



# On the Line!

## Newsletter of Hertfordshire Schools Badminton Association

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### HSBA tournaments

A full programme of age-group tournaments took place during the Autumn term, and you can read the tournament organiser's report on them on Page 4. The Spring term's tournaments are:

| <i>Date</i>                        | <i>Time</i>  | <i>Tournament</i>               | <i>School Year</i> | <i>Venue</i>                   |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>February 8 <sup>th</sup> | 1130 hours** | Primary Schools Team Tournament | Year 6 and under   | Stevenage<br>Leisure<br>Centre |
| Sunday<br>March 8 <sup>th</sup>    | 1000 hours   | Under 13 Boys Singles           | Year 8 and under   | Stevenage<br>Leisure<br>Centre |
|                                    | 1200 hours   | Under 13 Girls Singles          | Year 8 and under   |                                |
|                                    | 1400 hours   | Under 13 Girls Doubles          | Year 8 and under   |                                |
|                                    |              | Under 13 Girls Doubles          | Year 8 and under   |                                |
|                                    | 1600 hours   | Under 13 Mixed Doubles          | Year 8 and under   |                                |
|                                    |              | Under 11 Boys Doubles           | Year 6 and under   |                                |
| Under 11 Girls Doubles             |              | Year 6 and under                |                    |                                |

\*\*The Primary Schools Team Tournament will be preceded at 1000 hours by a coaching session for all tournament entrants delivered by HSBA squad coaches and other qualified coaches.

The venue for these tournaments is Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, SG1 1LZ. Entry forms can be downloaded from the HSBA web-site:

<http://www.hertschoolsbadminton.co.uk/downloads.html>

### Center Parcs National Schools Championships 2014/15

The Hertfordshire County round of these championships was held at Hertfordshire Sports Village on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the boys' competition all ten districts were represented at Under 14 and Under 16 level, and this year it was pleasing to see all ten districts represented in the girls' Under 14 event as well, plus nine out of ten at Under 16. The first three of these events were played in two boxes of five teams, with winners and runners-up from each contesting semi-finals, a final and a third place play-off, with a slightly different format being adopted for the nine girls' Under 16 teams.

After several hours of hard-fought badminton the following finals were played out in front of an enthusiastic audience of supporters:

**Under 14 Girls**

Final: Queenswood (Helen Cheung, Lia Di Gesaro, Ellen Goodwin, Jessica Hawes, Lucy Kelly) beat Sir John Lawes 5-0 in games  
Third place: Parmiters beat Presdales 5-0

**Under 14 Boys**

Final: John Henry Newman (Steven Elliott, Sean Groarke, Jason Haley, Callum Latter, Michael Rock) beat Richard Hale 5-0  
Third place: Hitchin Boys' beat Watford Grammar 3-2

**Under 16 Boys**

Final: Verulam (Ollie Barnett, Brendan Ho, Luke Meehan, Nathan Wooster) beat Hitchin Boys' 4-1  
Third place: Monks Walk beat Cavendish 4-1

The girls' Under 16 event was contested in three boxes, with box winners playing off for first, second and third:

**Under 16 Girls**

Winner: St Clement Dane's (Olive Coles, Ellen Jennings, April Miler, Zoe Ramsay)  
Runner-up: St George's  
Third place: John F Kennedy

The winning teams now go forward to represent Hertfordshire at the Eastern Regional round of the championships, and we wish them every success there.



*Under 14 Girls' winners: Queenswood*





*Under 14 Boys winners: John Henry Newman*



*Under 16 Girls winners: St Clement Dane's*



*Under 16 Boys winners: Verulam*

## HSBA tournaments

**Barbara Lewczynska**

*November 9<sup>th</sup> 2014*

The Under 15 B singles saw 30 entrants do battle at Birchwood Leisure Centre. There were strong performances from a variety of schools and clubs, notably Hitchin Boys, Habs Boys, and Swifts and Abbey junior badminton clubs.

There were six boxes in the starting line-up, and in the plate event Joseph Waugh (Harpenden jbc) beat Sean Groake (John Henry Newman), whilst in the main event an excellent set of results saw two Habs players, Jack Ronayne and Rushil Hora, reach the semi-finals. However Rushil was beaten in the final by James Jarman (Beaumont) 21-9.

Five girls were in contention for their event, so they all played each other. Annabel Staines (Watford Grammar) won all her matches and walked away with the trophy, whilst Rhona Marshall (Hitchin Girls) was runner-up.

