



# On the Line!

## Newsletter of Hertfordshire Schools Badminton Association

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### **Eastern Region Single Sex tournament**

This tournament was played at Luton Regional Sports Centre on 21 April in the Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 age groups. The format is unusual: a team can comprise just two players competing in a singles game each and a doubles game together or three players, of whom just two play in each match against another county. The first phase is played in two boxes, after which the teams in corresponding positions in the two boxes play off against each other to determine the overall position of each team.

#### ***Under 13's***

***Mike Newlove***

The U13 Squad entered 2 boys' and one girls' teams. Nathan Wooster and Max Ansell did very well to finish in the Silver medal position overall, narrowly losing out to a strong Suffolk pair in the final doubles game. The girls, Emma Riley, Laura Anderson and Beth Adams did well to finish 4th overall against some strong Essex opposition, among others. The second boys' team, James Jarman, Romin Varia assisted by Luke Meehan finished 5th overall putting in some gritty performances.

Well done all.

#### ***Under 15's***

***John Stobo***

The Under 15 squad marshalled four teams: Daniel Fox/William Pickworth, Greg Benson/Harry Knill-Jones, Renu Dhall Chopra/Francesca Farlie and Sophie Vernon/Millie Clark/Victoria Clayton.

The two boys' teams finished second and fourth in their boxes, after which Daniel and William triumphed over a team from Essex to take third place overall (no Bronze medals though!), while Harry and Greg lost to a Norfolk team, securing 8<sup>th</sup> place among the 12 competing teams.

The girls' teams finished third (Millie, Sophie and Victoria) and fourth (Renu and Francesca) in their boxes, but with nine teams in total the play-offs for final positions were conducted by a method too complicated to document here. Suffice it to say that when the dust finally settled, Victoria/Millie/Sophie emerged in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall, with Francesca/Renu in 7<sup>th</sup>.

A good result overall for the boys' and girls' teams.

## **Under 17's**

**Pat Walker**

Herts entered 4 U17 teams, 2 girls' teams and 2 boys' teams. The boys who played were Liam Scofield, Lewis Stringer, Nathan Scofield and Wesley Chan who were up against tough opposition on the day and finished in 11th and 12th positions.

The girls fared better with Libby Jennings and Hannah McLaren as Herts 1 beating Suffolk 2 and Norfolk 2 but losing to Beds 1 in the group games. They then faced Norfolk 1 in the play off for 3rd or 4th place but they lost that match 2-1 winning the doubles only. So a 4th place final position. Laura Monk and Ying Yi Tee played as the 2nd Herts girls team losing to Suffolk 1 and Norfolk 1 but beating Beds 2 in the group games. They met Norfolk 2 in the play-off round beating them 3-0 to finish in 5th position.

## **Shires League finals**

In March, On the Line! reported that the Under 17 team had qualified for the national finals, the Under 15's needed a good result in their final match in order to reach the play-offs for the finals and the Under 13's were in a play-off. In the event, the Under 15's could only achieve a draw in the final match, and the Under 13's lost their play-off against Sussex. Thus, only the Under 17 squad reached the final.

## **Under 17 Shires League final – A perspective from the balcony**

**Simon English**

Turning up on the day our hopes were for a favourable draw if we were to progress in the 1-4 group. We needed to avoid Bucks (I think since we played them in the league we couldn't play them) and Yorkshire and we'd stand a chance against either Cheshire or Hampshire. With the Gods against us we drew Yorkshire so some knuckling down was obviously going to be required.

Mixed first up and despite some notable efforts we were unfortunate to lose the series 3-1, we needed a better result here because the Yorkshire girls were all significantly higher ranked than the Herts girls. Even if we won all the boys matches from herein it was going to be unlikely we could steal anything from the Yorks girls. Conor, Mark, Matt and Lyall put in sterling performances winning all the doubles and only losing one single however it just wasn't enough as their girls won all matches despite some heroic efforts all round. So a very respectable (and in the end disappointing because the team did so well) defeat meant we were in the 5-8 section – but against who?

