

HERTFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given for the HSBA Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, June 19 at the Wellfield Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield at 7.45 for 8.00 pm.

North Herts Tournament

Bob Green

On Saturday sixty under 12s gathered at Knights Templar Sports centre to compete in the North Herts Badminton Tournament. It was a busy day, with over 200 singles and doubles games played. The prize was not just the medals, but the chance to be in the North Herts squad for the Herts Youth Games in May.

In the boys singles, all eight group winners were undefeated but in the quarter finals some found tough opposition. Matthew Hayzelden beat Jake England 11-0 and James Abrams beat George Underwood 11-2. The other winners were the Farrugia brothers, Daniel and Christian. In the semi-finals Daniel beat James but Christian was beaten by Matthew. In the final Matthew found the older brother too much to handle, Daniel winning 11-6.

The girl's singles saw Anna Collis only giving up 8 points on the way to winning her group and Hannah McLaren being undefeated in the second group. In the first semi-final, Katie Harbon pushed Hannah all the way, finally losing out 11-8. In the second match Anna brushed Karishma Lal aside 11-0. The final saw Hannah manage only one point against Anna.

The boys doubles consisted of four groups and the winners of all four did not lose a game. The quarter finals saw the four winners up against the four runners-up. The only upset was Leo Riddett /Ben Bowen beating Alastair Munn/George Underwood. In the semi-finals they could not repeat the feat, losing out to Toby Harvey/Josh Woodhouse. The other semi-final saw the Farrugia brothers against each other, Daniel playing with Matthew Hayzelden and Christian with James Abrams. It was a really tight match which ended in an 11-10 win for Daniel/Matthew. The final was not such a close affair, Daniel/Matthew easily beating Toby/Josh 11-4.

The girls doubles was played in one large group and after they had all played each other there was an obvious winning pair - Anna/Hannah - who only lost a total of 11 points in their five games. The runner up slot was deservedly taken by Jade Beckett/ Ayla Spearman, who only lost to the winners.

It was a terrific tournament and good luck to those selected for the North Herts Squad when they compete against the other 9 areas in May.

U15 Bronze Doubles National Finals

Scott Williams/Matthew McCloskey

(U15 Squad/Fearnhill School)

On a dull, damp, drizzly Saturday morning, 3rd March, we set off for Milton Keynes to participate in the U15 Bronze National Doubles Championships against the other three top bronze pairs in England. After comfortably winning the first two matches we faced our greatest opposition, the Surrey pair, James Ellis/Thomas Penn. We lost the first game 21-17, then fought back, winning the second 21-8. Victory was now in sight and after some long and tiring rallies we won the final game 21-17. After being

crowned Bronze National Doubles Champions we then picked up our prize money of £40 each!!!!

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H.S.B.A. Tournament Reports

U13 Boys Singles

Louis Walpole (Lochinver House School)

Although the necessity for clearing up after an ABBA tribute concert the previous night delayed the start of the tournament, the enthusiasm of the 36 boys who took part at Stevenage Leisure Centre on 25th March was completely undiminished.

After many very close games in the opening group rounds, Matthew Widdicombe and Steven George beat Edward Byrne and Michael Peak in the quarter finals respectively with Mitch Chapman and Nick Barnett securing wins over Edward Ringe and Steven Barnes respectively to take the other places in the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals both Steven and Nick each won 21-10 over Matthew and Mitch respectively and a very exciting final was in prospect.

After a final full of pressure and some emotion, it was Steven who emerged the winner of the main event.

The final of the plate event was very close with Ben Smith, having come through a close game with Oliver Gomar 22-20, just beating Mathew Hare who had beaten Will Leppard 21-10 in the semi-final.

Again well done to everyone who took part. A special thank you to the organisers for all the time given to organise another great event which was enjoyed both for the standard of competition and for the social opportunities provided.

