



# On the Line!

## Newsletter of Hertfordshire Schools Badminton Association

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Welcome to the first edition of the HSBA newsletter, relaunched for 2011/12 as "On the Line!" Future editions will be published at three month intervals and from September 2012, these will be in October, January, April and July of each season.

### Badminton England junior tournaments

*On the Line!* reports the achievements of HSBA squad members who reach the knock-out stage of events played initially in boxes or the quarter finals of events played in straight knock-out format. As there has been a considerable delay in publication since the new editorial team assumed responsibility for the newsletter, there are many successes on which to report.

#### Under 17 Gold, Milton Keynes

BS	Semi-final	Mark Sadler lost to Angus Pedersen: 17-21, 14-21
MX	Finals	Conor Bambrick and Jenny Moore won the event!!
BD	Quarter final	Mark Sadler & Ben Garnham lost to Ben Lane & Sean Vandy: 21-17, 22-24, 12-21
	Semi-final	Conor Bambrick & George Isherwood lost to Ben Lane & Sean Vandy: 11-21, 11-21

#### Under 17 Gold, Loughborough

BS	Round 2	Matthew Widdicombe lost to David Robertson: 18-21, 21-11, 19-21
BS*	Semi-final	Conor Bambrick lost to Farid Akroum: 21-19, 14-21, 17-21
	Semi-final	Mark Sadler lost to Michael Roe: 13-21, 22-20, 15-21
MX	Final	Conor Bambrick & Brodie Miller lost to Farid Akroum & Joshwey Bong: 21-16, 14-21, 15-21
	Quarter final	Mark Sadler & Chloe Rothery lost to Conor Bambrick & Brodie Miller: 16-21, 15-21
BD	Semi-final	Conor Bambrick & George Isherwood lost to Farid Akroum & Michael Roe: 17-21, 15-21
	Final	Mark Sadler & Ben Garnham lost to Farid Akroum & Michael Roe: 21-23, 14-21

Under 17 Gold, Essex

BS	Semi-final	Matthew Widdicombe lost to Reece Wiggins: 18-21, 11-21
BS*	Semi-final	Conor Bambrick lost to Farid Akroum: 11-21, 15-21
MX	Quarter final	Mark Sadler & Chloe Rothery lost to Mathias Moldt Baskjaer & Paige Butler: 12-21, 18-21
	Final	Conor Bambrick and Jenny Moore won the event!!
BD	Final	Conor Bambrick & George Isherwood lost to Sean Vendy & Sam Parsons: 10-21, 18-21
	Semi-final	Mark Sadler & Ben Garnham lost to Conor Bambrick & George Isherwood: 15-21, 13-21
	Quarter final	Matthew Widdicombe & Lyall Daniels lost to Peter Clegg & Stuart Holden: 21-16, 5-21, 6-21

Under 17 Gold, Nottinghamshire

BS	Quarter final	Matthew Widdicombe lost to John Spawton: 14-21, 17-21
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Under 13 Silver, Kent

GS	Semi-final	Keya Patani lost to Alexandra Berry: 8-15, 15-11, 6-15
GD	Final	Keya Patani & Freya Patel-Redfearn won the event!!

Under 13 Silver, Hampshire

GD	Final	Keya Patani & Freya Patel-Redfearn lost to Alexandra Berry & Emily Easton: 13-15, 8-15
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Under 13 Silver, Middlesex

BS	Quarter final	Christopher Adey lost to Ethan Solly: 15-10, 8-15, 13-15
GS	Final	Keya Patani won the event!!
MX	Final	Christopher Adey & Ellen Jennings won the event!!

Under 13 Silver, Essex

BSx	Semi-final	Christopher Adey lost to William Jones: 12-15, 7-15
GS	Final	Keya Patani lost to Ellen Jennings: 15-13, 15-17, 7-15
GD	Final	Keya Patani & Freya Patel-Redfearn won the event!!