Our best hope was to be a draw against Avon and on this occasion we were fortunate. Herts rolled out 18-2 winners in the fixture but a few of the games were very close and Herts were fortunate to win all those. The Ngan brother and sister pairing were particularly unfortunate in the No 1 singles where Conor and Philippa both eked out 21-20 victories.

After a fairly tension free match versus Avon the parents anticipated a much tighter match against Hampshire to determine whether we finished 5th or 6th. Again the odds were stacked against the Herts girls with Hampshire having two England players and even the fourth single being a Gold ranked player; their two established doubles pairings would yield nothing too so again we were shouting "C'mon the boys" from on high (naturally supporting the girls but with hope rather than expectation). Looking at the Hants boys we felt ours could quite feasibly beat them in all the singles and doubles so it would come down to the Mixed – we need a lead!! Thankfully the guys did themselves proud winning three so we took a lead into the boys singles but the balcony became worried when we dropped one of that series. If we lost all the girls and won all the boys doubles we'd draw 10-10 and lose on points – their girls were going to be too good. True to order their girls did the business in the singles and we went into the doubles level on games and behind on points. Sure enough our boys secured all four doubles so now the nail biting for the girls, could they win enough points or even sneak a game. But then a shock.... Hants didn't field one of their England players and split their other established pair. Our girls were in with a shout and to their great credit halved the doubles two each and Herts were 5th – a great result.

I will leave it the Team Manager to praise the individual players but as a parent of one of the girls I would have to say that although everyone did their absolute best... oh how the girls needed their boys!! Another year and it might be different. Well done to everyone

Team: Connor Bambrick, Lyall Daniels, Mark Sadler, Hugo Weaver, Matthew Widdicombe, Cayleigh Bambrick, Izzie Hatt, Hannah Maclaren, Georgia Pitson  
Management: Pat Walker, Chris Dakin, Geoff Daniels, David Westwood, Colin Walker



After coach driver Daniels had got used to the minibus and only going up the kerb and stalling three times getting out of Manager Pat Walker's road, all was on schedule, meeting the players for a prompt getaway from Birchwood at 8.15am. The squad was in fine song all up the A1 in time to check into the Derby Halls of Residence at 11am.

It was a quick getaway to the Sports Centre and start the campaign off against Guernsey. A 10-0 (20 games-0) warm up victory put everyone in an excellent mood for the long day ahead. The match took only an hour to allow a quick lunch and then it was off to the 2nd venue to play Oxfordshire at 1.30pm. Again another 10-0 (20-1) win. Back to the Halls to unpack and chillax for the post evening meal match against Lincolnshire at the 3rd venue for 8pm. By this time the heavens had opened and after the most difficult task of trying to find the entrance to the Sports hall, the rain soaked team warmed up for a predicted comfortable win against Lincolnshire. How wrong we were, with a less comfortable 6-4 win, Lyall/Hugo picking up injuries during their doubles.

*Day 2 – Friday the 13th, unlucky for some but not Herts*

Order for the day was Middy at 9am, Essex 11am and Leices 5pm

The plan for the day was a comfortable win against Middx, not! (4-2 down before winning all the doubles for a 6-4 win) and a difficult match against rivals Essex, not! (8-2) and a comfortable win against Leices, not! (6-4) So the outcome of the 2 days was what was expected based upon seedings, whereby Herts reached the expected 1- 8 group play offs.

### *Day 3 – Saturday 14th , Grand National Party Day*

So now to play Warwick for a place in the top 4. This was always going to be a tough one and the 8-2 defeat did not do Herts justice as 3 very tight boys matches could have gone our way. Later that day the start of the 5-8 play offs was against Hampshire fielding 4 gold girls. A 6-4 defeat could have been different; however tiredness probably had a part to play. Later that afternoon, the pre disco match was against Cheshire where we lost out by 21 points (5-5 and 12 games all). Every point does really make prizes and the outcome of the final match against Sussex on Sunday would mean 6th, 7th or 8th position.

### *Day 4 – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> , one last effort*

All team members played their part in beating Sussex 6-4 meaning we were positioned 6th. Phew! A great result.