Results:

Final **Steven George** beat Nick Barnett 21-14
Semi-finalists were Matthew Widdicombe and Mitch Chapman
Plate Final Ben Smith beat Mathew Hare 21-19

U13 Girls Singles

Isabel Hatt (U11 Squad/Little Heath Primary School - and Dad, Gordon)

Stevenage was the venue for this well supported tournament that produced some tough and exciting games throughout the day. The boxes produced some surprises with the competitors really putting their all into the games. In the plate Hannah Last fought her way into the semis, falling to Kirsty Southey 23-21 while Chloe Bungey edged past a plucky Jessie Northen 21-19 - the two scores reflecting the closeness of the games. In the final the crowd were further entertained as Kirsty and Chloe battled hard, Kirsty lifting the plate with a 25-23 victory.

The main event was equally competitive as Georgia Pittson stormed her way to the semis to face Kate Sellars, while the elegant Anna Collis came face to face with Little Heath pupil Isabel Hatt. Both games finished 21-15 with Kate and Isabel reaching the final. A tense encounter saw the power of Kate meeting the stonewall defence of Isabel in a match that was hard fought by both players, with Isabel coming out on top by the narrowest of margins. The day had produced many close games and really competitive players who entered the spirit of the tournament in a pleasing manner.

Results

Final **Isabel Hatt** beat Kate Sellars 21-19
Semi-finalists were Georgia Pittson and Anna Collis
Plate Final Kirsty Southey beat Chloe Bungey 25-23

U10 Boys Singles Tournament

Corran Goodson (Brookmans Park Primary)

We arrived at Stevenage Leisure Centre for the under 10 boys singles tournament on Sunday morning, 25th March. . When we got there, we were surprised to see that they were still

cleaning the courts, so we had to go and knock up in the bowls hall. I saw some of the boys knocking up and I realised, it was going to be a hard competition.

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There were 6 boxes, 4 people in each box apart from box A, which had 5 people in it. The winners of these boxes were Yash Kejriwal, James Finlayson, William Pickworth, Christian Farrugia. I won box E and Rishav Shah the last box. These people went into the main event. The games were hard fought and the quarter finals were between Yash and Sam Moore-Martin, myself and Christian, William and James, and Suraj Shah and Rishav. Yash, Christian, James and Rishav got through to the semi-finals and, with Yash beating Christian 22-20 and Rishav beating James 21-18, the final was between Yash and Rishav. This was an amazing match which Rishav won with a score of 21-8.

In the plate event there were several big battles until the semi-finals, when Niklas Freitag won against Rajan Lal 21-10 and Ryan Nunn won against Liam Bishton 21-18. The plate final was won by Niklas fairly easily.

It was an enjoyable tournament and I can't wait for the next one.

Results

Final **Rishav Shah** beat Yash Kejriwal 21-8
Semi-finalists were Christian Farrugia and James Finlayson
Plate Final Niklas Freitag beat Ryan Nunn 21-8

U10 Girls Singles

Renu Chopra (Lordship Farm Primary)

It was a windy day, on Sunday March 25th when many children came to Stevenage Leisure Centre to play in the girls under 10's singles tournament.

When I arrived, I saw three boxes two of four and one with five. I was in box B and I had three enjoyable games with Morgan Payne and Hiral Mistry and a very close game with Philippa English, who won our box.

Amy George and Zoe Taylor won Box A, and Box C was very close between Eleanor Fitton, Ellie Makewell and Cayleigh Bambrick who all won three games each, with Eleanor and Ellie eventually going through to the main event.

In the plate competition, there were a number of close games, however Cayleigh Bambrick proved to be too strong for her opponents and ended up as the winner by beating Hiral Mistry in the final.

In main event, I played Zoe in the quarterfinal before winning a tough semi final against Ellie by 21-17. However, I was unable to overcome an in-form Amy who eventually won the competition by beating me in the final. At the end when I left, I was so tired, but happy to go away with a silver medal!

Results

Final **Amy George** beat Renu Chopra 21-6
Semi-finalists were Philippa English and Ellie Makewell
Plate Final Cayleigh Bambrick beat Hiral Mistry 21-10

U11 Friendly Match v Bucks

Yash Kejriwal (Haberdashers' Aske's School)

On March 4th, four boys - Matthew Widdicombe, David Maughan, Rishav Shah, Yash Kejriwal and four girls - Isabel Hatt, Amy George, Anna Collis, Laura Monk, gathered at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes to play a friendly match against the U11 Buckinghamshire squad. We all played best of three games. Only one game in the boys reverse singles went up to three games and that was Rishav vs Alex Baines. The games between Rishav and Alex were very close but in the end Rishav won one game 15-13 while Alex won two games 15-14 and 15-13.

