was back to the hotel for dinner, the disco for the players a peaceful night in the bar for the managers (disturbed only by the organist playing 60s hits!)

Next morning it was back to the Railway Institute to play favourites Yorkshire. We lost 4-11 but this doesn't tell the whole story.

At one point, Laura, Frankie and Katie all had chances to give Herts a 6-3 lead but the older, more experienced Yorkshire girls just held on to win 21-18, 21-20 and 21-19 respectively.

Our final match was against Warwicks. Another good performance from the team saw us win 10-5 to finish 3rd overall - a very impressive result and the best we could hope for. In the final, Notts just beat favourites Yorkshire to take the title for the first time with Herts 3rd and Warwicks 4th. This was only the third time in the history of the event that Yorkshire had not won. Surrey won the first ever event and Herts won in 1997. Well done, Notts!

U17 Nationals

David Westwood (Roundwood Park School/ U17 Squad)

One might well ask why William, Anthony and myself entered the Nationals, as we knew it would be tough from the word go. However, several players had been ill for the past week, or had just dropped out, so maybe our luck had changed or not as we later found out.

Singles Another awful draw left me facing David Askey (Sx) and Chris Adcock (Nm). David Askey was unlucky enough to have been ill for the past week, as I mentioned before, and looking dead as a doornail, wearily stepped out onto court to face both the younger Adcock and myself, where we both beat him. I

fared no better against Chris though, losing in two 7-15, 9-15.

William had a much kinder draw to say the least, up against Ian Honeyman (Do) and Adam Coulson (Du). An easy victory over Honeyman left unknown quantity Coulson, whom William duly beat, but only after some rather amusing on court antics from the Durham player, left

fuming by his own mistakes. Comic value of Mr Coulsons remarks aside, William was left to face an adrenaline fuelled Dean George (Sx) and went out in the last 16 with merely a whimper, losing 4-15, 4-15.

Doubles Only William and Anthony here. Placed in with second seeds Tom Armstrong (Le)/Chris Wright (Bu), there was no chance of going through - especially as Anthony was ill! Poor chap! Eyes glazed and drained of energy, Anthony did his best to partner William to victory in the first game against Richard Pulford (Nm)/Jason Marshall (Li). However, it wasn't to be. Rather than drain himself further, Anthony had to pull out of the doubles after this game, and unfortunately the Herts pairs tournament came to a premature end.

Now, I'm sure most of you won't really be bothered about who won the boys singles title eventually, or any other title for that matter, but I'm going to tell you anyway because of a) the circumstances under which the boys singles was won, and b) the report wouldn't be finished if I left it out.

Once upon a time well, in the bottom half of the draw actually, one Andrew Ellis (Yo) had progressed nicely into the semi-finals to face second seed Tom Dunlop (GM). Meanwhile, a sterling performance from Nick Hodgson (La) against Chris Wright saw him go through to meet Dean George in the other semi. Dean duly won this semi, albeit a tight one, to take one of the final places. This is where it becomes interesting, because from the other semi Tom Dunlop decided to withdraw leaving Andrew a walk over to meet Dean in the final. OK, so not much happening, you say. Wait a moment then.

The doubles semi was then under way - Tom Dunlop's withdrawal left Robert Adcock (Nm)/Ed Foster (Yo) a walk over into the final - leaving Wright/Armstrong versus George/Ellis. Wright/Armstrong won 17-16 in the final end after an absolutely cracking match, showing just how doubles should be played - almost. Anyhow, Dean George, after all his exertions, now also decided to withdraw from the competition. This left Mr Ellis a walk over to the national singles title - since Dean was scheduled to have been playing him - and all without having played a singles match all day. Crazy stuff, wouldn't you say? No? I thought it was!!

U17 Standard Challenge

David Westwood

Five Herts representatives for the Sunday of Nationals weekend; David and William Westwood, Anthony Moye, Emma Stokes and Nicola Farr.

Boys Singles Forty-eight entries here, and it managed to place all three Herts boys in the same half. I was placed right at the top of the draw and line up with Williams group so that if we progressed far enough we'd meet in the semis. Anthony was drawn so that he'd meet William in the quarters. Unfortunately, still recovering from the day before, Anthony failed to get out of his box.

