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**AGM - The Hertfordshire Schools Badminton
Association Annual General Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, 20th June at the Creche in the Puma
Centre, Gosling Sports Park, Stanborough Road,
Welwyn Garden City.
Time: 7.30 for 7.45 pm.**

Entry to the Puma Centre is free and there will be drinks and snacks available at the bar.

Please try to come to the AGM so that you can meet the committee (a new secretary is needed) and give your views on Junior badminton in Herts. It would be nice to see some different faces as well the usual regulars!!

U12 Invitation Doubles at Gloucester

Matthew Brown (Chancellor's)/Katie Comras (Little Heath JMI)/Victoria Stokes (Ralph Sadleir) - U13 Squad

Doctor Foster (also known as Katie, Victoria and Matthew) went to Gloucester again!! We couldn't step in a puddle though as they were all frozen at 6.00 am in the morning!

We took the scenic route to show Helen the village of Bibury and the ducks. It looks even better when it's covered in snow. We arrived really early - a novelty for Victoria! - with plenty of time to knock-up. The rest of the Herts team - Laura Cousins, Rachel Warnes, Kamran Haq, Gregg Roantree and Arjun Mehta - arrived shortly after.

There were two boxes of seven for the boys pairs and two boxes of six for the girls. After some very well fought games, Matthew/Kamran managed to win their box; Gregg/Arjun came 3rd in theirs and Katie/Victoria 2nd. Laura/Rachel were 4th in a tough box and so went into the plate event.

We (Katie/Victoria) were disappointed when we were knocked out in the semi-final by the Yorkshire pair that we had beaten earlier in the season at the U12 Invitation Doubles in Leicester. We lost 18-21 (Boo-Hoo!) Gregg/Arjun had a really tough quarter final against a Notts pair - eventually losing 19-21.

Matthew/Kamran gained a bye into the semi-final where they had to play another Notts Pair, and again Herts lost 13-21. It was not Herts' day! Laura/ Rachel, however, saved the day by winning the plate final 21-11 (against Notts again!)

We all played some excellent badminton games and some entertaining quotes were heard from various Herts parents (who shall remain anonymous)

Relating to badminton, "I'm going to tell them, 'Never flick another serve again!'"

"They are having much too much fun!"

"..... and smile, Victoria"

"It's like backyard badminton."

Relating to the Sports Centre facilities, "We've found the swimming pool - it's warm in there."

"The viewing is good, and the higher you go the warmer it gets!"

"We're freezing but the Slush Puppies aren't!"

And, on the arrival of the Herts U13 Manager, "Let's have a look at your ID photograph Duncan. Oh! your hair doesn't look like that now!"

All in all a good day.

H.S.B.A. Tournaments - 25/02/01

U11 Girls and Boys Doubles

**Rhian Blowers (Brookmans Park J.M.I.
School/U13 Squad)**

Another early start at Stevenage Leisure Centre - at 9.15 am the hall was crowded with boys and girls hitting shuttles, all eager to do well in the tournament.

Boys - as usual more boys had entered the tournament than girls. They were split into seven groups of four, the first two pairs in each group going through to the main event and the remainder going into the plate. There were fourteen pairs in both events.

In the plate event there were lots of games with Thomas Byrne/Sam Wheeler beating Charlie McCarter/Nicholas Newman in a close semi-final and Benn Goodson/Brian Roantree beating Joe McDonald/Alex Wilcox in the other. Thomas/Sam were too strong for Ben/Brian and as a result Thomas/Sam won the plate.

James Reynolds/Gregg Roantree, Christopher/David Boothby, Stephen Barnard/Adam Monk reached the main event semi-finals quite comfortably while Dami Fajobi/Matthew Trott won a very close game against Oliver Crabb/Dominic Woodcock. James/Gregg beat the Boothby cousins while Adam/Stephen beat Dami/Matthew to reach the final which was won by James/ Gregg.

Girls - the girls were split into four groups with four or five pairs. I was playing with my friend, Hannah Warnes, in a box of five. We won our first game although we weren't playing our best; I think the half term holiday didn't suit us. Anyway as the tournament progressed, we started to play better and in the end won our group. The pairs in first and second places went through to the main event while the rest went into the plate and as usual the event became a knockout.

