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Primary Schools Team Tournament

Sunday 27th April at Stevenage Leisure Centre

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A Surprise for Swifts!

As a Premier Club, Swifts had been entered into a draw at Badminton England for 2 tickets for the finals of the All England Championships. Much to our surprise and delight we were one of only 10 clubs in the country to be drawn to receive these tickets. To give everyone at Swifts a chance, we also ran a draw. Everyone interested put their names into a bag and one lucky winner was pulled out. Who was it? -

Simon Hodgkinson. We hope he and/or members of his family enjoy the day.

H.S.B.A. Tournaments

Barbara Lewczynska

Two thousand and eight got off to a good start with 3 sets of tournaments - U10 boys and girls doubles, U13 boys and girls 'B' singles and U15 boys and girls singles. The largest crowd appeared for the U13 boys 'B' singles. This is always a popular and exciting event and, since there are no county players allowed to enter and therefore no seeds, everyone has a chance.

Hitchin Boys, St Albans, Haberdashers' Aske's, Ralph Sadleir and Lochinver House were among the schools who entered quite large groups, with Bishops Stortford Boys, Dame Alice Owen, Marlborough, Aldenham and Beaumont fielding one or two. We started with 10 boxes with 4 or 5 players in each. There were some hard fought games and group winners were: Ben Smith, Daniel Farrugia, Janiv Shah, Vincent Chan, George Dobson, Nick Shone, James Abrams, Luke Short, James Finlayson and Alexander Lathem. Ben, Janiv, Daniel and Luke battled their way to the semis where Ben defeated Janiv and Luke beat Daniel both with a score of 21-14. It was a hard fought final with Ben coming out as winner.

Result

Final **Ben Smith** beat Luke Short 21-17
Semi-finalists were Janiv Shah and Daniel Farrugia
Plate Final Edward Lewis beat Daniel Gold 21-7

In the girls competition with just 10 entrants from Presdales, Ralph Sadleir, Dame Alice Owen, Chancellor's and Lodge Farm Primary, all the boxes showed some very close scores and the three group winners were Hannah Last, Summer Winkworth and Shayna Godin. Also into the main event went Katie Rowlands, Lucy Wheeler and Ellen Eales with the final honours going to Hannah. Three of the 4 girls in the plate were from Ralph Sadleir, but they were edged out by the younger Cayleigh Bambrick from Lodge Farm Primary.

Result

Final **Hannah Last** beat Shayna Godin 21-8
Semi-finalists were Summer Winkworth and Lucy Wheeler
Plate Final Cayleigh Bambrick beat Sophie Barker 21-13

In the U10 boys and girls doubles, where numbers are normally less (however, they tend to make up for this in decibels per child), Norton St Nicholas, Wilbury, Templewood, Knebworth, Lochinver House, Lodge Farm and Wheatfields all fielded players. They all played hard - particularly the girls in one box of 5 pairs, the winners being Ellie Makewell/Lia Willis who didn't drop a game.

The boys were in 3 groups of 4 and the group winners were Rajan Lal/Joseph Pridmore, Adam Benson/Kavit Borkhataria and Andrew Baird/Lewis Veale. Group runners-up Archie Preston/Henry Wood battled their way to the final for a re-match against Rajan/Joseph where this time they turned the tables on their opponents to become U10 doubles champions. The plate final was an all Wilbury affair with Liam Bishton/Macauley Denman as winners.

Result - Girls

1	Ellie Makewell / Lia Willis
2	Paige Taylor / Leah Tomlin
3	Oshini Kodituwakku / Serena Lall
4	Hope Cracknell / Jessica Marshall
5	Alex Daniels / Anneka Goater

Result - Boys

Final **Archie Preston/Henry Wood** beat Rajan Lal/Joseph Pridmore 21-18
Semi-finalists were Adam Benson/Kavit Borkhataria and Andrew Baird/Lewis Veale
Plate Final Liam Bishton/Macauley Denman beat Rhys Grindal/Riley Tolliday 21-14

Many thanks go to Marion Conway who, with the help of Conor Bambrick, kept the competitors on their toes in the bowls hall.

The U15 boys and girls singles were represented from schools far and wide across the county. In the U15 boys, the six boxes of 5 saw the seeds go through to the main event as expected - box winners being Elliot Miles, Nick Barnett, Daniel Regan, Steven George, Howard Stobo and Andrei Donko. We then saw some exciting, close games in the plate event with Dale Maddox and William Moss having fairly easy runs through to the final, with Dale running out as winner. In the main event, Elliott scraped through into the final, with Dale just beating Steven 15-14 to play Andrei who beat Dan in the other semi 15-4.