William and I both went through the groups with relative ease to reach the quarter finals to face Adam Francis (Bu) and Richard Cooper (Wi) respectively. Unfortunately both William and I won which meant only one thing - we would have to play each other in the semi-finals! Interestingly enough it was the first time that we had ever gone head to head in tournament play.

What one would have expected to be a close run match was anything but. It was a bit of a shock, as I managed to beat Will 15-3. It must be said though that William wasn't up to his normal standard, even though he supposedly *ô*let me win. Excuses aside, I progressed to the final to face Matthew Wilkinson (IOM).

After a long wait for the doubles, I finally got round to the final. After a close first half, the game slowly slipped from Matthews grasp and I just kept creeping further ahead. A small series of unforced errors at the death finally gave me the Standard Challenge Title 15-9.

Girls Singles Only five groups in the girls competition. Emma Stokes won her group after a close game against Joanne Theyer (Gl); however, Nicola didn't fare too well, placed in a group with one of the eventual semi-finalists. Emma's group win gave her a bye straight to the semis where she met Susan Perry (Li), a tight game unfortunately going in favour of Susan 15-12.

Girls Doubles Just two groups for this one! Emma/Nicola were placed in the group with Holly Mee/Charlotte De Carle (Le) whom they had beaten the week before in a county match, and the Gloucester regulars Jodie Lane/Joanne Theyer. Both games against these pairs were especially close, but both games went to the opposition, 15-13 and 15-14 respectively.

Boys Doubles In the top half of the draw, William/Anthony made hard work of winning their box with two games going to 14! That said, Adam Francis (Bu) and I also took one game to 14 on the way to winning our group. In the semis, Adam and I beat Tom Godson /Stuart Whitehouse fairly comfortably 15-7, but the other Herts pairing once again decided to leave it late before making a stand. Facing Craig Haughton/Paul Thompson (Li), William/Anthony found themselves 14-3 down before they took 11 points to level the match and take it to setting, but all their efforts were to no avail as the Lincolnshire pair took charge against the tired boys to win 17-15.

The final was a rather brief affair to be completely honest. Looking at the prospect of possibly taking both golds on the day, I was eager to get on court and finish, as was Adam. However, Haughton/Thompson had put their superchargers on and romped home to win the final to love before anyone had chance to blink. A somewhat anti-climatic end to the day.

Results:

<u>Boys Singles</u> 15-3	Semi-final	David Westwood beat William Westwood
(IOM)	Final	David Westwood beat Matthew Wilkinson 15-9
<u>Boys Doubles</u> Craig	Semi-final	Anthony Moye/William Westwood lost to Haughton/Paul Thompson (Li) 15-17
to Craig	Final	Adam Francis (Bu)/David Westwood lost Haughton/Paul Thompson 0-15

H.S.B.A. Tournaments

Sunday February 9

Pat Hibberd

So there we all were, 9.15 am, waiting in the lobby while the centre got the hall ready. The first inkling of the number of entrants (two hundred and twenty over the whole day) was seeing half the

usual amount of seating replaced by an extra court. Next was seeing the usual single row of benches for waiting players replaced by 2 rows of benches. We had a bit of a laugh when Marion Conway asked if anyone had a spare net for the small hall. The centre had run out! Under 11 boys and girls doubles and under 13 B singles boys and girls all going on at the same time, swiftly followed by U15 B singles boys and girls - we were exhausted watching the turnaround, never mind the playing! I'd just like to say a big thank you to all the organisers for the way they kept all the tournaments running smoothly. The initial draws must have been a real headache with so many entrants. Duncan Conway and Sharon Lumb in one hall, and Ceri and Malcolm Lumb assisted by John Smith in the other hall, kept the scores and games moving and Marion, as ever, kept all the players in check and made sure they were ready to play and on court as soon as possible each time. There were so many matches to get through that the presentations for the different sections had to go on with matches going on in the background. Anyway, thank you all for your hard work. It was a great day.

U11 Boys Doubles - thirty one pairs played in groups of 4 and 5, with the three groups of five having some hard games. In the main event, twelve pairs played off for the quarter finals with Matthew Fitt/Harry Sandford, Satjivan Aujla/Scott Williams, Andrew Barnes/Joshua Cooper and Daniel Regan/Richard Wilson getting to the semis. Here, a major upset took place with Satjivan/Scott winning a very hard fought match against Matthew/Harry. They were then comprehensively beaten in the final by Daniel/Richard. In the plate event, eventual winners Stephen Hibberd/Robert McKay had a fairly easy run through to the final as did their opponents, Richard Seaholme/Glenn Turner.