The plate event saw Emma Nichols/Abigail Bursack beat Fiona Ness/Amanda Sookun in one semi-final. In the other we saw Stacey Smith/Melissa Waite beat Lucy Dearn/Rochelle Tollervey in a very close game. Stacey/Melissa then went on to win the final.

In the main event we met Laura Gray/Jennifer Marshall in the quarter final and then had a hard battle against Rachael Boothby and Hannah's sister Rachel in the semi-final, which we lost 17-21. In the other semi-final Katie Comras/Victoria Stokes beat Rebecca Cousins/Helena Lewczynska. Katie/Victoria won the final - is anyone ever going to beat them?!

U11 Boys Doubles **Final:** **James Reynolds/Gregg Roantree** beat Stephen Barnard/
Adam Monk 21-4
Semi-finalists were Christopher Boothby/David Boothby and
Dami Fajobi/Matthew Trott
Plate: Thomas Byrne/Sam Wheeler beat Ben Goodson/
Brian Roantree 21-5

U11 Girls Doubles **Final:** **Katie Comras/Victoria Stokes** beat Rachael Boothby/Rachel
Warnes 21-1
Semi-finalists were Rebecca Cousins/Helena Lewczynska and
Rhian Blowers/Hannah Warnes
Plate: Stacey Smith/Melissa Waite beat Abigail Bursack/Emma
Nichols 21-8

(As the tournament mornings were very busy, I'm afraid I didn't get around to asking anyone else to write for the newsletter - and nobody volunteered - so I shall have to do it myself. Ed.)

U13 Boys and Girls 'B' Singles

The boys tournament, played in the bowls hall, had some very close games in the boxes. Daniel Fletcher, however, won his box easily and continued on his winning way to reach the semi-finals. He was joined by Prag Shah, Nikhil Datta and Chris Harrison (who had lost to Daniel in the box). Both semis were hard fought with Daniel beating Prag 21-13 and Nikhil beating Chris 21-19 - a game which went on and on. A very tired Nikhil couldn't find quite enough energy to cope with Daniel in the final. The plate final was a marathon with Keval Sangani finally overcoming Mark Wood.

The girls tournament had just four boxes of four players. Both main and plate knockouts started at quarter finals, the closest result being Joanna Smith beating Katherine Nunn 15-14. Joanne then beat Claire Kerry 21-16 to reach the final and in the other half Sita Shah beat Hannah Watts 21-1. The final

was closely fought with Sita proving too strong for Joanna. In the plate Laura Roantree reached the final easily and proved too strong for Sophie Grierson who had had a slightly harder run.

U13 Boys 'B' Singles **Final:** **Daniel Fletcher** beat Nikhil Datta 21-4
Semi-finalists were Prag Shah and Chris Harrison
Plate: Keval Sangani beat Mark Wood 22-20

U13 Girls 'B' Singles **Final:** **Sita Shah** beat Joanna Smith 21-14
Semi-finalists were Claire Kerry and Hannah Watts
Plate: Laura Roantree beat Sophie Grierson 21-2

U15 Boys and Girls 'B' Singles

These tournaments were played in the afternoon of the same day. There were 23 boys and only 7 girls, all but one of whom were from St. Albans Girls High School (where was everyone else?)

The girls played in one box and Kate Browne emerged the clear winner. No fewer than 3 girls won four games and lost two, so a bit of adding up had to be done to get 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions. Liz Boothby (Chancellor's) was the runner-up, stopping a complete whitewash by St. Albans.

Again there were some close games in the boys boxes with eventual semi-finalists Daniel Fair, Christopher Walker and Karl Anton winning their boxes with ease and Andrew Boothby reaching the main event by being box runner-up on points. In the semis Daniel beat Christopher 21-14, while in the other half Karl squashed Andrew 21-1, then proved too strong for Daniel in the final. In the plate, Ceri Provis-Evans reached the final having won a hard quarter final and a slightly easier semi, while in the other half Ben Webb won a very hard semi against Ricky Wilder. The final was fairly even, but Ceri beat Ben in the end.