Two games in the girls reverse singles were played up to three games; they were Isabel vs Hannah Swan and Laura vs Rebecca Halewood. Isabel and Laura had tough games, but ended up winning them.

In the mixed doubles there was only one match that went up to three games. This was between Matthew/Isabel and Harrison/Hannah in which the scores were 15-13,

10-15, 15-8.

The boys lost all their matches but the girls won all their matches comfortably! But in the mixed doubles it was a tie. The overall result was Herts 14, Bucks 14.

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Triple success for Emily

Phil Westwood

Over the Easter weekend Emily Westwood achieved triple gold with the England U15 team at the Victor Junior Olve Tournament, held annually in Edegem, Belgium.

Surviving at 22-20 in an initial pool game, and a 25-23 and a 24-22 in subsequent rounds, Emily eventually took the singles title having beaten seven girls, variously from Belgium, The Netherlands and Spain, and her English doubles partner Lauren Bromley (St), on the way.

She and Lauren then teamed-up, and once again cut it fine. After two 22-20s and four 21-19s they reached the final and overcame the French pair of Martin/ Meheust, 14 and 16, to take the doubles title.

There was no rest. She then joined Edward Thomas (Sy) for the mixed. Apart from a third round nail-biter, 22-20, 22-20, against the Spanish Quiles/Corrales, they comfortably reached the final against another English pair, Jack Kinmond (Bk)/Piya Sachdeva (Nm), which they won to 12 and 11.

Although Olve takes place in the shadow of the more prestigious Aros Cup in Denmark, it was pointed out to Emily that no English person had previously won gold at Olve, and she had achieved three.

U13 Team Challenge Final

Marion Conway

As usual this was played at Luton Regional Sports Centre and, as usual, it was very noisy with the Herts players happily contributing to the noise. All the 12 teams competing had already beaten five or six teams in their region, so it is a good achievement to be participating in this final.

Unfortunately some of our usual team were missing as some were away and, sadly, Howard Stobo was not well enough to play. However, the substitutes played very well and the team really worked together. The team was: Nick Barnett, Steven George, Daniel Hatt, Dale Maddox, Chloe Bungey, Jessie Northen, Lexy Richards, Kate Sellars and Kirsty Southey.

Our first match was tough as we were playing Yorkshire. Our boys won all their games and the girls lost theirs, so the score was 3 all, but unfortunately we lost the match on points. This rather set the pattern for the day. Despite all our players playing some of the best games we have ever seen them play, we also lost to Cheshire, Bucks and Surrey. However, we did manage to beat Avon 4-2.

This put us in a group with our old rivals, Essex, who managed to beat us 4-2 and finally we played Sussex and managed another draw, but again we lost on points. Although we were very pleased with everyone's performance, I think special mention should be made of Dan Hatt's and Steven George's performance in the Bucks match as Dan beat Aaron Alderman and Steven beat Daniel Irish, who had beaten him only the previous week. So, at the end of a very hard day of some excellent badminton, we came eleventh in this national final. Well done, players. Can we do better next year?

The English Schools Inter Counties Tournament

Tony Clarke

(This article was written by Tony for the winter edition of the Eastern England Newsletter of the Parkinson's Disease Society)

I became involved with junior badminton in 1979 when my son was selected to join the county squad and I was subsequently coopted onto the Hertfordshire Schools Badminton Committee. In 1981 I went to Nottingham to watch my daughter play in the U16 ICT, played over four days at the university. 32 counties, 300 plus children playing badminton from 9 am to 9 pm on 12 courts! It was amazing and I was hooked. That year Hertfordshire finished 29th out of 32 counties. We could do better. Herts only had 3 players out of 10 playing in open tournaments. Derbyshire, the winners, had mostly internationals all playing in their England shirts.