Under 13 Silver, West Midlands

GSx	Semi-final	Keya Patani lost to Katie Whiteman: 10-15, 13-15
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Under 13 Silver, Herts

GD	Final	Keya Patani & Freya Patel-Redfearn lost to Guari Morjaria & Sita Morjaria: 7-15, 15-11, 12-15
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Under 13 Silver, Oxfordshire

BS	Final	Pranav Kumar lost to Charlie Shan: 17-21
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Under 13 Silver, Surrey

GS	Quarter final	Keya Patani lost to Freya Patel-Redfearn: 11-15, 5-15
MX	Final	Chris Adey & Ellen Jennings won the event!!
	Final	Keya Patani & Brandon Ngooi lost to Chris Adey & Ellen Jennings: 13-15, 15-17
BSx	Final	Chris Adey lost to Brandon Ngooi: 7-15, 17-19

Under 13 Silver, East London

BS	Semi-final	Pranav Kumar lost to Brodie McGuire: 15-6, 8-15, 14-15
GS	Semi-final	Keya Patani lost to Alice Xu: 13-15, 6-15
GD	Final	Key Patani & Freya Patel-Redfearn won the event!!

Under 17 Silver, Essex

GD	Semi-final	Cayleigh Bambrick & Chloe Sidwell lost to Catherine Bailey & Rebecca Terry: 13-15, 7-15
BS	Round 2	Lyall Daniels lost to: Elliot Harris: 15-17, 15-9, 15-17
	Semi-final	Matthew Widdicombe lost to Harrison Simcock: 11-15, 17-15, 4-15
GS	Semi-final	Philippa English lost to Neelam Kaur: 6-15, 15-7, 11-15

Under 17 Silver, Warwickshire

BS	Semi-final	Matthew Widdicombe lost to Angus Pedersen: 15-14, 11-15, 12-15
BD	Quarter final	Matthew Widdicombe & Tom Hinks lost to A Stewart & M Vacher: 15-10, 10-15, 14-15

Under 17 Silver, Yorkshire

BD	Final	Matthew Widdicombe & Tom Hinks won the event!!
MX	Final	Matthew Widdicombe & P Warman won the event!!

Under 17 Silver, Anglia

BD	Final	Matthew Widdicombe & Tom Hinks won the event!!
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Under 17 Silver, Sussex

BD	Semi-final	Matthew Widdicombe & Lyall Daniels lost to Samuel Hampton & Thomas Phillips: 11-15, 11-15
BS	Quarter final	Matthew Widdicombe lost to Tristan Taylor: 15-11, 12-15, 14-16

Under 15 Bronze, Bournemouth

BS	Quarter final	Daniel Fox lost to David Blair: 7-21
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Under 15 Bronze, Bedfordshire

BS	Quarter final	Daniel Fox lost to Zachary Pallier: 13-21
	Round 2	Sam Newlove lost to Rohan Gupta: 20-22
GS	Quarter final	Renu Dhall Chopra lost to Kathryn Adamson: 12-21
BD	Quarter final	Rishi Choudhury & Duncan Williams lost to Lorenzo Sacco & Henry Skinner: 12-21
		Andrew Baird & Sam Newlove lost to William Manners & Ben Richards: 13-21

Under 15 Bronze, Wiltshire

BS	Quarter final	Duncan Williams lost to: Liam Sillifant: 18-21
BD	Final	Duncan Williams & Rishi Choudhury lost to Aidan Gibbons & William Fryer: 15-21

Under 15 Bronze, Cambridgeshire

BS	Round 2	Daniel Fox lost to Jacob Dalton Finney: 18-21
BD	Final	Andrew Baird & Ryan Newcombe lost to Zachary Pallier & Christopher Wood: 18-21

Under 15 Bronze, Essex

BS	Quarter final	Andrew Baird lost to William Manners: 20-22
	Round 2	Sam Newlove lost to Adnaan Osman: 16-21
BD	Quarter final	Duncan Williams & Terence Ng lost to Oliver Phillips & James Smith: 16-21

Under 15 Bronze, Northamptonshire

BS	Final	Duncan Williams won the event!!
	Round 2	Andrew Baird lost to Steven Genever: 19-21

### Under 15 Bronze, Kent

BS	Semi-final	Andrew Baird lost to Patrick Pinder: 15-21
	Quarter final	Sam Newlove lost to Patrick Pinder: 15-21
		Daniel Fox lost to Teja Sharwin Vaddavalli: 16-21
BD	Final	Andrew Baird & Sam Newlove won the event!!