U15 Boys 'B' Singles **Final:** **Karl Anton** beat Daniel Fair 21-6
Semi-finalists were Christopher Walker and Andrew Boothby
Plate: Ceri Provis-Evans beat Ben Webb 21-14

U15 Girls 'B' Singles

Winner: **Kate Browne** Runner-up: Liz Boothby
3rd: Phoebe Hodges 4th: Emma Watts

U13 Squad News

Duncan Conway (U13 Squad Manager)

U13 Team Challenge Final

So near and yet so far!! We missed out again in the National Finals of the U13 Team Challenge. We had a bad draw, being in with both Yorkshire and Hampshire while the other box looked much easier. But congratulations to the players who responded to the challenge very well. They took on Yorkshire in the second match and although the final score of 5-1 to Yorkshire looks one sided far from it. **Dominic Gomar/Jonathan Miller** only lost the boys doubles by 20-21, **Laura Cousins** only lost the 1st girls singles by 18-21 and **Katie Comras** only lost the 2nd girls singles by 16-21. A few more points and we could have won, but it was not to be. After that tight and tough match we then had to take on Hampshire. How tight a match that was is obvious from the 303 game score and the 94-105 point deficit. Again a few more points and we would have been in the semi-finals. As it was we had to play Sussex, who were third in the other group. We beat them 4-2 to take fifth place, like last year.

Eastern Region U13 Team Tournament

This is a tournament from which all Premier players are excluded. Given our strength in the girls this year it was doubtful if I could raise any team except mainly of U11s. However, **Kate Lester's** misfortune in missing Premier grading by one point was our good fortune. As **Jessica Wilson** was also available, we had with **Rhian Blowers** (who had played in the Yorkshire U12 tournament the previous day!) a very strong girls team. This they went on to prove as they won all their matches beating, in playing order: Bedfordshire 4-0; Norfolk 3-1; Essex 4-0; Suffolk 3-1.

This gave them the girls team title and winners medals. In addition, as they played the same event in each match, they should each receive one or two individual winners medals - when they arrive!

In the meantime the boys team of **Matthew Brown, Arjun Mehta and Jonathan Miller** was involved in a six-match group. Despite the fact that Matthew and Arjun are still U12, the three of them formed a strong team and also went through the day undefeated beating, in playing order: Suffolk 4-0; Essex B 4-0; Essex A 3-1; Norfolk 3-1; Cambridge 3-1; Bedfordshire 4-0. Again each of the boys should be receiving one or two individual winners medals, in addition to the team winners medals.

U13 Match v Cambridgeshire

As Cambridgeshire have only a small squad, we had agreed to play 6 boys and 3 girls in the team to match their availability. On the day we used a substitute as Rachel Warnes had injured her neck. This match provided an opportunity for some young players to play much further up the order and for some young ones to play in a full age match, and for all of them to play each game to the best of three sets. As it worked out, all the team played well and we dominated the match to win 24-3. Well played everyone. Team: **Gregg Roantree, Stephen Barnard, James Reynolds, Adam Monk, David Boothby, Chris Boothby, Jess Wilson, Rachel Warnes, Rachael Boothby, Hannah Warnes.**

Eastern Region U15 Team Tournament

John Smith (U15 Squad Manager)

As in the U13 age group, all premier players are excluded from this tournament. Both boys and girls teams had a brilliant day, totally demolishing the opposition. The girls team - **Nicola Farr, Emma Stokes and Claire Allen** won their matches against Suffolk A 4-0; Suffolk B 4-0 and Essex 4-0, thus becoming champions. The boys team - **David Westwood, William Westwood and Joe Webb** had one more match than the girls, but they overcame the opposition quite easily beating Suffolk A 4-0, Cambridgeshire A 4-0, Bedfordshire B 4-0 and Essex B 4-0. Then they played a final against Essex A which they won 3-1, only just losing the 2nd singles 14-15. They should be receiving individual winners medals as well as the team winners medals in due course.

HSBA Tournaments - 11/03/01

The last HSBA tournaments of the season. "Hurrah!!" says the tournament secretary with great relief. It was quite a hectic few weeks with not only tournament organisation, but also a badminton newsletter and a community newsletter to type.

At this point I would like to thank everyone who helped during the season, particularly Malcolm and Ceri Lumb who ran the tournaments in the bowls hall so smoothly and efficiently and made sure that all events there were finished on time before the bowlers came in. Thanks also to Marion and Duncan Conway for their help beforehand and on the day; to Christine Comras (signing in and organising the raffle), Pippa Gomar for her help at the desk and to Angela Blowers, Helen Brown, Eva Gray, Ken Winchester and John Smith. Thanks also to the players who took time to sell raffle tickets - Katie Comras, Victoria Stokes, Laura Cousins, Frankie Edelmann, Matthew Brown, Dominic Gomar, Emily Crabb and Sarah Marshall. Extra thanks to Emily and Sarah as they also applied themselves to the task of filling in results and writing match slips at the desk. Please feel free to come and help again - you will definitely be welcome! My sincere apologies if I've missed anyone.