Result: Final Daniel Regan/Richard Wilson beat Satjivan Aujla/Scott Williams 21-4
Semi-finalists were Matthew Fitt/Harry Sandford and Andrew Barnes/Joshua Cooper
Plate Final: Stephen Hibberd/Robert McKay beat Richard Seaholme/Glenn Turner 15-3

U11 Girls Doubles - the girls doubles, reduced to 17 pairs due to various withdrawals, was played in two boxes of 4 and three boxes of 3, with the winners and runners-up going straight into quarter finals. Hannah Warnes/Emily Westwood had a very easy run to the final, beating Abigail Bursack/Holly Leonard in the semi, while Daniella Farsiani/Helena Lewczynska had a little more opposition from Hannah Cameron/Kate Herring. In the plate, Sophie Bottazzi/Holly Marsh had a comparatively easy run and won the final easily against Chelsea Hockley/Katy Johnson, who had played a hard fought semi.

Result: Final Hannah Warnes/Emily Westwood beat Daniella Farsiani/Helena Lewczynska 21-3
Semi-finalists were Abigail Bursack/Holly Leonard and Hannah Cameron/Kate Herring
Plate Final: Sophie Bottazzi/Holly Marsh beat Chelsea Hockley/Katy Johnson 11-0

U13 Boys/Girls B Singles - played in the bowls hall, 47 boys and 24 girls competed in these events. There were several very close games in some of the boys boxes, and again in the knock-outs, which ended with Watford Boys Grammar claiming 3 places in the quarter finals, with Vinoth Gnanaganesh and Hasil Vekaria getting into the semis, Hasil beating his school mate, Hishaam Junaideen, 15-14. The other semi-finalists, Nikhil Shah and Mark Ford progressed to the final, Nikhil coming out the winner. In the plate, while Tim Angus came through relatively easily, Ben Goodson had a hard game against Mayur Patel in the semi then went on to win the final. The girls singles, played in 6 boxes of 4, progressed smoothly with fewer long games, although Nisha Karnani scraped into the main event beating Nadine Steward 15-14, and eventually making it to the final to meet Melanie Harcourt, who took the title.

Results: **Boys Final:** **Nikhil Shah** beat Mark Ford 15-6
Semi-finalists were Vinoth Gnanaganesh and Hasil Vekaria
Plate Final: Ben Goodson beat Tim Angus 15-10

Girls Final: **Melanie Harcourt** beat Nisha Karnani 15-3
Semi-finalists were Lauren Crichton and Sonali Shah
Plate Final: Nadine Steward beat Katherine Belfield 15-0

U15 Boys/Girls B Singles - it was the turn of the U15s in the afternoon. Three U13 girls and one U13 boy also played again, making a total of 39 boys and 18 girls. Again there were some close games in both events in the boxes and the knock-outs, with Hitchin Boys having 4 players reaching the quarter finals and three of them, James Reiser, Daniel Fletcher and James Batchelor, progressing to the semis. The exception was Robert Bagshaw, who succumbed to James R, while Daniel overcame James B and went on to win the final. Matches in the plate were closely contested with Mitchell Phypers running out as winner over Preyesh Patel in the final. In the girl's event, Hannah Watts overcame Sasha Rankin 15-7, while Caty Mackenzie had a struggle to reach the final against Lucy Tape, winning 15-12, then running away with the final against Hannah. The plate final was a repeat of the main U13 final - Melanie versus Nisha - with exactly the same result.

Results: **Boys Final:** **Daniel Fletcher** beat James Reiser 15-6
Semi-finalists were Robert Bagshaw and James Batchelor
Plate Final: Mitchell Phypers beat Preyesh Patel 15-7

Girls Final: **Caty Mackenzie** beat Hannah Watts 15-0
Semi-finalists were Sasha Rankin and Lucy Tape
Plate Final: Melanie Harcourt beat Nisha Karnani 15-3

Gloucestershire U12 Doubles Tournament

Charity Warnes

On Saturday, February 22, a team of the countys top players headed off to Stroud to take part in the Gloucestershire Under 12 Invitation Doubles tournament at the Stratford Park Leisure Centre.