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

### Herts U17s have Style at RIO

**Pat Walker (Team manager)**

It was a 7am start for the U17 team travelling to York for the RIO team tournament on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012. A train ride, a short walk to the Railway Institute and the Herts team were ready for their first match against Notts at 10.15.

The team got off to an excellent start by beating Notts 11-4 and it was straight into the next match against Surrey. Another victory for Herts, this time 9-6 and Chris had to wash his mouth out when the words 'come on Essex' slipped out by mistake. With our next match taking place on different courts we needed Philippa to help us make the decision 'shall we move all the bags over there or leave them here'. There was no rest for the team as they now faced Warwickshire who were a little too strong for us, giving Herts their first defeat with a close 9-6 result.

It was then a walk to the hotel and a well-earned 3 course roast dinner. While a lot of the players were getting themselves ready for the disco, Izzy and Libby settled down for a quiet evening in pjs in front of the tv.

The Sunday morning 7.30am wake up would have gone to plan if Geoff hadn't brought a silent alarm with him. Everyone made it to breakfast even David who had needed extra persuasion from Hugo to get out of bed.

The Herts team came out fighting against Yorkshire with Matt and Georgia taking the first mixed in an exciting 3 ends and then Conor winning the first boys singles again in 3 ends. The rest of the team, even David, were cheering them on with every point. But our final result was a 10-5 defeat and it was time to queue for chicken nuggets, chips and ice cream. The afternoon and the last match of the tournament which was against Bucks. I would like to say more but we have agreed never to talk about it!

As Hannah gave her inspired captain's speech to tell us that all had been said and there was nothing more to add, and Mark corrected Cayleigh on her use of the English language, we now had the awards ceremony. All 8 teams received medals for taking part. The winner's trophy went to Yorkshire and 2 good sportsmanship trophies were awarded to individual players. Then came the style awards where Herts achieved success, Hugo for his fur hat and pink rimmed sunglasses (worn off the court) and Conor for his shorts which were either bright pink or bright orange (worn on the court).

A short walk to York station and we were back in Stevenage at 7.30pm.

### Team

Conor Bambrick (capt), Mark Sadler, Matt Widdicombe, Lyall Daniels, Hugo Weaver, David Maughan.  
Hannah McLaren (capt), Georgia Pittson, Philippa English, Cayleigh Bambrick, Izzy Hatt, Libby Jennings.

**Coaches** – Chris Dakin and Geoff Daniels.

### Final placings –

1. Yorks 2. Bucks 3. Warwicks 4. Herts 5. Lancs 6. Lothian 7. Surrey 8. Notts

## **RIO – The player's view**

**Hugo Weaver**

RIO was a weekend to remember for various different reasons, whether it was the amazing badminton, the disco, the unbelievably early wake up calls or the fact that nobody could hear anything other than Philippa's bugle! With the train leaving at an un-heard of early time of 7:20 on a Saturday morning, there were a lot of tired faces, and in true David style, being the last to arrive, our trip to York started

RIO was everything and more than what we expected with some great camaraderie off court, some great team talks from team captains Hannah and Conor, and some jaw dropping badminton on court. Matt and Cayleigh helped in some of the shouting which included 'DEEEENNNCCCHHH', 'Stop it' and 'That is naughty!' to name a few. Hertfordshire finished 4<sup>th</sup>, which was a good result, so not only did we pick up a medal for that but we also won 2 best styled awards, one for Conor's pink shorts and the other for Hannah's hat beautifully modelled by Hugo with his own sunglasses to top it off! All in all the trip was only possible with the help of the coaches, Pat, Chris and Geoff so a very big thank you to them otherwise we could not have so much fun at the weekend and cannot wait till next year!