I had just passed my coaching badge, so I set up five county cells at Ware, Stevenage and Buntingford, in addition to the existing cell at Hemel Hempstead. At the outset

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I coached five nights per week with matches on Sundays. Obviously I couldn't keep this up for long and found two more coaches and divided the squads into U12, U15 and U16 each with a coach/manager. It was going to be a long struggle to reach the top but we steadily improved and developed our first international player 4 years later. In 1988 he led the team to finish 9th, earlier than expected back in 1981. More and more top players were being developed in Hertfordshire and we have generally stayed as one of the top counties ever since.

At about this time I started to coach a 10-year-old girl called Natalie Munt. A few years later in 1994, already an English international, she captained the Herts team to our first top 4 finish and to play in front of a large, noisy crowd on finals day contested by the highest placed four counties. Once you have tasted success you want to play in the finals every year. Natalie went on to much greater success and achieved 4th in the World Mixed Doubles rankings.

In 1995 at the ICT we finished 3rd and then 6th in the following year. In 1997, it was Herts who had the majority of top players - 5 international girls, all ranked in the top 8 in England and one international boy. The team played to their true potential and comfortably beat Yorkshire in the final by 6 games to 4, to finish in 1st place. In 2001 we finished 3rd and 6th in 2002.

Early the next year I was diagnosed with PD. I have been determined not to let it affect my badminton coaching and I have continued to coach three times a week, to manage the U17 county squad and the team at the ICT and to attend as many Open tournaments as I can. In the last two years the team has maintained its success at the ICT, finishing in 2nd place both times. It will soon be time for the 2007 ICT, starting on 10th April. Will we get another medal? I hope so.

Inter-County Tournament 2007

Phil Westwood

The cream of Hertfordshire's U17 badminton squad did their County, and the Herts School's Badminton Association, proud at the recent Inter-County Tournament which took place in Nottingham, over four days up to Sunday 16th April. Hertfordshire, seeded 7th out of 41 counties, finished a creditable 4th.

The competition is divided into three rounds, the first comprising ten groups. Each game is the best of ten: two games each, boys and girls singles and doubles plus two mixed. Herts began well. Comfortable wins over Northumberland (9-1), Derbyshire (10-0) and Flintshire (7-3), saw them safely into the second round along with the other first round winners and runners-up, to play, in four new groups, for positions one to twenty.

From the very start, on Friday, of the second round, the team was living on its nerves. A close game against Avon finished 6-4 to a very relieved Herts team. Leicestershire next was even closer, finishing 5-all; Herts winning 12-10 on games. And then came Surrey. This one was not just 5-all, but 12 games all. Once again Herts had to rely on the small print, this time winning on individual points scored. Undaunted, Saturday morning saw Herts duly beat Gloucester, 9-1, to book their place in the top four.

In the final round Herts were soundly beaten by the outstanding favourites, Yorkshire, and the young pretenders to Yorkshire's crown, Hampshire. And also by a pumped-up Buckinghamshire side, with a mixture of experience and emerging talent! So fourth it was.

Realistically, fourth had been Herts' target, achievable, it was thought, if everyone played their best. And they did. There were no stars, every member of the squad, based at the University of Hertfordshire's Sports Village, Hatfield, contributed to the team's success; and make no mistake, with the opposition Herts faced, fourth was indeed a tremendous success for this team and its managers Tony Clarke and Pat Walker.

Players:

Rhian Blowers , Helena Lewczynska , Rachel Warnes , Emily Westwood , Charlotte Willis, Oliver Crabb, Luke Donnelly, James Reynolds, Arjun Shah , Matthew Westwood .

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U12 Regional Tournament

Marion Conway

This year it was Hertfordshire's turn to run this tournament, so courts were booked at the Herts Sports Village for Sunday March 4, despite it being on the same day as an U13 Shires League match and an U11 match.