However, to the report. Again I didn't ask any young journalists to write (wait until next year!) so I must try and think back to that busy Sunday.

U13 Boys and Girls 'A' Singles

It was nice to see several non-squad players taking part in these singles. We had 20 boys and 17 girls. Daniel Fletcher, who won the 'B' tournament again got into the main event, being runner-up in his box and reached the final. Dominic Gomar won a close quarter final against Jonathan Miller 15-12 and Matthew Brown an even closer one against James Reynolds 15-14. In the semi-finals Dominic beat Matthew 21-7

and Daniel beat Gregg Roantree 21-16. Dominic overcame his nerves and used his tournament experience to outmanoeuvre Daniel in the final.

The plate final was between Prag Shah and Chris Harrison. Both won their semis 21-15, but Prag proved too strong for Chris in the final.

The girls tournament went more or less as expected. Victoria Stokes somehow managed to tear a toe nail which gave Frankie Edelmann a walk over into the semi. Frankie then beat Katie Comras 21-10 in the semi while in the other half Nicola Farr beat Laura Cousins 21-5. It was a very hard fought final with Frankie coming through as the winner. In the plate, Rhian Blowers defeated older opposition to reach the final where she played and overcame Sita Shah.

U13 Boys 'A' Singles **Final:** **Dominic Gomar** beat Daniel Fletcher 21-10
Semi-finalists were Matthew Brown and Gregg Roantree
Plate: Prag Shah beat Chris Harrison 21-15

U13 Girls 'A' Singles **Final:** **Frankie Edelmann** beat Nicola Farr 21-9
Semi-finalists were Laura Cousins and Katie Comras
Plate: Rhian Blowers beat Sita Shah 21-9

U15 Boys and Girls 'A' Singles

Later in the day the U15s descended on Stevenage Leisure Centre. A few U13s stayed on to play in this event too. There were 23 boys and 19 girls. The boys boxes went more or less with seeding, the only upset being Chris Armstrong beaten by Matthew Comras. Simon Maine had a comparatively easy run to the final, beating David Westwood 21-8 in the semi. In the other half, Chris Armstrong beat David Westwood 15-14 in the quarter and then had a hard semi, losing to Joe Webb 21-15. Simon won the final convincingly. The plate was won by Daniel Fair after a hard fought game against Emile Doran.

The 5 girls boxes also went with seeding. The biggest upset of the knockout was Katie Comras beating Emma Stokes 15-12 in the quarters, while Laura Cousins overcame Frankie Edelmann 15-13. In the other half Kate Lester beat Claire Allen 15-9 and then had to withdraw, giving Nicola Farr a walkover into the final against Katie who had gone on to beat Laura in a very, very long semi 23-22. Katie still had enough energy to put up a fight but Nicola proved too strong for her. In the plate both Sarah Marshall and Latifah Meghji reached the final easily and Latifah won the final fairly convincingly.

U15 Boys 'A' Singles **Final:** **Simon Maine** beat Joe Webb 21-9
Semi-finalists were William Westwood and Chris Armstrong
Plate: Daniel Fair beat Emile Doran 21-19

U15 Girls 'A' Singles **Final:** **Nicola Farr** beat Katie Comras 21-14
Semi-finalists were Laura Cousins and Kate Lester
Plate: Latifah Meghji beat Sarah Marshall 21-14

U10 Boys and Girls Singles/Doubles

The U10 singles and doubles were held on the same day. There were 25 in the boys singles and 10 in the girls. All games were played to 11 points and some were over much more quickly than others. In the boys knockout semi-finals James Southgate beat Matthew Westwood 15-4 and Luke Donnelly beat Simon Tranter 15-3, with James beating Luke in the final. In the plate final Edward Elsey won a hard semi-final before losing to James Gray in the final.

The girls main event knockout began at the semi-final stage with Hannah Warnes beating Helena Lewczynska and Charlotte Willis beating Rebecca Cousins, before going on to beat Hannah in the final. The plate event final caused a little excitement when Nicole Black turned her ankle leaving Emily Westwood the winner.