I just want to say it was a pleasure driving the team around as well as watching all of them contributing to a great team result. My head hurt at times with the pressure. Pat and Colin worked extremely hard behind the scenes, with Chris and David being the visible coaches.

*Editor's note: This is an edited version of a longer report written by Geoff, which it is hoped to post on the HSBA web-site. Read it there for an insight into what goes on in the background at ICT!*

## **Under 15 National Team Challenge finals, HSV, 25 March 2012**

**John Stobo**

The Herts Under 15 team had qualified for the National finals as runners-up to Essex in the Eastern regional round, and we had used training sessions after qualification to develop the players' skills further, particularly in the mixed doubles event which is critical for success in the format of the Under 15 Team Challenge.

First up in the opening phase was Devon, a match which we lost by 3-4. All the games were very close, Daniel's defeat by 20-21 in the boys singles showing just how close we came to victory.

We then played matches against the two fancied teams in our group, Surrey and Ulster, and indeed found them too strong, losing by 0-7 and 1-6 respectively. However, the games scores conceal a number of very close individual contests such as Izzy and Renu's defeat by 20-21 in the girls doubles against Surrey.

Against Warwickshire in our next match we bounced right back with an emphatic 5-2 victory. A clean sweep in the mixed doubles games was missed only by Heidi and Daniel's 20-21 defeat at 3rd pair, but Daniel recovered from this with a confident victory in his singles game.

The final match in the first phase of the event was against Northumberland, and we recorded a 6-1 victory, including wins in all three mixed doubles: Izzy and Jack at 1st, Francesca and Duncan at 2nd, Renu and Andrew at 3rd.

These results qualified us for group 2 in the second phase, where we played for positions 5-8 in the overall ranking. By a quirk of the other teams' results in the first phase, Warwickshire rather than Devon progressed with us to group 2, which gave us a flying start as our victory over them was carried forward to the second phase. Unfortunately, in this phase Lancashire and Berkshire both proved too strong for us, though morale-boosting wins were achieved against Berkshire by Francesca and Duncan at 2nd mixed and by Jack and Duncan in the boys doubles.

The Herts team finished the event in 7th place out of the 12 counties taking part. Everyone in the team played with 100% commitment throughout a long day of badminton. All the team members except Andrew will be in the Under 17 age group next season, and I hope that a tournament of this high standard will have given them a taste for the stiffer competition that lies ahead in that age group.

Team: Andrew Baird, Renu Dhall Chopra, Francesca Farlie, Daniel Fox, Jack Goode, Izzy Hatt, Heidi de Sousa, Duncan Williams

Team Manager: John Stobo

## **HSBA Primary Schools team tournament – Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Barbara Lewczynska**

The Primary Schools tournament was preceded by a very enjoyable coaching session. I am indebted to those coaches who cheerfully gave up their time on Sunday morning, the youngsters really seemed to enjoy themselves. Many thanks then to our coaches Ben Chai, Dick Large, Dave Bartlett, Doug Clarke, John Stobo and Ken Winchester.

The actual tournament, ably organised by Graham Hall started at 11.00 as more teams arrived to join the throng. 19 teams from 9 schools across the county were involved, and we welcomed new entrants Knutsford (Watford), Sacred Heart (Ware) and Oakmere (Potters Bar) and hope they will continue to support us and keep badminton alive in our Primary Schools.

The tournament was played in a round robin format for the girls teams and a box format for the boys teams, and since it was the number of points won, as opposed to the number of matches won, as the basis for the tournament, the players were kept on their toes until the very end.

Many thanks to the parents, teachers and coaches who came along to support the teams. At about 2.00pm with the last games finishing, the hall was buzzing with excitement, WHO HAD WON?????? Was the question on everyone's lips. With all points added up the winners were announced.

In the Boys competition the top spot went to Little Heath, followed by Lochinver 1 and then Morgans. Knutsford in their first team tournament came a creditable fourth, and Sacred Heart 7th (out of 13). In the girls section Ladbroke were the winners, with Little Heath second and St Nicholas third. The trophy for the combined team (calculated using the scores of the schools who fielded both a boys and a girls team) was won by Little Heath, in second place St Nicholas and in third place Ladbroke 1.