We expected six counties to take part including ourselves. However, we were soon down to four counties and one of those counties could not field a full team! The teams were expected to have a minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls in it. Originally we were going to play 3 girls singles, 3 boy's singles, 1 girl's doubles, 1 boys doubles and 1 mixed doubles. As we had plenty of courts from 10 am - 5 pm, we expanded the matches so that if a team had only 3 boys and 3 girls, everyone played singles, doubles and mixed in each match. It gave the players plenty of experience of playing all the disciplines under match conditions. Once the Team Managers had got over the shock of the extended format, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Essex and Suffolk came with almost full strength teams and came first and second. Herts came third. Our players played really well and had some excellent games, but it was an inexperienced team. Several of our more experienced players could not play because of injury or commitments elsewhere. Our boys were Edward Byrne, Matthew Hare and William Belfield and our girls were Alex English, Katherine Head, Chloe Bungey and Piu Yi Tam. We were really pleased with the way they all played but Edward deserves a special mention. His play improved throughout the day and in the last match he managed to beat the boy playing at number one in the singles for Essex. He and Matthew then won their doubles and in the mixed, playing with Alex, they lost 28-30. An excellent performance!

Thanks must go to Michael Peak and Rachel Hibberd, who completed the Cambridgeshire team. They played well but could not lift the team above fourth. One of the players in that team was just eight years old. Someone to watch out for in the future!

Senior Schools Competition

The last tournament on 25th March completed the Senior Schools competition for this season. The U13s were the only group left and the results are as below:

U13 Boys

1	Lochinver House	158
2	Chancellor's	107
3	Haberdashers' Aske's	90
4	St Albans	88
5	Hitchin Boys	44
6	Fearnhill	38
7	Dame Alice Owen	23
8	John Henry Newman	21
9	Richard Hale	13
10	Ralph Sadleir	7
11	Knights Templar	4

U13 Girls

1	Chancellor's	142
2	Dame Alice Owen	96
3	Fearnhill	25
4	St Albans Girls High	4

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up in all age groups - particularly to Chancellor's who featured in the top 2 in all but the U18 girls.

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U15 Team Challenge

Phil Westwood

It's a funny old

game! Cliché, I know, but consider this series of scores: Herts beat Surrey 5-2; Surrey beat Avon 4-3; Avon beat Yorkshire 4-3. Logic says that Herts must be the winners. Wrong! Yorkshire win - they always do, even when they are beaten. And Herts? Herts were seventh!

Unfortunately this is not an April Fool. This is how it happened.

Sunday April 1 and the U15 caravan rolled-up at Luton Regional Sports Centre for the finals of the U15 Team Challenge. As always the teams were formed into two groups of six; three winners and three runners-up, from the regional heats, in each. And with some odd placings from the regional rounds, the absence of one or two of the traditionally stronger counties, and the absence of a number of the top players, the competition seemed far more open than in recent years. Okay, ICT is a bigger tournament. The teams are larger, the matches are longer, there are more of them, and the prize is bigger. But it is spread over four days. The Team Challenge, by contrast, is seven games back-to-back over a period of eight hours, the team is only three boys and three girls per match, and each match is just seven games. You must hit the ground running and there is no room for error - in play or team selection. Intense or what!

The Herts team was: Laura Bygrave, Helena Lewczynska, Ying Yi Tee, Emily Westwood, James Head, Ryan McCarthy, Matthew McCloskey and Elliott Miles. Their first opponents were Cheshire who, lacking the presence of Hayley Rogers, came within our range. However, we got off to a slow start, two-all after the singles and doubles, and so came to the mixed phase needing to win two of the three games. We managed only one, losing a second by just three points, and with it the tie 3-4. It was going to be one of those days.

No time to dwell. Congratulate the opposition. Up sticks and move round to Area 2. A new team-sheet to submit for new opponents - Gloucester this time! But it was the same story - two-all going into the mixed; except this time we took all three mixed to win 5-2.

For our third game we stayed put and Notts arrived. And once more we reached two-each after the doubles and singles; this time we lost all three mixed, to lose 2-5. Those mixed scores were 18, 17 and 15, so none of our pairs was overwhelmed. It just wasn't running for us. Never mind. Next-up Devon! Quickly back round to Area 3 where, at last, a comfortable 6-1 win provided a breather from the tension and ensured us a place in the 5-to-8 place play-off group.