After a hard fought match, Elliott emerged as winner. I think Elliott was definitely on a mission with this one - to get the triple crown - he had already bagged both the U15 doubles and mixed titles earlier this season!!

Result

Final **Elliott Miles** beat Andrei Donko 15-10
Semi-finalists were Steven George and Daniel Regan
Plate Final Dale Maddox beat William Moss 15-5

Lastly in the U15 girls singles, our three boxes progressed as expected with Claire Widdicombe, Heather Myers and Kate Sellars winning the groups. In the plate Anjali Karnani beat fellow St Albans High pupil Charlotte Swift 21-11 to get to the final against Aimee Couch, who won a very close semi 21-19 against fellow Presdales pupil Emily Stacey and then went on to win the final in another close game. In the main event, newcomer Alison Cannon from Queenswood swept aside first Kate and then Heather to make it to the final. Claire Widdicombe, who had beaten Jessie Northen in the semi, had a very tough match against Alison, but it was, perhaps, Claire's tournament experience that helped her to become champion.

Result

Final **Claire Widdicombe** beat Alison Cannon 21-16
Semi-finalists were Jessie Northen and Heather Myers
Plate Final Aimée Couch beat Anjali Karnani 21-17

Thank you so much to our helpers on the day - Marion Conway, Conor Bambrick, Ken Winchester, Mr and Mrs Bambrick, John McCloskey, Kim Maughan, Tracey Barnett and anyone else we have forgotten to mention.

National Inter-Schools Competition - Area Round

Megan Lumb

Six boys teams competed in the area round of the Inter-Schools competition, played at Herts Sports Village in December. Two teams from both Turnford and St Albans competed along with Hitchin Boys and Chancellor's.

The four Chancellor's boys were Daniel Regan, Nick Barnett, Ben Lau and Gareth Lumb. Having had an emergency phone call from Gareth to bring some shuttles with me (which luckily weren't needed) I arrived at the HSV just after the tournament had started! Each match was 2 singles and 3 doubles. Games were to 21 or the number of points reached in 8 minutes, which sometimes gave weird and wonderful scores which had to be translated into so many points for a win and something different in the case of a draw. Chancellor's won their matches against St Albans 1 and 2 and Turnford 1 and 2 by 5 games to 0, then came the crunch against Hitchin Boys who had also won all their matches. Dan and Nick both won their singles 21-17 and 21-13 respectively. but the doubles went a bit awry. Gareth and Ben lost 11-21. 2-1 to Chancellor's. Dan and Ben followed suit and lost 14-21. Match score 2-2. It all depended on the last doubles. Gareth and Nick were always just slightly playing catch-up and with the score at 15-18 were beaten by the clock. The whistle went, play stopped and Hitchin had won the match 3-2 and would go forward to the county final to play against Haberdashers' Aske's who had won the other area round previously.

The county round was played on February 18th and the two sentence report sent in by Jackie Lansdown - coach of Hitchin Boys - reads as follows:

'We played the county final of the school's tournament this afternoon and I'm pleased to report that Hitchin Boys beat Haberdashers' Aske's boys 3-2. The team was the same as for the previous event: Ed Ringe, Tom Stewart, Oliver White, Ben Smith, Daniel Farrugia (reserve).'

Well done, Hitchin Boys and Good Luck in the regional round - we hope you win that too and get to the final.

U17s Make it Seven out of Seven

Phil Westwood

A 15-5 win over Lincolnshire on Sunday 10th February saw the U17 Squad complete their season's Shires League Group A programme unbeaten. The squad, lacking their three highest rated boys and highest ranked girl, made the long trek to Market Rasen and emerged with an emphatic win. This was a terrific squad performance, and the win duly confirmed their qualification for the finals on 12th April.

Senior Schools Competition

The HSBA tournaments for this season are now complete and the points gained by the pupils of the affiliated schools have been totalled. The results are as follows:

U15 Boys

1	St Albans	101
2	Chancellor's	89
3	Freman College	75
4	Haberdashers' Aske's	64
5	John Henry Newman	45
6	Knights Templar	41
7	Dame Alice Owen	37
8	Chauncy	35
9	Richard Hale	29
10	Bishops Stortford High	19
11	Lochinver House	13
12	Hertswood	9
13	Hitchin Boys	6

U15 Girls

1	St Albans Girls High	155
2	Dame Alice Owen	104
3	Presdales	79
4	Chauncy	58
5	Chancellor's	51
6	Queenswood	20

The U13's have seen some changes since the last tables. In fact, before the last tournament Dame Alice Owen girls had overtaken Chancellor's only for the positions to be reversed by the results of the final tournament. In the boys competition, Hitchin Boys had a late run and just missed out on 2nd place by 1 point. It was all very close at the top.