The boys taking part were Matthew Fitt, playing with Alex Gomar and Akash Jhunjunwala partnering Arjun Shah. They faced tough competition throughout the day, not helped by the fact that Akash was unwell. In spite of their noble efforts, neither pair managed to qualify for the main part of the draw, and so both went on to take part in the plate competition which Akash and Arjun managed to win - quite an achievement considering that Akash's illness almost caused him to withdraw from the competition!!

In the girl's competition, we only fielded one pair due to the withdrawal of our second pair. In face there were several other withdrawals which resulted in the organisers deciding to play all the girls in one box of nine pairs. Herts were represented by Rebecca Cousins and Hannah Warnes, who proved to be on excellent form. They came through the majority of their matches with no difficulty, but had to fight hard to defeat the two pairs from Yorkshire 21-17 and 21-19. Unfortunately, because of the change to the format there was no final, but Rebecca/Hannah won all their matches to take the title.

Also from Charity

A very big thank you ...to those of you who have supported the raffles at the various tournaments throughout the season, either by buying tickets or by donating prizes. The money raised from these raffles makes a very significant difference to HSBA funds, which in turn go back to helping the players within the county. A particularly big thank you to the hard core of supporters who donate for every raffle and then buy tickets too - you know who you are!

As ever with these things, we are constantly looking for new people who might be willing to donate in order to spread the load - just one prize per player during the course of the season would make a big difference. Perhaps an unwanted gift or a bargain in the sales that could be tucked away until the start of next season. Prizes can always be brought along on the days of HSBA tournaments or you can contact me on 01438 715272 (or ChazWarnes@aol.com) to find out the best way to get a prize to us.

U15 National Team Challenge Finals

John Smith (U15 Team Manager)

On Sunday, March 16, the U15 finals were held at Luton Regional Sports Centre. The Herts team had qualified as regional winners and now joined the top 12 counties for a long and challenging day.

The Herts players were Katie Comras, Laura Cousins, Frankie Edelmann, Kate Lester, Simon Barson, Kamran Haq, Victor Liew and Nigel Tao.

Our first match was against Warwickshire and we got off to a poor start, losing two of the three mixed. In this format you only need four games to win a match and we were struggling. Inspiration came from Nigel who played a brilliant singles game to beat Suryaputra 15-12. This levelled the match and lifted everyone's spirits. The girls won the singles and doubles and we sneaked home 4-3.

No mistakes from here on ... excellent performances and great team spirit saw us beat Avon 6-1, Merseyside 7-0, Sussex 6-1. The last match of the first round was against Yorkshire and, with their extra fire-power it was always going to be tough. We actually lost 3-4, but I was proud of our team who, sadly, had to suffer some intimidating and (I'm sorry to say) unsporting behaviour. Vigorous and noisy support for teams usually adds atmosphere, excitement and healthy rivalry in team competitions, but constantly loud and aggressive cheering of opponent's mistakes is not, in my view, what this sport is all about.

By contrast, in the play-offs for the medals we had two excellent matches against Surrey and Notts, both keenly fought and both played in the best of spirits. We beat Surrey 4-3 and lost to Notts 3-4, having pushed them quite hard. They were the better team (just!) and deservedly took the silver medal behind Yorkshire, but the Herts team came third and they should be proud of their bronze. They worked hard all day and it was a pleasure to be their manager. Well done everybody. Next year I think we should aim for gold!

Senior Schools The HSBA tournaments are now over and the final points for the U13 and U15 Senior Schools competition are below.:

U15 Boys

1	Hitchin Boys	192
2	Haberdashers Askes	179
3	St Albans	105
4	Roundwood Park	73
5*	Chancellors	59
5*	Dame Alice Owen	59
7	Watford Boys	51
8	Simon Balle	42

U15 Girls

1	Queenswood	158
2	St Albans Girls High	150
3	Dame Alice Owen	57
4	Freman College	48
5	Haberdashers Askes Girls	46
6	Roundwood Park	34
7	Chancellors	33
8	Chauncy	16