## **Under 15 Team Challenge regional round**

**John Stobo (Joint team manager)**

Our opponents for the regional round of this national team tournament included Essex, as ever, and on paper they appeared to represent the stiffest challenge. So it proved on the day, though all matches were demanding, with every opposing county offering a hard fight. In these circumstances, Hitesh and I were very pleased with the results of the team's first four matches, as follows:

Herts 6 – 1 Northamptonshire

Herts 6 – 1 Bedfordshire

Herts 6 – 1 Norfolk

Herts 6 – 1 Suffolk

Our final match was against Essex, who had likewise won every match up to that point, and we suffered our only defeat of the day, by 2 – 5. Perhaps there was an element of fatigue in some of our play in this match: earlier in the day we had prevailed in a number of very close games, but versus Essex all the tight games went against us. Nonetheless, it was a good achievement by the Herts team, with some strong performances by all members of the team and in all the disciplines: boys and girls singles and doubles, plus mixed doubles. As runners-up, Herts qualified for the national finals, and we look forward to some tough competition in the finals, which are to be held at Hertfordshire Sports Village on Sunday 25 March.

Team: Heidi De Sousa, Renu Dhall Chopra, Daniel Fox, Jack Goode, Izzy Hatt, William Pickworth, Sophie Vernon, Duncan Williams

## **Hatfield Bronze Festival, Monday 13 – Thursday 16 February**

*On the Line!'s correspondents were at every day of this exciting four-day tournament, and their reports follow.*

### **Monday 13 February, Under 15 Boys**

**Greg Benson**

The Hatfield Bronze Festival was a great day (or number of days as there were so many participants). The Boys' Singles, with 12 boys from Hertfordshire entering, were of a very high standard. Unfortunately for me, I just missed out on getting through my box, winning my first two games 21-12 and 21-13, but then losing my last game closely 21-16, putting me second in my box. Another player who just missed out on getting through his box was Andrew Baird who came second by just one point – a very close contest! Harry Knell-Jones also had a similar run.

Jonathan De Costa, Austin Ephgrave, Daniel Fox, Edgar Titterton, Brett Maisey, Lathen Mahalingham and Senthuran Thayapparan all played some very good games, but luck was not on their side at Hatfield, as they found themselves in very difficult boxes where they came up against some stiff competition. The standard of play was high overall and everyone showed good fighting spirit. Sam Newlove had an impressive tournament and played some brilliant games. He got through his group into the quarter finals, but unfortunately lost out 21-14 to a great player.

The Boys' Doubles went very well with five Hertfordshire pairs entering. Austin Ephgrave and Edger Titterton did incredibly well and managed to get through their box, but sadly lost their quarter final game 21-18, a close game. The other Herts pairs did very well, but just missed out on qualifying.

The day went very well and provided the spectators with some top quality badminton to watch. Congratulations to everyone who took part. A huge thank to everyone who helped to organise the event, especially the Widdicombes. It was very enjoyable.

### ***Tuesday 14 February, Under 15 Girls***

***Francesca Farlie & Heidi De Sousa***

In what could be one of the coldest venues ever to host a badminton tournament, 9 Hertfordshire girls entered the U15 tournament. The day started with girls level doubles. Keya Patani and her Cheshire doubles partner won 2 games, 21-14 and 21-11, but unfortunately narrowly missed out qualifying for their box. Heidi De Sousa and Francesca Farlie had 3 very close games, but sadly only winning one game overall, with a great score of 21-9. Tanisha Gearing with Krishni Thayapparan and Emily Clarke with Victoria Clayton also tried very hard but did not succeed in getting out of their box, but gained valuable experience.

Thankfully singles went much better. A special mention to Sophie Vernon, who managed to win her box, 21-8, 21-17 and 21-18, but got beaten to the post in the next round where she lost 21-18. A brave effort from Monique Maisey from U13 should also be noticed, winning only won game, but winning it with a fantastic score of 21-6. Keya again did well in singles, as did Emily C and Francesca. Victoria, Tanisha and Heidi were all put in very hard boxes, but they fought hard and achieved some good results.