It had been a thoroughly enjoyable but exhausting day. See you all next year.

## **U15 'B' singles, U10 Singles & Doubles ,U13 Doubles & Mixed**

**Barbara Lewczynska**

Following hard on the heels of the Primary Schools tournament, the last nine events of the season was whittled down to eight as we did not have enough entrants for the U10 Girls Doubles. Starting off in the bowls hall, the U13 Boys and Girls Doubles was brilliantly run by Siri Wooster and Sue Meehan, many thanks to these two very capable parents. Due to a few drop outs and some hasty re-arrangements, four boxes changed to three. In the Main Event Zach Daniels and Rees Clarke won an absolute blinder of a final against Brendan Ho and Pranav Kumar, it was a real nail biter of a match with a 21-20 scoreline to match. In the Plate final, young guns Jamie Gall and James Penver had a slightly more comfortable victory over Daniel Lewis and Romin Varia 21-13. In the two boxes for the girls, the main event winners were Victoria Clayton and Sophie Vernon who had come up against team mates April Miller and Monique Maisey, Sophie and Victoria winning 21-13. The Plate event winners were Harriet Bell and Molly Goode over Amelia Dixon and Natasha Sanders 21-9

By far the most popular event of the day, numbers wise was the U15B competition, which excludes the county players. The Boys competition was a real inter schools event with some great turnout from, St Albans Boys, Hitchin Boys, Freeman College, John Henry Newman, and St Clement Danes, to name a few. In the Main Event final two St Clement Danes pupils faced each other across the court, with William Hickey beating Aaron Miller 21-16. In the Plate Event, the same thing happened with two students from Hitchin Boys, this was a closer fought battle and Alex Reeve just edged out Matthew Livesey 21-19. Still they all seemed to be best of friends afterwards!!

In the Girls event, there were four contestants who played in one box. All these games went to three ends, and eventually Amy Willats from Highfield won all her games and was awarded the trophy.

Going back to the Under 10 competition, again a good strong turnout, from a variety of schools especially among the boys. In the Boys Singles, Ashay Dhingra, who the week before had led his team to victory in the Primary Schools tournament, battled his way through to claim the crown by beating Harry Goode (Tewin Cowper). In the Plate Event, George Mangan (Lochinver) beat Lucas Sui (Nascot Wood) in a closely fought final 21-19. The Girls competition was extremely close, all the competitors showed an excellent level of ability, which is a great sign for the future. It has to be said that I think Nigel Da Costa had something to do with the organisation of the players from 'over Watford way', so thanks a million Nigel, and keep up the good work.

Another close game in the Girls Main Event saw Fiona McArdle beat Khadijah Hassan 21-19, and in an mirror image the Plate Event was again a 21-19 victory to Lillie Corke over Laura Da Costa.

The final event (phew), the U13 Mixed Doubles was a slightly more relaxed affair played in one box of 7. It was all very friendly and a joy to watch, the final positions being as follows.

- 1st Keya Patani/Matthew Harden
- 2nd Sophie Vernon/Austin Ephgrave
- 3rd Bethany Adams/Sean Wright

Thanks to everyone who helped Geoff Daniels, Sue Clarke, Andy Goode, Mike Newlove, Ken Winchester, and particular thanks to Jay Devram who was a whiz on the desk.

If anyone would like to help at the tournaments on a fairly permanent basis (five Sundays during the season) I could definitely do with a bit of support. Please e mail me on [blewczynska@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blewczynska@yahoo.co.uk) if you think you may be able to lend a hand.