*November 16<sup>th</sup> 2014*

Hot on the heels of the previous tournament, this much longer day saw nine events spread from 10.00-18.00 hours. Well done to the Under18 Boys who played in singles, doubles and mixed, as they were there for most of the day, although it was great to have a slightly later start. Competition among the 27 entries for the Under 18 boys' singles went more or less according to seeding. It was good to see many of the County Under 15 squad and some Under 13's in there too. In particular Steven Elliott (Under 15) and Cameron Bannister (Under 13) did very well against some of the older boys and both managed to qualify for the main event, where it was Daniel Fox (Verulam), winning his first trophy of the day, who beat Chris Adey (Monks Walk) in the final. Brendan Ho (Verulam) defeated Jacob Harper (Priory) in the plate event.



In the Under 18 girls' singles, with a later start time, where there was an excellent showing from a contingent of girls from Queenswood, Laura Anderson (Parmiters) beat Claudia Crowther (STAGS) in the main event final, and in the plate event Natalie So (Queenswood) came out on top by beating school-mate Julia Wong.

The Under 13 B singles also took place, running alongside the Under 18 singles. This event, which also features main and plate events, is for those players not in any county squad, and is specifically aimed at club and school players. The boys' main event was won by Daniel Evans (Bishops Stortford College) and the plate event by Thomas Holt (Mountgrace/Swifts). The girls' competition had five entrants, and Louisa Leung, having won all her games, claimed the trophy.

Under 18 Girls' doubles (Main event)

Claudia Crowther & Molly Goode beat Laura Anderson & Monique Maisey

Under 18 Girls' doubles (Plate event)

Emily Clarke & Victoria Clayton beat Kiana Goharia & Charmaine Ng

Under 18 Boys' doubles (Main event)

Daniel Fox & Duncan Williams beat Chris Adey & Zach Daniels

Under 18 Boys' doubles (Plate event)

Jacob Harper & Max Titterton beat Owen Pearce & Matthew Smith

U18 Mixed doubles

Winners - Daniel Fox & Molly Goode

Runners up – Zach Daniels & Lia Willis

Congratulations must go to Daniel Fox who won all three Under 18 events and Molly Goode who won two.

Also taking place among the mayhem of the Under 18 and Under 13 events was the Under 10 singles. The boys' and girls' events attracted eleven and eight entries respectively. James Joseph (St Albert the Great) beat Finley Goode (Templewood) to claim the Under 10 Boys' singles crown, and in the plate event Ben Hahn (St John's, Lemsford) was victorious over George Frizelle (St Mary's Welwyn/Swifts). In the Girls' singles Leona Lee (Stonehill) won the trophy for the second year running by beating Lavigne Leung (St Albans Girls), and in plate event final Mabel Reid (Heath Mount) beat Holly Clayton (Applecroft/Comets jbc).

Congratulations to everyone who entered; it was a bit of a manic day, and my thanks to all the helpers on the day who included Mike Newlove, Ken Winchester, Caz Daniels, Christine Adey, Adrian Leung, plus anyone who scored/umpired or helped on the desk – we couldn't do it without you.

### **Eastern Region Under 14 Team tournament**

**John Stobo**

At the end of November two HSBA teams travelled to Cambridge to take part in this event. Happily there was a better representation than last year from the other counties in the region, only Essex not sending a team.

Herts 1 finished second, beating eventual winners Bedfordshire but losing to both Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. All the team's matches finished in close outcomes (victory or defeat by 4-3) except that against Herts 2.

Herts 2 were one of four counties who won two of their five matches, including victory over the Norfolk team that had beaten Herts 1, but they lost out on a count-back of points and games because for part of the day they were one player short after a last-minute withdrawal. Congratulations to Tommy Corteen and Jack Glynn who doubled up to play extra games in the early matches, though the points they gained there did not count towards the team's total, and hearty thanks to Harry Goode who was rushed up the M11 to join the team with the mud still on his knees from the football match he had just played! Thanks also to Simon Jarman and Tariq Hasan, who managed the paperwork for the two teams and ensured the right players went onto the right courts against the right opponents.

With all matches being so close, the tournament enabled the players to gain valuable experience of playing under competitive pressure, and they all performed well.

Herts A: Olivia Clarke, Amelia Dixon, Molly Goode, Jason Haley, Sam Jarman, Levin Mathew

Herts B: Tommy Corteen, Jack Glynn, Harry Goode, Khadijah Hasan, Namia Raby, Symran Shah

## Eastern Region Under 12 Team tournament

Ronnie Goode

HSBA sent two teams to this tournament to play against Norfolk and Suffolk County teams. Herts 'A' team participated in some very close fought matches, and I am pleased to say that they won all their matches and finished as overall winners. Well done to all the players.