Well done all Herts girls, better luck in the tournaments to come. A big thank you on behalf of all of us to the parents and friends, who came to support and braved the sub-zero temperatures of that freezing sports hall!

### ***Wednesday 15 February, Under 17 Boys***

***Liam & Nathan Scofield***

The day started with the tradition of roadwork problem on the M25 although the majority of the morning players did manage to arrive on time. We arrived to a freezing hall (due to a leak) and the boys went straight onto the court for warming up.

The tournament consisted of 2 sessions of Singles game: 36 players playing in the morning session and a further 36 players playing in the afternoon= 72 Single players in total. Nine Herts players took part and it was great to see that 5 of the players (Andrew Baird, Sam Newlove, Daniel Fox, Duncan Williams + Christopher Adey) were from the U15 Herts team and the U17 players were Liam + Nathan Scofield, Wesley Chang and David Maughan. Everyone won at least one game in their box with the exception of Daniel Fox and Sam Newlove who both won two games. Daniel had a very close game against David Farr losing just 19-21. Sam also had a narrow loss to Timothy Mooney 16-21 which caused him to lose to Jason Hau by one point in his box. The two finalists of the mornings singles were between two Oxfordshire team mates, Sam Stroudley and Daniel Chen. The final was a very exhilarating game with Sam taking the lead but the game turned around in the second half giving Daniel Chen the win 21-16 in the end.

Our only Herts player playing in the afternoon session was David Maughan winning one game and had a very close game against Dale Turner(BD) losing just 21-18. Dale went on to win his group box and progressed into the final but unfortunately lost to Sean Chal (BD)21-17, who was the winner of the boys afternoon session Singles.

The Doubles started at 2pm with 26 pairs participating. The Herts boys showed good strength of teamwork and everyone again won at least one game in their box, having a few close losses. They were encouraging each other and there were great displays of camaraderie. A special note need to be mentioned for Andrew Baird and his partner David Ip who played exceptionally well to win their box and managed to go onto the semi-final rounds. They lost to Ferris/Jones (WI) who went on to win the Doubles category but a special "Well done" to Andrew & David to get to that stage and beating other U17 players. Another U17 pair, Liam Scofield and Wesley Chang also had a good start in their doubles by beating Sinclair(BD)/Thomas (Ox) 30-26. They had to play up to 30 points due to one pair dropping out of their box. The next game was a nailbiting game and the pair fought hard with several leads in the first half. Sadly they lost 28-30, missing the chance to win their box group by two points.

It was a long day for those playing in the singles and doubles but we think everyone enjoyed the tournament what with Matthew W. selling doughnuts and hot chocolate to keep us going.

Well done to all the Herts players and wishing everyone good luck in the next tournament.

### **Thursday 16 February, Under 17 Girls**

**Ying Cen Tee**

On 16<sup>th</sup> it was the girls' turn to shine! Five Herts girls participated in the doubles events which began exactly at 10am. Although there were not as many participants as usual, there were still strong competition which resulted in Hannah and Georgia missing out on getting out of their box by just one vital point, losing in a close 21-20 match. Laura and I gave a good fight with some very close games but not enough to get us out of our box. Unfortunately, Cayleigh and her partner from Wiltshire could not get out of their box either. Putting aside the losses, we positively began the second half of the day, the singles. We were joined by Lia from U15. All of us put a strong front with close games once again with Cayleigh and Lia making it through to the quarters. However they did not make it into the semis due to the high standard of other participants.

Thanks to Alison and Paul for holding this event. Their excellent organisation which helped in the smooth progression of the games throughout the day and well done to all who participated and all the supporters who were there!