*Following this round of tournaments, the final Senior School points position for the Under 15 and Under 13 age groups were as follows:*

Under 15

Girls		Position	Boys	
School	Points		School	Points
Hitchin Girls	57	1	St Albans	166
North London Collegiate	56	2	Hitchin Boys	164
Nicholas Breakspear	50	3	Richard Hale	75
Royal Masonic	49	4	St Clement Danes	73
St Albans Girls	47	5	Haberdashers' Aske's	71
Roundwood Park	44	6	Verulam	70
St Albans Girls High	37	7	Beaumont	52
Highfield	25	8	Monks Walk	46
Dame Alice Owen Presdales St George's	24	9	Townsend	40
		10	Watford Grammar	37
		11	John Henry Newman	34
Haberdashers' Aske's	19	12	Knights Templar	28
Simon Balle	18	13	Haileybury College	16
Sacred Heart	16	14	Freman College	15
Monks Walk St Clement Danes	13	15	Marlborough	14
		16	Stratton Upper	13
Knights Templar	10	17	Dame Alice Owen	11
Sherrardswood	8	18	Parmiters	7
		19	Roundwood Park	6
		20	Ashmole	5
		21	Onslow St Audrey's	4
		22	Chancellor's Priory Sir John Lawes	2

### Under 13

Girls		Position	Boys	
School	Points		School	Points
Roundwood Park	70	1	Verulam	82
North London Collegiate	61	2	Monks Walk	79
St Albans Girls High	48	3	Hitchin Boys	62
Thomas Alleyne	45	4	Parmiters	54
St George's	41	5	Queen Elizabeth	51
Parmiters	38	6	Turnford	43
St Clement Danes	33	7	John Warner	41
Monks Walk	28	8	Simon Balle	38
Rickmansworth	27	9	Haberdashers' Aske's	34
Ralph Sadleir	26	10	St Albans	33
Highfield	25	11	Sir Lohn Lawes	30
Sir John Lawes	20	12	Knights Templar	27
Knights Templar	61	13	Chancellor's	22
Sir Frederic Osborn	10	14	Stanborough	19
Kings Langley St Albans	4	15	Lochinver House	16
		16	Bridgewater Mount Grace Onslow St Audrey's	13
Mount Grace	2	17		
		19	Ralph Sadleir	8
		20	Priory Rickmansworth	6
		22	Townsend	5
		23	Beechwood Park	4
		24	Dame Alice Owen	3

### HSBA Annual General Meeting

The HSBA AGM planned for 20 June has been postponed pending a review of the HSBA constitution. Following the open meeting held on 20 June, a Working Party convened by Malcolm Fraser, the Chairman of Herts Badminton Association, has been set up to investigate how HSBA coaching can be organised to best meet the needs of all players.

### New! A Badminton Academy at Oaklands College

**Dave Bartlett**

Those who are thinking of taking A levels, BTec, degree courses, some vocational courses, etc, may be eligible to continue their badminton performance development through a new Badminton Academy being established at Oaklands College based in St Albans with Herts Schools Badminton Association supported by Herts Badminton Association and BADMINTON England. The wide range of courses provided by Oaklands College are shown on their website: [www.oaklands.ac.uk](http://www.oaklands.ac.uk)

Oaklands College has a strong track record of developing athletes in many other sports and are now providing a fantastic opportunity to give badminton players aged 16 years and over the chance to maximise their talent alongside studying too.

If you are interested in studying at Oaklands and having the option to have badminton and performance training and are of county squad standard or similar then please complete the application form for your chosen course via the Oaklands website and indicate 'Badminton Academy' in the 'Course Name' box. If you are not already in Herts County Squads you are likely to need a badminton entrance assessment which will be organised by Herts Schools Badminton Association.



Please note this is the first year of the Badminton Academy, and the badminton opportunity depends on a minimum of 8 HSBA or HBA members signing up.

If you have any queries on the academic study programme please complete the query form on Oaklands website. If you have a query regarding badminton at the academy or decide to join Oaklands please contact HBA Development Co-ordinator, Dave Bartlett, email: [Dave@Bartlett1.plus.com](mailto:Dave@Bartlett1.plus.com)

**Center Parcs National Schools Championships 2011 – East Regional Finals, 16<sup>th</sup> March** **Lee Bent**

**Qualification:** 6 teams (1 from each County in the East) at both age groups (U14 & U16) boys and girls qualified for the Regional Finals by initially winning School area rounds (in most cases) and all then would have qualified from winning County Finals.