9	John Warner	16	9	Presdales	7
10*	John Henry Newman	13			
10*	Chauncy	13			
12*	Lochinver House	11			
12*	Thomas Alleyne	11			
14	Highfield	4			
15	Richard Hale	1			

U13 Boys

1	Haberdashers Askes	203
2	Chancellors	149
3	Watford Boys	106
4	Turnford	89
5	Simon Balle	82
6*	Lochinver House	74
6*	Roundwood Park	74
8	Hitchin Boys	63
9	John Warner	48
10	Dame Alice Owen	45
11	Fearnhill	13
12	St Albans	12
13	Richard Hale	1

U13 Girls

1	St Albans Girls High	178
2	Chancellors	111
3	Queenswood	60
4	Roundwood Park	37
5	Presdales	19

Affiliation forms for next season should be sent out with the next newsletter at the beginning of May. Dont forget there is a discount for those schools and clubs affiliating before August 1.

Primary Schools Team Tournament

David Elliott

(Headteacher Ladbroke JMI School)

On Sunday, March 2, Ladbroke attended the Primary Schools Badminton coaching and tournament day at Stevenage Leisure Centre. We had entered two boys and two girls teams, but had unfortunately been weakened by withdrawal owing to county cricket trials on the same day. The children enjoyed the coaching and could not wait for the tournament to start. Throughout the day the teams did their best and most of all enjoyed themselves. The boys A team played well finishing runners-up in their group, behind Lochinver 1, who are always very strong. In the afternoon they continued to play well and we were pleased to finish seventh in both the boys and combined competitions. We were also delighted with the performance of Gareth Lumb, who gained a bronze medal as part of the Invitation team. Gareth attends Ladbroke but as a Year 3 pupil is not yet eligible for the school club.

The girls event was dominated by Stormont, whose teams were first and fourth, with Grange and Wilbury 2nd and 3rd. Ladbroke girls were not very strong and finished

well down the order.

Our congratulations go to Wilbury School, the overall winners. Wilbury have made great progress over recent years and always support the tournament well - it is pleasing to see hard work rewarded! Finally I would like to express my thanks to the organisers for another well run tournament.

Results

Boys

- 1 **Wilbury 1**
- 2 Lochinver 1
- 3 Invitation
- 4 Little Heath 1
- 5 Lochinver 2
- 6 Grange 1
- 7 Ladbroke 1
- 8 Lea Farm
- 9 Wilbury 2
- 10 Grange 2
- 11 Grange 3
- 12 Abel Smith 1
- 13 St John the Baptist
- 14 St Andrews, Much Hadham
- 15 Wilbury 4
- 16 Abel Smith 2
- 17 St Catherine's, Ware
- 18 Little Heath 2
- 19 Wilbury 6
- 20 Wilbury 5
- 21 Ladbroke 2
- 22 Wilbury 3

Girls

- 1 **Stormont 1**
- 2 Grange 1
- 3 Wilbury 1
- 4 Stormont 2
- 5 Invitation
- 6 Little Heath
- 7 Grange 3
- 8 St Andrews, Much Hadham
- 9 Grange 2
- 10 Wilbury 3
- 11 Wilbury 5
- 12 Wilbury 2
- 13 Abel Smith 1
- 14 Ladbroke 1
- 15 Ladbroke 2
- 16 Wilbury 4
- 17 St Catherine's, Ware 2
- 18 St Catherine's, Ware 1
- 19 Abel Smith 2

Combined

- 1 **Wilbury 1**
- 2 Grange 1
- 3 Little Heath 1
- 4 Grange 2
- 5 Wilbury 2
- 6 Grange 3
- 7 Ladbroke 1
- 8 St Andrews, Much Hadham
- 9 Wilbury 3
- 10 Abel Smith 1
- 11 Wilbury 4
- 12 St Catherine's, Ware
- 13 Abel Smith 2
- 14 Ladbroke 2
- 15 Wilbury 5

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Tournament Results

ESBA Sussex U15

Boys Singles (Intermediate)

Semi-final

James Reynolds lost to Lee Perry (Ex)

Final

Damian Bruce-Hickman lost to Lee Perry

Girls Singles (Premier)