### **HSBA Age-group tournaments, Autumn term 2011/12**

**Barbara Lewczynska**

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

There were four boxes in the U13 Boys competition, which meant a nice straightforward draw. In the main competition Chris Adey (Monks Walk) had a fairly easy run to the final, but was pushed all the way by the runner up Pranav Kumar (QE Boys), just edging it at 21-19. In the plate competition, some very close games meant that it was not as easy to predict who the winner would be, but finally Luke Meehan (Verulum) won in a close match against Jacob Harper (Priory). The girls competition had fourteen competitors. The main event was won by Sophie Vernon (Roundwood Park) and the plate event by Monique Maisey (Monks Walk).

The U18 competition ran throughout the day starting with the singles, then the doubles and finally the mixed. Although the entry was small the competition was fierce. Mark Sadler (St Albans) won the boys championship, with a victory over Matthew Widdicombe (Chauncey), and Andrew Maughan (Sherrardswood) won the plate section. In the Girls singles, the box of five was won by Philippa English (Dame Alice), and the runner-up was Cayleigh Bambrick (Nobel).

The boys doubles saw Mark Sadler claiming his second victory of the day, partnered by Matthew Widdicombe, with the plate going to Daniel Fox (Verulam) and Sam Newlove (Townsend). After some persuading, Philippa English and Cayleigh Bambrick played Pui Yi Tam and Ying Cen Tee for the girls doubles trophy, with Philippa claiming her second trophy of the day. Finally at the end of a long afternoon Mark Sadler managed to secure a hat trick with partner Georgia Pittson when he won the mixed doubles as well.

As a result of this days results the U18 schools trophy went to St Albans for the boys and Dame Alice Owens for the girls.

**Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>**

The U11 girls singles, in a box of five was won by Molly Goode (Tewin Cowper), closely followed by Harriet Bell (Breechwood Green), and in the boys competition, brother Harry Goode beat Rian Devram (Habs) to claim the trophy. The Boys plate winner was Joe Moore.

The U13 B singles (closed to county players) was won by Mark Amer (Fearnhill) in the main event and Shanil Panara (Parmiters) in the plate. The girls winner was Madelaine Powell (Highfield) for the main and Eleanor McArdle (Sir John Laws) for the plate.

The final competitions of the day were the U15 doubles and mixed events. Jack Goode (brother of Harry and Molly) with partner William Pickworth were the victors in the main event, whilst the plate event went to Shaneal Zaveri and Sajan Rajani (Habs). The girls event, again smaller but with a range of schools and ages, was won by Renu Dhall-Chpra and Isabel Hatt (Nicholas Breakspear), and the plate by Emily Clarke (Simon Balle) and Aimee Hodgkinson (Sherradswood). Finally the mixed doubles gave the Goode family their fourth trophy of the day when Jack, partnered by Isabel Hatt won the main competition, whilst Sophie Vernon and Sam Newlove won the plate

**Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Following hard on the heels of the last competition, the U15 singles had an entry of eight boxes for the boys and three for the girls. After a long morning for the boys, victory finally went to Jack Goode in the singles, runner up Daniel Fox, and in the plate Brett Maisey (Monks Walk ) was the victor. The girls competition was won by Lia Willis (St Albans Girls) and the plate event by Victoria Clayton (St Georges)

The U11 Boys doubles (the girls competition was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of entries) was won by James Penver and Jamie Gall, the plate by Tobias Goddard and Joe Moore.

*Following this round of tournaments, the Senior School points position for the various age groups were as follows:*

Under 18, final positions

Girls		Position	Boys	
School	Points		School	Points
Dame Alice Owen	66	1	St Albans	75
Nobel	58	2	Sherrardswood	66
Royal Masonic	33	3	Chauncy	65
Bishops Hatfield	31	4	St Christopher	45
Chancellor's	25	5	Fearnhill Mount Grace	36
Nicholas Breakspear	20	6		
St Clement Danes	16	7	Stanborough	27
North London Collegiate	11	8	Hitchin Boys	24
		9	Hitchin College	20
		10	Barnwell	12
		11	John Henry Newman	9
		12	Haileybury College Townsend Verulam	8
		15	Beaumont	4
		16	Parmiters	2
		17	Haberdashers' Aske's	1