U13 Boys

1	Lochinver House	160
2	Haberdashers' Aske's	136
3	Hitchin Boys	135
4	St Albans	123
5	Dame Alice Owen	52
6	Chancellor's	36
7	Bishops Stortford High	23
8	Hertswood	17
9	Chauncy	16
10	Ralph Sadleir	12

U13 Girls

1	Chancellor's	194
2	Dame Alice Owen	169
3	Ralph Sadleir	61
4	St Albans Girls High	49
5	Presdales	30
6	Knights Templar	6

U15 Friendly Matches

Hitesh Shah

Phil Westwood kindly arranged some friendly matches against other counties for our B and C team players.

First match Herts lost to Surrey 4-16

Second match Herts lost to Sussex 8-12

Third match Herts beat Northants 18-2

There are still two more to play against Buckinghamshire and Essex in March

I would like to thank all the squad players who took part and hope you all keep improving and play your best for Herts.

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Eastern Region U14 Team Tournament

Shân Lumb

It was Sunday, 13th January, and after the usual moans of 'why do we have to get up so early?!' Gareth and I set off to Sudbury Leisure Centre in Suffolk. After having got completely lost around the one-way system, we finally arrived and met up with Hitesh and the rest of the team: Nick Barnett, Dale Maddox, Kate Sellars, Jessie Northern and Anna Collis.

Hitesh explained the format of the competition - 1 mixed, 1 boys doubles, 1 boys singles, 1 girls doubles and 1 girls singles against each county, best of 3 games to 15 points. We then started to play our first match which was against Cambridgeshire. We lost our mixed, boys singles and girls doubles, but won our girls singles and boys doubles after three nail biting games in each.

It was then on to play Essex 'B'. In this game, we won the mixed, boys singles and boys doubles, again after some very hard rallies. Anna tried brilliantly against her opponent and Jessie and a limping Kate (please don't fall down the stairs again, Kate!) battled against their opponents but just couldn't get the last few points to win.

We then had a chance to have a break while some of the other teams played against each other. After the brief lull, it was back to playing, this time against Norfolk. Again we managed to win the mixed, boys singles and boys doubles and Jessie nearly managed to win the girls singles, but with a 12-15, 15-12, 12-15 score just lost out in the end.

The next team we played was Essex 'A'. We started with the mixed which was won comfortably, then the boys singles and girls singles in which both Gareth and Anna played really hard respectively, but were unable to get the winning points. Nick and Dale played the boys doubles and after two games of 15-13, 15-14, it was 2 games all in Herts v Essex 'A' and then the controversy began! Each county had to name their playing order before each match started. As our girls doubles started, we realised that Essex had swapped one of their girls. After a fairly heated discussion between Hitesh and the Essex team manager, they swapped one of their girls (but the wrong one!). Gareth felt that the Herts players should stage a protest and all sit down on the courts, which Hitesh thought was funny but probably wouldn't have gone down well with the other counties. In the end, we lost this game, so Essex 'A' won the match.

We still had 2 other counties to play - Bedfordshire and Suffolk. After some very hard fought games we lost 3 games to 2 to Bedfordshire and also to Suffolk, with several of these matches having scores of 15-13 and 15-14.

As it was nearly six o'clock and the leisure centre staff were trying to lock us in for the night, we headed for the car and the one-way system back out of Sudbury towards the M11, M25 and home.

Thanks to Hitesh for organising, staying calm, encouraging and making the day fun for all.

Final result: Herts v Cambridgeshire 2-3
 Herts v Essex 'B' 3-2
 Herts v Norfolk 3-2
 Herts v Essex 'A' 2-3
 Herts v Bedfordshire 2-3
 Herts v Suffolk 2-3

Last HSBA Tournaments

U10 Boys Singles

Sairaj Kondan (U11 Squad/Creswick JMI School)

On Sunday, February 3, the HSBA U10 singles tournament took place at Stevenage Leisure Centre. Twenty five players participated and they were divided into five groups A, B, C, D, E and F, with most appearances from Lochinver House, Norton St Nicholas and Wilbury.