The girls doubles had 4 pairs playing in one box. The winners were Hannah Warnes/Emily Westwood,

having just scraped a win in their first game 15-14, then winning the other two games more easily. The boys doubles had 12 pairs, the box winners coming through quite easily. The main event winners were Simon Tranter/Matthew Westwood, beating Luke Donnelly/James Southgate in a hard fought final. In the plate event Michael Ashworth/Jonathan Morris just scraped a win over Stuart Berry/David James.

U10 Boys Singles **Final:** **James Southgate** beat Luke Donnelly 15-4
Semi-finalists were Matthew Westwood and Simon Tranter
Plate: James Gray beat Edward Elsey 15-10

U10 Girls Singles **Final:** **Charlotte Willis** beat Hannah Warnes 15-1
Semi-finalists were Helena Lewczynska and Rebecca Cousins
Plate: Emily Westwood beat Nicole Black 10-1 (ret'd hurt)

U10 Boys Doubles **Final:** **Simon Tranter/Matthew Westwood** beat James Southgate/
Luke Donnelly 17-15
Semi-finalists were Alex Gomar/Alexander Regan and Edward Elsey/Chris
Hayes
Plate: Michael Ashworth/Jonathan Morris beat Stuart Berry/David
James 15-14

U10 Girls Doubles

1st: **Hannah Warnes/Emily Westwood**
Runner-up: Rebecca Cousins/Helena Lewczynska
3rd: Nicole Black/Abigail Bursack
4th: Alice Bloomfield/Charlotte Willis

Senior Schools Competition - this ran within the main tournaments with players gaining points for positions reached in the knock-out stages. The U18 results were printed in the February issue and the results of the U15 and U13 competitions are as follows:

<u>U15 Boys</u>			<u>U15 Girls</u>		
1.	Roundwood Park	132	1.	St. Albans Girls High	151
2.	Ashlyns	72	2.	Chauncy	65
3.	Haberdashers' Aske's	52	3.	Haberdashers' Aske's Girls	34
4.	Hitchin Boys	47	4.	Simon Balle	33
5.	John Warner	42	5.	Roundwood Park	32
6.	Richard Hale	38	6.	Tring	16
7.	Lochinver House	28	7.	Queenswood	15
8.	Simon Balle	24	8.	Norton	12
9.	St. Albans	22			
10.	Tring	9			
11.	Goffs	6			

<u>U13 Boys</u>			<u>U13 Girls</u>		
1.	Haberdashers' Aske's	252	1.	St. Albans High Girls	91
2.	Lochinver House	235	2.	Chauncy	49
3.	Hitchin Boys	139	3.	Tring	48
4.	St. Albans	55	4.	Queenswood	39
5.	Roundwood Park	37	5.	Haberdashers' Aske's Girls	30
6.	Norton	36	6.	Roundwood Park	27
7.	Chauncy	19	7.	Norton	24
8.	Richard Hale	8	8.	Presdales	19

Inter-Counties Tournament 2001 Tony Clarke (U17 Squad Manager)

The U17 team of **Phil Hammond, Richard Comras, Gary England, Chris Scott, Jack Lipyeat, Rachel Howard, Sam Alexander, Nikki Walker, Kath Mulligan and Jenna Tye**, together with team managers Tony Clarke and Pat Walker, met at Birchwood S.C. early on the Thursday after Easter to travel to Nottingham University to contest the Inter-Counties Tournament. The minibus finally left (a little later than planned!), followed in convoy by Howard Stephens and Colin Walker who, thankfully, took most of the players luggage. The journey was uneventful and after a brief stop at Watford Gap services, we arrived in plenty of time to check-in at Sherwood Hall at about 1100 hrs. We were delighted to have a small block to ourselves, no other counties to share our facilities or kitchen.

Our first match was against Guernsey in the Sports Hall at 1200 hrs. After the team photograph and a good warm-up, it was down to business. We beat Guernsey 10-0 before going on to beat Tyne & Wear and Devon both 10-0. It was then back to Sherwood for dinner and an early night before tomorrow's matches. We duly won our final match in the first round 9-1 against Warwickshire to move into the second round with Sussex, Norfolk and seventh seeds Nottinghamshire. We beat Sussex 8-2 and Norfolk 10-0 to finish the day on Friday in good spirits.