Herts 'B' team enjoyed their first outing for the county and gained a wealth of experience in how to deal with such an event. Although the opposition consisted of some older and bigger children the team persevered, thoroughly enjoyed their day and finished 4th out of 5 teams. I feel sure this will stand them in good stead for the future.

Many congratulations to everyone who participated and also those who supported. We look forward to the next one.

Herts A: Paankhuri Bhatia, Keshita De Silva, Alyssa Onnay Lee, Leona Lee, Shashank Madhukiran, Thomas Sweetnam

Herts B: Cameron Bannister, Maia Di Gesaro, Finley Goode, Benjamin Herbert, Pranathi Koneru, Lavigne Leung

## Under 17 squad membership

Safee Hamid and Reuben Woolley have joined the Under 17 squad since October 2014 – a warm welcome to them both. Nathan Wooster was inadvertently omitted from the list of members of the Under 17 squad published in October's On the Line! The editorial team apologises for this.

## Badminton England grading promotions

Congratulations to the following squad players who have improved their singles grading in the list published by BE in December 2014:

Promoted to grade E: Christopher Adey, Keya Patani

Promoted to grade F: Laura Anderson

Promoted to grade G: Claudia Crowther, Monique Maisey, Samuel Newlove

Promoted to grade H: Cameron Bannister, Victoria Clayton, Ashay Dhingra, Lia Di Gesaro, Matthew Harden, Daniel Lewis, Luke Meehan

Congratulations also to the following players who achieved their first grading in the same list:

Grade I: Paankuri Bhatia, Charlie Corke, Lillie Corke, Tommy Corteen, Steven Elliott, Samuel Hancock, Kyle Hoyte, Vladimir Hriblan, James Joseph, Lavigne Leung, Shashank Madhukiran

BE publishes an updated grading list at approximately monthly intervals. Full details of the grading system and the latest list are provided on the BE web-site at:

<http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/text.asp?section=2956&sectionTitle=National+Gradings#.VLrDj2ezV9A>

## Badminton England junior tournaments

When HSBA squad members win their boxes or reach the quarter finals of events played in straight knock-out format or a medal position in events played in round robin format, On the Line! will report their achievement.

Under 11, Luton

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| GS | Semi-final | Leona Lee lost to Estelle Van Leeuwen: 5-11, 9-11 |
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Under 11, East Staffordshire

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| GS | Final | Leona Lee won the event!! |
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| GD | Final | Leona Lee & Tashvi Parab lost to Katherine Lily Arksey & Lydia Morris: 6-11, 6-11 |
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Under 11, Warwickshire

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| GS | Semi-final | Lavigne Leung lost to Eve Durrance: 3-11, 6-11                                    |
| GD | Final      | Leona Lee & Tashvi Parab lost to Abigail Thring & Estelle Van Leeuwen: 5-11, 6-11 |

Under 11, Essex

|    |               |                                                                                 |
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| GS | Quarter final | Leona Lee lost to Abigail Thring: 5-11, 7-11                                    |
|    |               | Holly Clayton lost to Sophie Hillman: 3-11, 2-11                                |
| GD | Semi-final    | Leona Lee & Lavigne Leung lost to Sophie Hillman & Abigail Thring: 11-13, 10-12 |

Under 15 Silver, Essex

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| BD | Final | Christopher Adey & Levi Hoang won the event!! |
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Under 15 Silver, Kent

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| GS | Quarter final | Laura Anderson lost to Chelsea Huang: 11-15, 15-13, 10-15 |
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Under 17 Silver, Warwickshire

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| BD | Semi-final | Daniel Davey & Matthew Hunt lost to James Pinder & Ben Sharples: 9-15, 12-15 |
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Under 17 Silver, Suffolk

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| GD | Semi-final | Claudia Crowther & Lucy Jarvis lost to Natasha Lado & Elysia Taylor: 13-15, 6-15 |
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Under 17 Silver, Essex

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| BS | Semi-final    | Zach Daniels lost to Josh Foot: 15-8, 13-15, 13-15    |
|    | Quarter final | Christopher Adey lost to Gregory Saunders: 8-51, 9-15 |

Under 13 Bronze, East London

|    |               |                                               |
|----|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| BS | Final         | Harry Goode lost to Thushar Jithesh: 18-21    |
|    | Quarter final | Tobias Goddard lost to Thushar Jithesh: 15-21 |
| BD | Final         | Thomas Sweetnam & Daniel Hart won the event!! |