Archie Preston came first in group A, Kelvin Lee in group B, Sairaj Kondan in group C, Laurence Lee in group D, Zach Daniels in group E and Alex Bull in group F. Only eight players made it through to the quarter finals of the main event.

In the quarters Archie Preston beat Matthew Calver 21-6, Sairaj Kondan defeated Austin Ephgrave 21-8, Rajan Lal won against Laurence Lee 21-15 and Samuel Newlove overcame Kavita Borkhataria 21-14. Four players made it through to the semi-final of the main event.

The first match was between Sairaj and Archie. It was a very close match and in the end Sairaj won 21-18. Then it was Rajan against Samuel; this match was also very close, going into setting which Samuel won 22-20.

Sairaj and Samuel were in the final which Sairaj won.

In the Plate Event, Liam Bishton beat Henry Wood in the Final. It was a very interesting tournament and we thank all the organisers of the tournament and we thank everyone who participated too.

Results

Final **Sairaj Kondan** beat Samuel Newlove 21-6
Semi-finalists were Archie Preston and Rajan Lal

Plate Final Liam Bishton beat Henry Wood 21-12

U10 Girls Singles

Ellie Makewell (U11 Squad/Lodge Farm

Primary School)

On Sunday 3rd February, 17 girls took part in the U10 girls singles tournament at the Stevenage Leisure Centre. Most of them came from Norton St Nicholas and Wilbury Schools.

In the Plate Event each semi-final was Wilbury v Norton St Nicholas where Jessica Marshall beat Melissa Marvel 21-19 and Hope Cracknell beat Anneka Goater 21-7 which made it an all Norton St Nicholas final.

In the final, Jessica beat Hope.

In the Main Event Leah Tomlin beat first Aimee Hodgkinson 21-13, then Keya Patani 21-17 to reach the final. Ellie Makewell beat Oshini Kodituwakku 21-8 in the quarters and Lia Willis 21-11 in the semis.

In the final Ellie beat Leah easily to win the U10 girls singles title.

All the girls who took part in this tournament played extremely well and enjoyed themselves. They would like to thank all the organisers, helpers and supporters for making the event so enjoyable.

Results

Final **Ellie Makewell** beat Leah Tomlin 21-5
Semi-finalists were Keya Patani and Lia Willis

Plate Final Jessica Marshall beat Hope Cracknell 21-13

U13 Boys Singles

Conor Bambrick (U13 Squad/Nobel School)

The HSBA tournament held at the Stevenage Leisure Centre on February 3 was a very close and well-run competition. There was good behaviour, sportsmanship and a great array of matches to be watched, including a total of 46 matches in the round robin stages, 11 in the main event and 9 in the plate event. I got through to the final by beating Max Hodgkinson (just) 21-20 in the quarters and Mitch Chapman in the semis 21-15. David Maughan got through the other half of the draw beating Oliver White in the quarters 21-10 and Matthew Widdicombe 21-17 in the semis. I beat David to win the tournament. Vincent Chan beat Corran Goodson and George Rose and Kit Akin-Agunbiade beat Rishav Shah and Darius Faiz-Mahdavi to reach the final which Vincent won.

The organisers of the tournament, Roz Hodgkinson and Barbara Lewczynska, were extremely helpful on the day and Ken was also a big assistance as well. Overall it was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Results

Final **Conor Bambrick** beat David Maughan 21-9
Semi-finalists were Mitch Chapman and Matthew Widdicombe
Plate Final Vincent Chan beat Kit Akin-Agunbiade 21-19

No report from the U13 girls but

Fifteen players entered and played in three groups of 5 with Alex English, Georgia Pittson and Lexy Richards winning their boxes. Jessie Northen, Kirsty Southey and Hannah Last joined them in the main event where Jessie beat Hannah in the quarters and lost to Alex in the semis. Kirsty beat Georgia and followed it up by beating Lexy to meet Alex in the final which Alex won. In the plate event, Lizzie Airey came through to the final beating Renu Dhall-Chopra and Pui Yi Tam enroute and Chloe Bungey beat Summer Winkworth and Hannah McLaren on her way to the final, where Lizzie ran out winner.