And so we came to Herts' final group match, versus Surrey. There was nothing at stake, except pride, for either team. We could not improve our group placing, and Surrey was unassailably top of the group, having won all four of their games. It was at this point that a different Herts team emerged from somewhere. Surrey's strength was in their boys, the strongest we'd met so far. Yet James and Matt matched Michael Daw and Sam Dobson all the way, with a focus and determination they could not conjure earlier in the day. So when, unbelievably, they arrived at 20-all it was the higher ranked Surrey pair who felt the pressure. And when Michael smashed long, threw down his racket and kicked at it, the Herts pair had pulled-off an upset that set the tone for the rest of the match. The girls doubles rolled-up next, 21-19, to give Herts a 2-0 lead. There was now an air about the team; could we be about to create an upset? Ryan had drawn the short straw, or so we had thought, having to play Edward Thomas, ranked third at U15. Yet he, too, seemed a man on a mission. And again at match point the crisis was Surrey's. The match halted with disagreement over the score: 20-18 Ryan thought, 20-19 Ed thought. Ryan accepted 20-19, resumed and won the next point. Match score 3-0, and with Helena on court playing Claire Gwilliam, Herts began quietly to celebrate a famous win. When Helena finished 21-4, it was fact. We'd won. The first two mixed went to Surrey, but James and Laura took the final mixed for a 5-2 match win. It didn't take us anywhere, but what a lift for the team.

Surrey and Notts took their places in the top group playing for places 1 to 4; Herts carried through their defeat by Cheshire into the 5 to 8 group, to play for 6, 7 or 8.

In the play-offs, Hants were first up, lacking their champion U15 Pinuga Riou. But it was all rather 'after the Lord Mayor's show'. We lost 4-3. Two of those

three were 19-21, the fortune of the previous match having deserted us. By the time we played Staffs, the excitement was elsewhere in the hall and, although a convincing 6-1 win secured Herts in seventh place overall, the team was just going through the motions at the end of a very long day. That excitement elsewhere was, of course, where I started. In Area 2, playing for places 1 to 4, Avon had carried through, their win over Yorkshire. In theory this should have allowed them to take the title. But somehow they lost to Surrey, and Surrey duly lost to Yorkshire; and since all three beat Notts, they were all three tied on games won. And wouldn't you know it, by the slimmest of margins, Yorkshire won on points, for their fifth title in a row. Houdini couldn't have done better.

And of the Herts team? There were no complaints over pairings, or individual selection against opponents they would rather have avoided. They were always ready when due on court, except James, who has walkabout down to a fine art. They stuck to their task through a long day, doing the job they were asked to do. One outstanding game, in which players rose to the challenge - focussed, determined and playing above themselves - proved the potential for this team is there. The trick in future years will be to release it at the start of the day and not at the end, and to keep it going. The girls deserve a special mention for their record in the singles and level doubles, the latter in four different pairings: played fourteen, won fourteen. I doubt any other team in the hall achieved that. Well done to them.

The team was a credit to Hertfordshire. In fact the whole event was played in the best of spirits. And, in the end, Herts were seventh; one better than my 'sealed prediction' at the start of the day. But they will always be able to say that they beat the team that beat the team that beat the winners.

U11s Doubles Challenge

Liz Hatt

Five counties gathered together for a Doubles Challenge at Stevenage Leisure Centre on April 22. Thirty six competitors represented Essex, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex. There were two boys boxes, split into first and second seeds while the girls were in one pool of eight teams, all competing against each other, all the scores combining to give an overall county winner.

The Hertfordshire boys number one seeds, Matthew Widdicombe/David Maughan, acquitted themselves well, claiming victory in all of their games, the tightest match being against Sussex which they won 15-12 and 15-14. The number two seeds, Kit Akin /Lyall Daniels won three out of four of their matches, finishing third in their box.

Because two of the competing counties only had one pair of girls, all girls were put into one box.

Isabel Hatt/Amy George won all of their seven games convincingly, finishing top of the box, whilst Laura Monk/Anna Collis won three of their games, ending up fourth in the box.