**Regional Finalists:**

County	Age Group	Boys Schools	Girls Schools
Cambs	U14	Thomas Deacon Academy	Parkside Federation
	U16	Stanground College	St Bedes Inter Church Sch
Suffolk	U14	Copleston School	County Upper School
	U16	NA	Leiston High School
Essex	U14	Davenant Foundation	Chelmsford County High
	U16	Davenant Foundation	Dvenant Foundation
Beds	U14	Stratton Upper	Bedford Girls
	U16	Sandy Upper School	Sharnbrook School
Herts	U14	Hitchin Boys	St Clement Danes
	U16	Hitchin Boys	St Francis College
Norfolk	U14	Springwood	Thorpe St Andrew
	U16	Aylesham	Hobart

**Results:**

**U14 BOYS COMPETITION REPORT:** Results: 1<sup>st</sup>: Hitchin Boys (Herts), 2<sup>nd</sup>: Davenant Foundation (Essex), 3<sup>rd</sup>: Springwood (Norfolk)

**U14 GIRLS COMPETITION REPORT:** Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Thorpe St Andrew (Norfolk), 2<sup>nd</sup>: St Clement Danes (Herts), 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bedford Girls (Beds).

**U16 BOYS COMPETITION REPORT:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Davenant School (Essex), 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sandy Upper School (Beds), 3<sup>rd</sup>: Hitchin Boys (Herts), 4<sup>th</sup>: Stanground College (Cambs), 5<sup>th</sup>: Aylesham (Norfolk)

**U16 GIRLS COMPETITION REPORT:** 1<sup>st</sup>: St Francis College (Herts), 2<sup>nd</sup>: Leiston Community High School (Suffolk), 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sharnbrook (Beds).

**General Report:**

Overall the competition was a superb event and the Region’s top school talent were on display. Winners were: Hitchin Boys (Herts) U14 Boys event, Thorpe St Andrew (Norfolk) in the U14 Girls event, Davenant School (Essex) won the U16 Boys event, and St Francis College (Herts) won the U16 Girls event. They will all go on to compete at the National Finals in April at the Sherwood Forest Center Parcs.

East Regional Manager for BADMINTON England Matthew Warren commented: “A huge well done to all the schools who reached the Center Parcs National Schools East Regional Finals; the standard this year was exceptionally high and showcased the junior talent from across our region. I wish the winners the best of luck for the National Finals next month.” The competition was supported by national sponsor Center Parcs, and Wilson were the official shuttle supplier, also Icen water provided beverages for the event – many thanks to them for supporting a national competition in which around 21000 children were able to compete.

*Editor’s note: In the national finals held on 21-22 April, Hitchin Boys Under 14 (Andrew Baird, Austin Ephgrave, Karl Leung, Matthew Livesey and Max Titterton) finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place, and St Francis Girls Under 16 (Anna Collis, Hannah Mclaren, Samantha Mui and Mandy To) finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place.*



## Eastern Region Under 14 team tournament

Millie Clark and Victoria Clayton

On the sunny 26th February, Herts played in a U14 Eastern Region Friendly Team Tournament. The day started well when we won our 3 Mixed Doubles against Norfolk. Then we went on to win the Boys Singles (Sam Newlove) and the Girls Doubles (Victoria Clayton and Emily Clarke). Unfortunately we lost the Girls Singles and Boys Doubles to some strong opponents.

We also did really well against Suffolk, with a match score of 6-1. Again, we won all our Mixed, Andrew Baird won his Singles and so did Sophie Vernon. Austin Ephgrave and Sam Newlove won their Boys Doubles, but unfortunately we lost the Girls Doubles game.

Our last match against Essex was the toughest. We got off to a good start when Sophie and Andrew won their Mixed match. However, in the other matches we fought hard but lost with very close scores.

After a great day's badminton we finished second overall, which was a great result. Well done to all the players and thank you to John and Hitesh and the parents for supporting us.