Under 13 Bronze, Oxfordshire

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| BS | Semi-final | Cameron Bannister lost to Ewen Stephen: 18-21 |
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Under 13 Bronze, Hampshire

|    |            |                                              |
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| BS | Semi-final | Harry Goode lost to Reuben Bodman: 16-21     |
|    |            | Tobias Goddard lost to Anthony Zhang: 9-21   |
| BD | Final      | Harry Goode & Tobias Goddard won the event!! |

Under 13 Bronze, West Midlands

|    |               |                                                                         |
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| BS | Semi-final    | Tobias Goddard lost to Stephen Jong: 18-21                              |
|    | Quarter final | Harry Goode lost to Sameer Chenia: 19-21                                |
| BD | Semi-final    | Harry Goode & Tobias Goddard lost to Sameer Chenia & Rowan Clark: 19-21 |

Under 13 Bronze, South-East Essex

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| BS | Round 2       | Finlay Cattermole lost to Charlie Wakefield: 13-21                     |
|    | Quarter final | Harry Goode lost to Anthony Zhang: 10-21                               |
|    |               | Thomas Sweetnam lost to Charlie Wakefield: 12-21                       |
|    | Semi-final    | Tobias Goddard lost to Liam Purton: 18-21                              |
| BD | Semi-final    | Tobias Goddard & Harry Goode lost to Anson Wong & Anthony Zhang: 12-21 |

Under 13 Bronze, Oxfordshire

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| BS | Semi-final | Cameron Bannister lost to Ewen Stephen: 18-21 |
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Under 13 Bronze, Nottingham

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| BS | Round 2 | Thomas Sweetnam lost to Zac Prentice: 7-21 |
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Under 15 Bronze, Cambridgeshire

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| BS | Semi-final    | Luke Meehan lost to: Rayman Ramakrishnan: 12-21                       |
|    | Quarter final | Danile Lewis lost to Like Meehan: 19-21                               |
| GS | Final         | Laura Anderson won the event!!                                        |
| BD | Final         | Tommy Corteen & Daniel Hughes lost to Cameron Foo & Harry Zhao: 16-21 |

Under 15 Bronze, Yorkshire

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| GS | Semi-final | Laura Anderson lost to Emily Harrison: 20-22 |
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Under 15 Bronze, Middlesex

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| GS | Quarter final | Monique Maisey lost to Holly Smith: 8-21 |
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Under 15 Bronze, Oxfordshire

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| BS | Quarter final | Rees Clarke lost to Cameron Elliott: 10-21                                  |
| XD | Semi-final    | Harriet Bell & Daniel Lewis lost to Natalie Mitchell & Jamie Cackett: 16-21 |
| GD | Final         | Harriet Bell & Monique Maisey lost to Chelsea Huang & Esther Stedman: 6-21  |

Under 17 Bronze, South East Essex

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| BS | Quarter final | Daniel Davey lost to Daniel Hatton: 10-21                                |
|    | Round 2       | Vlad Hriblan lost to Rico Shergill: 15-21                                |
| BD | Final         | Zach Daniels & Nathan Wooster lost to Thomas Long & Rico Shergill: 17-21 |

Under 17 Bronze, Hampshire

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|----|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BS | Quarter final | Zach Daniels lost to Andrew Brownlie: 13-21                         |
| BD | Semi-final    | Zach Daniels & Mark Wilson lost to Henry Jones & Jamie Percy: 11-21 |

Under 17 Bronze, Worcestershire

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| BS | Quarter final | Mark Amer lost to Connor Parsons: 11-21 |
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Under 17 Bronze, Middlesex

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| BS | Quarter final | Samuel Newlove lost to Pranav Santhosh: 116-21              |
|    | Final         | Zach Daniels lost to Pranav Santhosh: 12-21                 |
| GS | Final         | Molly Goode won the event!!                                 |
| XD | Final         | Molly Goode & Nathan Wooster won the event!!                |
| GD | Round robin   | Molly Goode & Abbie Smith finished in Silver medal position |

Under 17 Bronze, Redbridge

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|----|---------------|--------------------------------------------|
| BS | Quarter final | Daniel Davey lost to Levi Hoang: 11-21     |
| GS | Quarter final | Laura Anderson lost to Rebekah Easy: 19-21 |

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

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of *On the Line!* The deadline for contributions to the April 2015 newsletter is Friday March 27, and they should be sent to John Stobo at: [J.R.Stobo@btinternet.com](mailto:J.R.Stobo@btinternet.com)