Results

Final **Alex English** beat Kirsty Southey 21-14
Semi-finalists were Jessie Northen and Lexy Richards
Plate Final Lizzie Airey beat Chloe Bungey 21-14

U15 National Team Challenge

Hitesh Shah (U15 Squad Manager)

The regional round was played way back on Saturday, November 24, at Brandon Leisure Centre in Suffolk. The players were Ryan McCarthy, Elliott Miles, Andrei Donko, Daniel Hatt, Emily Westwood, Isabelle Sadler, Heather Myers and Jo En Choi. They performed so well that we beat all the counties - Bedfordshire, Essex, Norfolk, Northants and Suffolk without a hitch, which got us into finals of the U15 National Team Challenge.

The final took place on Saturday February 16. The squad this time was almost the same apart from Heather Myers - we called in Claire Widdicombe to play instead. This time, it wasn't easy as the best two teams from each regional were there. The teams were split into two boxes with six counties in each. The best two of each group would go into the top box, the third and fourth place would go into the second box and the last two from the group stages would go into the bottom box. That would give the overall counties standings. We were drawn against Nottinghamshire, Surrey, Warwickshire, Cheshire and Devon.

The Hertfordshire team looked immaculate in their new sponsored ice blue and red flamenco shirts and the blue and grey tracksuits which were borrowed from the U17 squad.

We would like to thanks to Marc McCarthy (Ryan's Dad) for getting us a sponsorship for the shirts. The company that sponsored us was 'Informa Group'. We managed to get the shirts sorted out in less than ten days.

The match consisted of three mixed doubles, one boys and girls singles and two boys and girls doubles, making a rubber of seven games, each game played to 21 with no setting.

We won the first match against Devon 5-2, losing two very close games to 19 and 20. The second match against Cheshire we again won 5-2. The third match against Warwickshire was closer, Herts winning 4-3, then Notts - again 5-2. The last game we had to play was against Surrey and Herts lost 3-4. But we came very close with two games to 19 points but could not get a win.

To our surprise we thought we had made it into the top group for the final round as we had beaten all the counties apart from one. Everything depended on the actual games won and lost and we lost out by one game, ending in the 2nd box playing against Yorkshire, Essex and Cheshire. We took 5th position overall, beating Essex 5-2 and Yorkshire 4-3.

Finally I would like to thank all the players who performed so well and also Phil, who helped me with the players grading and team selection. Thanks, too, to Tony Clarke who came to support and give the players good sound advice and help towards their games. I would also like to thank Marc McCarthy for his generosity and sponsorship via the company INFORMA GROUP.

Well done U15 Team.

U15 Ten Pin Bowling

During the Christmas Holidays, Hitesh organised a Ten Pin Bowling competition for the U15s in Watford.

Hayley Ladd won the tournament receiving a nice racket sponsored by Hitesh and various prizes were presented to other competitors.

Roller Coaster Ride for the U13 County Squad

Marion Conway

At the start of the Season we had high hopes of some good results in the Shires League. We had some experienced players and others who were improving very fast. Our first match went very well; an 18-2 win against Cambridgeshire. A very good start to the season..

Our match against Derbyshire went well too. We won 15-5. Our third match which was against Leicestershire was more of a problem as most of our girls were unavailable, as was one of top boys. However thanks to Eleanor Fitton, an U11 Squad Member, we had a complete team. Our boys had a good day and won most of their matches which included two walk overs. The girls fought hard but struggled and won none except in the mixed doubles. In the end it was a 10-10 draw.

In our match against Nottinghamshire we were able to play a strong team but so did Notts, so the result was a draw again. Against Lincolnshire there were further problems as they were having difficulty raising a team, but as there were no spaces in the calendar the date could not be changed. They arrived with a depleted side but with two very strong boys. Mark Sadler was rapidly called in to strengthen our boys team. The match was further complicated by Lincs sharing players with the U15 match which was running at the same time. It was a very frustrating day for our players who had fewer games than usual and had to hang about waiting to play. Our players had to be there so that we could claim the conceded games. In the end the score was 18-2 to Herts. Fortunately our match against Norfolk ran smoothly and we won 20-0.

Our final group match was against Suffolk who have a strong team and had only lost one match. We really needed to beat them but our top two boys were unlikely to be available owing to a two day gold tournament in Sheffield. There was also an U13B match, as well as other players being committed to BE tournaments. The match started very evenly and was 2 - 2 after the mixed. Singles came next and Conor Bambrick gave their number one and grade one boy a fright by winning the second end and only losing 12-21 in the third game. David Maughan also lost in the third, having won the second game 30-29.! The girls, however, won all their singles giving us a 2 game edge and we held this, thanks to the girls, to the end of the match which we won 11-9.