Semi-final

Kate Lester lost to Laura Birkenshaw (Yo) 9-11, 11-9, 11-1

	Final	Victoria Stokes lost to Laura Birkenshaw 5-11, 3-11
<u>Girls Doubles</u> (Main)	Final	Kate Lester/Victoria Stokes beat Sarah Leach/Sarah Boyce (Sx) 15-3, 15-5
ESBA South West U15		
<u>Girls Singles</u> (Premier)	3rd Winner	Kate Lester Frankie Edelmann
<u>Girls Doubles</u> (Main)	Final	Frankie Edelmann/Kate Lester beat Jennifer Cross/Laura McLauchlan (Av) 15-4,15-3
<u>Mixed Doubles</u> James	Final	Miles McBain (Ex)/ Frankie Edelmann beat Ashton (Ha)/ Kate Lester 15-5, 15-11
Oxfordshire Junior Open U15		
<u>Boys Singles</u>	Quarter final	Nigel Tao lost to Jack Molyneux (Sy) 14-21
	Semi-final	Kamran Haq lost to Luke Foreman (Sy) 8-21
<u>Boys Doubles</u> (So)	Play-off	Kamran Haq/Nigel Tao lost to Oliver Crichton/Ashley Fletcher (Gl) 12-21
<u>Girls Singles</u>	Semi-final	Kate Lester lost to Bethany Wong (Wk) 17-21
	Final	Victoria Stokes beat Bethany Wong 21-12
<u>Girls Doubles</u>	Final	Katie Comras/Kathryn Gittins (Ha) beat Kate Lester/Victoria Stokes 21-18
<u>Mixed Doubles</u>	Semi-final	Arthur Cheung (Bu)/ Katie Comras beat James Ashton (Ha)/ Kate Lester 23-20
	Final	Arthur Cheung/ Katie Comras lost to Handal Suryaputra/Bethany Wong (Wk) 10-21
Hampshire U16 (All events played two games to 15)		
<u>Girls Singles</u>	Final	Katie Comras beat Frankie Edelmann 15-11, 12-15
<u>Girls Doubles</u> Lee	Final	Frankie Edelmann/Kate Lester beat Rebecca/Lauren Thomas (Mx) 15-13, 15-12
<u>Boys Singles</u>	Play Off	Anthony Moye lost to Robert Kettle (Ms) 10-15, 15-5
<u>Mixed Doubles</u>	Semi-final	Anthony Moye/Emma Stokes lost to Mark James(Do)/Rebecca Lee (Mx) 15-8, 14-15
Kent U16		
<u>Boys Singles</u>	Semi-final	William Westwood lost to Geoffrey Ball (Ha) 4-21
<u>Boys Doubles</u>	Semi-final	Anthony Moye/William Westwood lost to Geoffrey Ball/Simon Broomfield (Ha) 11-21

<u>Girls Singles</u>	Semi-final	Katie Comras lost to Lauren Thomas (Mx) 20-23
<u>Girls Doubles</u>	Final	Nicola Farr/Emma Stokes beat Katie Comras/ Sarah Walker (Ex) 15-9, 15-5
<u>Mixed Doubles</u>	Final	Anthony Moye/Emma Stokes beat Ian Honeyman (Do)/Nicola Cerfontayne (Ha)

National Championships U15

<u>Girls Singles</u>	Semi-final	Laura Cousins lost to Mariana Agathangelou (Jy) 6-11, 11-7, 8-11
<u>Girls Doubles</u>	Semi-final	Laura Cousins/Samantha Ward (Sy) lost to Mariana Agathangelou (Jy)/Vicky Ingram (St) 13-15, 12-15
<u>Mixed Doubles</u>	Quarter final	James Ashton (Ha)/ Kate Lester lost to Handal Suryaputra (Wk)/Mariana Agathangelou (Jy) 7-15, 12-15

From the editor:

This was meant to be a small, supplement newsletter, but just like Topsy it 'grewed and grewed'! And there is still more. I already have the reports of the last HSBA tournament of the season and the North Herts tournament - then there is the ICT during the Easter holidays, the U11 Challenge and one or two more open age group tournaments as well as two more reports from Phil Westwood, which I have held back for next time. Thanks to Tony Clarke, David Elliott, Pat Hibberd, John Smith, Charity Warnes and of course, David Westwood for their contributions this time. Please keep the results coming in - is great to see Herts doing so well. Closing date for the next issue of the newsletter is **Monday, April 28**.

Happy Easter to all our readers.

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