## Badminton England junior tournaments

### Under 17 Gold, Cheltenham

BS	Semi-final	Matthew Widdicombe lost to Craig Smith: 19-21, 14-21
BS*	Semi-final	Mark Sadler lost to Jed Arksey: 19-21, 22-20, 14-21
BD	Final	Conor Bambrick & George Isherwood lost to Ben Lane & Sean Vandy: 18-21, 28-30

### Under 17 Silver, Bedfordshire

BD	Semi-final	Hugo Weaver & Timothy Scott lost to Luke Pearce & Sean Richardson: 15-10, 13-15, 15-17
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### Under 17 Silver, Cheltenham

GS	Final	Philippa English won the event!!
GD	Final	Philippa English & Isabelle Cain lost to Sophie Conors & Rebecca Southwell: 11-15, 15-8, 11-15

### Under 17 Silver, Nottingham

GS	SF	Philippa English lost to Kirby Ngan: 9-15, 12-15
GD	Final	Philippa English & Catherine Bailey lost to Alice Torjussen & Kirby Ngan: 15-17, 15-12, 9-15

### Under 13 Silver, Bournemouth

XD	Final	Keya Patani & Oliver Chapman won the event!!
GD	Final	Keya Patani & Molly Chapman won the event!!

### Under 13 Silver, Home Counties

BS	Final	Jack Kimber lost to Gareth O'Brien 4-15, 3-15
GS	Final	Keya Patani lost to Alice Xu: 9-15, 12-15

### Under 13 Silver, Buckinghamshire

GSx	Semi-Final	Keya Patani lost to Vicky Roberts: 15-7, 4-15, 11-15
GS	Final	Laura Anderson lost to Dominique Bell: 10-21
GD	Final	Keya Patani & Freya Patel Redfearn won the event!!

### Under 13 Silver, Hampshire

GSx	Final	Keya Patani lost to Amy Polglase: 14-16, 10-15
GD	Final	Keya Patani & Freya Patel Redfearn won the event!!

Under 15 Bronze, Hatfield

GS	Round 2	Sophie Vernon lost to Roxana Ciocan: 18-21
BS	Quarter final	Christopher Adey lost to Alex Forum-Jenson: 17-21
		Pranav Santhosh Kumar lost to Dominic Ely: 9-21
		Sam Newlove lost to Nathan Mistry: 14-21
BD	Quarter final	Christopher Adey & Pranav Santhosh Kumar lost to Tyler Haywood & Nathan Mistry: 11-21
		Austin Ephgrave & Edgar Titterton lost to Ben Page & Tom Boardman: 18-21

Under 17 Bronze, Hatfield

GS	Quarter final	Cayleigh Bambrick lost to Amy Lawson: 7-21
BD	Semi final	Andrew Baird & David Ip lost to Andrew Ferris & Jones: 18-21

Under 15 Bronze, Suffolk

BS	Quarter final	Chris Adey lost to Oliver Phillips: 12-21
		Sam Newlove lost to Ryan Newcombe: 19-21
	Semi-final	Andrew Baird lost to Ryan Newcombe: 15-21
BD	Final	Andrew Baird & Ryan Newcombe won the event!!
	Semi-final	Chris Adey & Sam Newlove lost to Andrew Baird & Ryan Newcombe: 15-21

Under 15 Bronze, Hampshire

BS	Quarter final	Andrew Baird lost to Vincenzo Pratley: 18-21
BD	Final	Andrew Baird & Nathaniel Brittany lost to William Bick & Liam Sillifant: 15-21

Under 15 Bronze, Warwickshire

BS	Round 2	William Pickworth lost to Jon McMahon: 16-21
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Under 15 Bronze, East London

BS	Quarter final	Andrew Baird lost to Arun Pillai: 19-21
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BS = Boys Singles BS\* = Boys Singles Gold Star BSx = Boys Singles Extra BD = Boys doubles  
 GS = Girls Singles GSx = Girls Singles Extra GD = Girls Doubles MX = Mixed Doubles

**English National Championship series**

Congratulations to the following squad members who were accepted by Badminton England for entry to the 2011/12 National Championship series:

Under 17

Alex English, Philippa English, Matthew Widdicombe, Conor Bambrick, Mark Sadler

Under 15

Izzy Hatt

Under 13

Christopher Adey, Keya Patani, Pranav Santhosh Kumar

Under 11

James Penver

Under 17 National Championship

BS	Semi-final	Conor Bambrick lost to Alex Lane: 12-21, 7-21
BD	Semi-final	Conor Bambrick & George Isherwood lost to Alex Lane & Sam Parsons: 14-21, 14-21
XD	Semi-final	Conor Bambrick & Jennifer Moore lost to Alex Lane & Chloe Birch: 19-21, 10-21

## BE grading promotions

Congratulations to the following squad members who achieved promotions in the grading list published by Badminton England in February 2012:

Under 17

To grade 1      Philippa English

Under 15

To grade 2      Duncan Williams

To grade 3      Christopher Adey, Pranav Santhosh Kumar, Sophie Vernon

Under 13

To grade 3      Matthew Harden

## Have your say about On the Line!

**John Stobo**

I have created a discussion forum where you can post your comments and feedback to the editor about articles which you read in On the Line! It is at: <http://OnTheLineAtHSBA.proboards.com/index.cgi>

You can view contributors' comments simply by going to this web-site and clicking on the "General Board". You'll then see a sub-board for each edition of On the Line!, and clicking on the edition you are interested in will enable you to see all the posts and discussions about that edition.

If you wish to post a comment yourself, you'll need to register as a user of the forum which you can do by selecting "register" at the top of the home page and following the instructions.

I look forward to reading your comments about the July edition, and I shall try to post my responses to your comments promptly. In each edition of On The Line! I will re-print the most interesting post. So here is Paul Widdicombe's post in response to the comments Francesca Farlie and Heidi de Sousa made in the March On the Line! about the temperature in Birchwood Leisure Centre for the Hatfield Bronze tournament.

In the first edition of "On the Line" two of the contributors raised a very interesting subject of "Cold Halls".

Having been involved in this great sport since 1970, I have been inside some weird and wonderful badminton courts and thought Heidi and Francesca would like to read my top ten "Cold Halls".

Without question the most deadly place to play and watch was Prospect Place in Cambridge, black walls filled with historic photos and honours boards of past graduates, individual courts with a balcony and no sign of any heating. The showers were of an equally high standard. Without question flu was caught and the following day off work after six hours of torture.

Or it could be the venue of Lynton Badminton Club in North Devon, on a good evening the sea waves crashed over the defence walls across the highway and splashed against the outside wall of the tram line. Good job it did not snow at half term as in 1977 it took some of the Lynton players a week to get home. This venue was only saved by the hospitality of the home players with the traditional Devon cream tea served up at 11pm.

My current favourite is the Christie Miller Sports Centre in Wiltshire. Last seasons under 17 silver started at 9am and we arrived home after match of the day had finished, just before midnight. My coat and gloves did not leave me all day; you could see your own breath in the hall. The only positive side was the hot food served from the refreshment van outside in the freezing rain.

Just to keep Heidi and Francesca happy I have included Birchwood Leisure Centre in this top ten but it could be easily replaced by other halls up and down the country. Its saving grace was perhaps the young entrepreneur offering yummy donuts and hot drinks in the warm and cosy corridor.

Wiltshire Melksham Sports Centre  
Bedford Bradgate Road Badminton Centre  
Kent Gillingham Castlemaine Hall  
Cambridge \* University Courts, Prospect Place, Cambridge  
Avon St Ursulas High School, Sports Hall, Bristol  
Devon \* Lynton Sea Front Community Hall  
Leicestershire Babington College (pre refurb)  
Northants Kettering Leisure Centre  
Herts Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield  
Devon RAF Chivenor Gym in North Devon

\* Deceased

From the chronicles of an ageing player, administrator, referee and coach.

Thanks for that contribution, Paul. We'll know to wrap up well for these venues!

*Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of On the Line! The deadline for contributions to the October newsletter is Friday September 28, and they should be sent to John Stobo at:*  
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