Will we qualify for the finals? YES! and it has been worked out that it will be as winners - this will be confirmed on March 16th.

Well done to everyone who played and thanks to the parents for juggling matches, tournaments and other commitments to make it possible.

U15 Shires League Matches

Hitesh Shah (U15 Squad Manager)

All the Shires league matches have been played and we have won all but one of our games. The shires league tables are divided into four regional areas in which there are eight counties. They each play one match of twenty games against all the other counties in the group. The format four mixed, four girls and boys singles and four boys and girls doubles, playing the best of 3 games to 21 points with setting. Each win against another county gives you two points, a loss is no points and for a draw the counties get a point each.

Our first match fixture was in September with the last one in February. The counties we had to play were Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Suffolk.

Our fixture secretary, Phil Westwood, sorted out all the fixtures, played on Sundays for at least four hours or more.

Results: Herts 18 Cambridgeshire 2
 Herts 11 Derbyshire 9

Herts 18 Leicestershire 2
Herts 9 Nottinghamshire 11
Herts 16 Norfolk 4
Herts 20 Lincolnshire 0
Herts 13 Suffolk 7

John Stobo and I managed the team for the day. A helping hand towards coaching, sorting out the team and deciding who would play with whom was all down to the team managers. The rest was left to our Hertfordshire squad players to go and do their best to win the matches. John and I were very happy with the results they gave us.

The team players were: Andrei Donko, Steven George, Daniel Hatt, Ryan McCarthy, Elliot Miles, Daniel Regan, Howard Stobo, Lisa Bullen, Jo En Choi, Hayley Ladd, Heather Myers, Isabelle Sadler, Kate Sellars, Emily Westwood and Claire Widdicombe, At the moment we are in first place in the table with 12 points and hopefully we should be going to the National Finals of the shires league which will take place on April 6.

More U15 Results

Gloucestershire U14 Invitation Doubles

Steven George/Howard Stobo - semi-finalists
Nick Barnett/Daniel Hatt - runners-up

Avon U15 Invitation Doubles

Andrei Donko/Daniel Hatt - semi-finalists losing to:
Ryan McCarthy/Elliott Miles - winners

Heather Myers/Claire Widdicombe - runners-up

Tournament Results

There is a distinct lack of individual tournament results being sent to me. The only one received is the following:

Lyall Daniels/Ben Spencer won a silver medal in the U13 Bronze boys' doubles event in Essex just before Christmas.

Well done, boys - and thanks, Geoff, for sending it in.

From the editor:

Thanks to all those who contributed to this newsletter - Conor Bambrick, Marion Conway, Sairaj Kondan, Barbara Lewczynska, Shân Lumb, Ellie Makewell, Hitesh Shah and Phil Westwood.

There are plenty of tournaments still going on until the end of the season (if there is an end to the season these days) so it would be appreciated if reports/results could be sent in to the editor so that the newsletter can continue to be published.

Please note the new dates for the County trials and remember that the AGM will be coming up in June. Closing date for items for the next newsletter is **Friday, May 23**.

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H.S.B.A. COUNTY TRIALS

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All Junior County Trials will be in the Summer Term
These will be for the season 2008/09 starting in September 2008

U11 Squad/Development Training

Players born in **1998** or **1999** or younger - Wednesday, April 9 and April 16

Time: 5.30 - 7.30 pm at the Herts Sports Village

Squad training for this age group is weekly at this time and venue

Contact: Sangeeta Dhall 01462 684804

email: sangeeta.d@ntlworld.com

U12/U13 Squad

Players born in **1996/1997** - Wednesday, April 9

Time: 6 - 8 pm at the Herts Sports Village (Some players may be asked to return the following week)

Squad training for this age group is weekly at this time and venue

Contact: Duncan or Marion Conway 01707 652061

email: mconway2@sky.com

U14/U15 Squad

Players born in **1994/1995**

Trials are provisionally on Sunday, June 1 at St Albans Girls High School

Contact: Hitesh Shah 0208 907 7790

Mobile: 07947 722376

John Stobo 01707 332665

U16/U17 Squad

Players born in **1992/1993**

Trials are on Sunday, May 18

Time: 10 am - 12 noon at the Herts Sports Village

Contact: Pat Walker 01992 422073

email: pat.walker@auchy.com

Tony Clarke 01992 586727

Details of all trials will be on the website: www.hertsjuniorbadminton.co.uk

To be considered for the County Squads
ALL PLAYERS MUST ATTEND THE TRIALS
FOR THEIR OWN AGE GROUP