The combined total of points resulted in overall victory for Hertfordshire, with Sussex coming second and Essex a close third. Overall it was a very enjoyable day with some competitive play, hopefully enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

Tournament Results

U17 National Championships

Boys Doubles	Quarter final	Luke Donnelly /Adam Rickenbach (Ha) lost to Christopher Allen (Yo)/Gary Fox (La) 17-21, 11-21
Girls Doubles	Quarter final	Helena Lewczynska/Emily Westwood lost to Jessica Fletcher/Sarah Milne (Yo) 16-21, 18-21

U15 Gold - York

Girls Singles	Final	Emily Westwood beat Holly Smith (Du) 25-23, 21-17
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Girls Doubles	Final	Helena Lewczynska/Emily Westwood lost to Harriet Shillito (Yo)/Jessica Tandy (Nm) 16-21, 21-15, 18-21
Mixed Doubles	Final	Chris Coles (Av)/ Emily Westwood lost to Edward Thomas (Sy)/Amber Gregory (St) 21-18, 20-22, 17-21
<u>U15 National Championships</u>		
Girls Singles	Quarter final	Helena Lewczynska lost to Jessica Fletcher (Yo) 15-21, 18-21
Girls Doubles	Semi-final	Helena Lewczynska/Emily Westwood lost to Jessica Fletcher/Sarah Milne (Yo) 10-21, 10-21__
Mixed Doubles	Quarter final	Kristian Byrne (La)/ Helena Lewczynska lost to Joshua Green (IM)/Hayley Rogers (Ch) 18-21, 17-21
	Final	Chris Coles (Av)/ Emily Westwood beat Joshua Green/Hayley Rogers 21-15, 19-21, 21-19
<u>13 Silver - Home Counties</u>		
Boys Singles	Semi-final	Daniel Hatt lost to Daniel Irish (Bu) 13-21
Boys Doubles	Final	Daniel Hatt/Robert Spink (Wk) beat George Isherwood (Sf)/Mark Jeffreys (Le) 21-9
<u>U13 National Championships</u>		
Boys Singles	Quarter finals	Daniel Hatt lost to Matthew Andrews (Du) 15-21, 13-21
Boys Doubles	Quarter finals	Steven George/Howard Stobo lost to Matthew Andrews (Du)/Tom Wolfenden (La) 10-21, 10-21 Alex Harris (Sx)/ Daniel Hatt lost to Aaron Cheng (Sy)/George Li (Ch) 14-21, 18-21
<u>U11 Silver - West</u>		
Boys Singles	Quarter final	David Maughan lost to Craig Smith (St)
Boys Doubles	Final	David Maughan/Matthew Widdicombe lost to Sean Vandy/Harrison Simcock (Bu) 18-21
<u>U11 Silver - Home Counties</u>		
Boys Singles	Quarter final	David Maughan lost to Daniel Chow (Dv) 11-15
Girls Singles	Quarter final	Isabel Hatt lost to Katherine Saywell (So) 13-15

At the end of the season, National Finals are held for the top 8 singles players and top 4 doubles pairs who have played in the silver and bronze tournaments. A few Herts players reached these finals.

U17 Silver Girls singles
2nd - Charlotte Willis

U17 Silver Girls doubles
3rd - Charlotte Willis (with Rebecca Greenstreet - Kent)

U15 Silver Boys singles
4th - Ryan McCarthy

U15 Silver Girls Doubles
3rd - Laura Bygrave / Ying Yi Tee

U15 Bronze Boys Doubles
Winners - Matthew McCloskey / Scott Williams

U13 Bronze Girls Doubles
3rd - Amy George / Isabel Hatt

From the editor:

Thanks to Bob Green, Marion Conway, Tony Clarke, Corran Goodson, Isabel (and Gordon) Hatt, Louis Walpole, Renu Chopra, Yash Kejriwal, Matthew McCloskey, Scott Williams, Liz Hatt and Phil Westwood! The season is not yet over - there are more tournaments during May and the U11 singles challenge final is in June. Please send in reports on these tournaments for the next newsletter. The closing date is **Friday June 22**.

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