Under 15, after 3 tournaments

Girls		Position	Boys	
School	Points		School	Points
Hitchin Girls	57	1	St Albans	129
North London Collegiate	56	2	Hitchin Boys	118
Nicholas Breakspear	50	3	Richard Hale	75
Royal Masonic	49	4	Verulam	70
St Albans Girls	47	5	Beaumont	52
Roundwood Park	44	6	Monks Walk	46
St Albans Girls High	37	7	Haberdashers' Aske's	42
St George's	24	8	Townsend	40
Haberdashers' Aske's Girls	19	9	Watford Boys Grammar	37
Simon Balle	18	10	St Clement Danes	28
Monks Walk St Clement Danes	13	11	Haileybury College	16
		12	Knights Templar	15
Dame Alice Owen	11	13	Marlborough	14
Knights Templar	10	14	Stratton Upper	13
Sherrardswood	8	15	Dame Alice Owen	10
Presdales	4	16	Roundwood Park	6
		17	Parmiters	4
		18	Ashmole John Henry Newman Onslow St Audrey's	3
		21	Chancellor's Priory Sir John Lawes	2

Under 13, after 2 tournaments

Girls		Position	Boys	
School	Points		School	Points
St Albans Girls High	32	1	Monks Walk	49
Ralph Sadleir	26	2	Turnford	43
Highfield Roundwood Park	25	3	Queen Elizabeth Boys	31
		4	Fearnhill	27
Parmiters	22	5	Sir John Lawes	26
North London Collegiate	20	6	Parmiters	24
Knights Templar St George's	16	7	Verulam St Albans	21
St Clement Danes Thomas Alleyne	13	9	Hitchin Boys John Warner Lochinver House Stanborough	16
Sir John Lawes	11	11		
Monks Walk	8	12		
Kings Langley St Albans Girls Sir Frederic Osborn	4	13	Mount Grace Onslow St Audrey's Simon Balle	13
Mount Grace	2	16	Ralph Sadleir	8
Chancellor's Priory Rickmansworth	6	17		
Haberdashers' Aske's Townsend	2 2	20		

## BE grading promotions

Congratulations to the following squad members who achieved promotions in the grading list published by Badminton England in December 2011:

### Under 17

To grade 1 Matthew Widdicombe  
To grade 3 Libby Jennings

### Under 13

To grade 2 Christopher Adey  
To grade 3 Max Ansell, Rees Clarke, Zach Daniels, Brendan Ho, Jack Kimber, April Miller, Alex Peat, Pranav Santhosh Kumar, Esmee Stevens, Nathan Wooster

## Dates fixed for trials for next season!

Trials for HSBA Under 11, Under 15 and Under 17 squads for the 2012/13 season will be held at Hertfordshire Sports Village on Sunday 10 June 2012. Trials will start at 10.00 hours for those born in 1996 and 1997 (Under 17 players), at 12.00 hours for those born in 2002 and later (Under 11 players) and at 14.00 hours for those born in 1998 and 1999 (Under 15 players). U13 Trials will be held in early September, and the date will be publicised once fixed. Every player who wishes to be a member of an HSBA squad next season must attend a trial for their own age group.

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## Shires League tournaments near completion

With all fixtures but one completed, the results of the age-groups squad are as follows:

Under 13		Under 15		Under 17	
Kent	11-9	Cambridgeshire	17-3	Buckinghamshire	9-11
Essex	7-13	Bedfordshire	15-5	Suffolk	10-10
Suffolk	15-5	Suffolk	13-7	Cambridgeshire	20-0
Surrey	5-15	Ken	8-12	Norfolk	19-1
Bedfordshire	20-0	Sussex	3-17	Kent	17-0
Cambridgeshire	20-0	Northamptonshire		Middlesex	14-6

Following these results, the Under 17's have qualified for the Shires League finals via victory by 17-3 in a play-off against Lancashire (which necessitated a trip to Bolton!), the Under 15's will need to score a good win in their final match to be in with a chance of making the play-offs and the Under 13's are in a play-off, due to be completed by March 18.

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

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