The first match on Saturday was against Notts, if we win we finish in the top four and a guaranteed medal position. We should win all the girls games, but the boys and mixed matches should all be close. As usual the match started with the two mixed. Notts took the 1st mixed, but Chris/Nikki won to level at 1-1. The singles were shared, Notts winning both boys and Rachel and Sam winning the girls, 3-3. With excellent performances in the boys doubles with wins for Phil/Richard 21-3 and Chris/Gary 21-16 followed by wins by Nikki/ Katherine and Rachel/Jenna in the girls doubles gave Herts a 7-3 win and guaranteed a medal position for the first time since we won the I.C.T. in 1997.

The playing schedule following the Notts match was very tough as a result of Leinster's withdrawal and leaving 39 counties instead of 40 competing for the trophy. The revised schedule showed Herts playing Notts, Yorkshire and Essex straight after each other with only half an hour's break between one of the

matches. This is probably alright at the beginning of the tournament against weaker teams, but to play three of the strongest counties in such a short time is both physically and mentally draining. After a protest, we were allowed an hour's break after the Notts match instead of half an hour.

Everyone appreciates how difficult it is to schedule matches at I.C.T. and E.S.B.A. do a great job, but in this case, one of these matches could have been moved to later in the day as was the Yorkshire match with Merseyside, the other team in the top four.

It was a fantastic match against Yorkshire, Herts losing out on points in a 5-5 draw. After ten minutes rest it was off to play Essex. To beat Essex we needed to play above ourselves. We battled hard, but being forced to play the match on four courts (normally two) meant even less recovery time. The team played well but injuries and tired legs took their toll and we went on to lose 4-6. The schedule though did have one advantage. It gave the team plenty of time to have dinner and get ready for the disco.

On finals day the matches were planned for 1315 hrs. All four teams were presented to a large audience before play began, with Yorkshire playing Essex and Herts versus Merseyside. Our match with Merseyside was a bit of an anti-climax. Merseyside had two very strong boys which meant they comfortably won both boys singles and first boys doubles, but we took the rest of the game to win 7-3 and claim the bronze medal and the 3rd place silver salver. In the play-off for 1st place, Yorkshire won by 10 points in a 5-5 draw after Robin Middleton/Sarah Bok beat U19 National Champion Simon Hardcastle and U17 National Champion Caroline Westley in the first mixed game.

It was a great tournament as usual, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We finished 3rd, which was our seeded position, behind Yorkshire and Essex with Merseyside fourth. If the scheduling had been kinder, who knows?! It might have been gold or silver rather than bronze. Well played everyone!

Tournament Results

ESBA Midlands U15

Boys Singles: (Standard) Final: **William Westwood** beat William Purdy (Av) 15-3

Oxfordshire U13

Boys Singles: Quarter final: **Dominic Gomar** lost to Robert Kettle (Mx) 5-21

Boys Doubles: Quarter final: **Dominic Gomar/Gregg Roantree** lost to Miles McBain (Ex)/Richard Shipman (Nm) 7-21

Girls Singles: Quarter Final: **Frankie Edelmann** beat **Laura Cousins** 21-12

Semi-final: **Frankie Edelmann** lost to Kirsten Read (Sx) 21-5

Girls Doubles: Quarter Final: **Laura Cousins/Kate Lester** lost to Emma Davies (Wi)/ Kathryn Gittins (Ha)
Frankie Edelmann/Rachael Priddey (Wk) beat **Katie Comras/Victoria Stokes** 21-11

Semi-final: **Frankie Edelmann/Rachael Priddey** lost to Michelle Cheung (Bu)/Bethany Wong (Wk) 17-21

U13 Nationals

Girls Doubles: Quarter final: **Frankie Edelmann/Rackel Priddey (Wk)** lost to Emma Davies (Wi)/Kathryn Gittins (Ha) 7-11, 11-6, 3-11

Semi- final: **Laura Cousins/Karen Hird (Bu)** lost to Mariana Agathangelou (Jy)/Vicki Ingram (St) 2-11, 11-6, 6-11

Oxford Easter Festival - U13

Girls Doubles **Laura Cousins/Karen Hird (Bu)** - runners-up

Mixed Doubles **Laura Cousins/Callum Lawson (Ha)** - runners-up

U17 Nationals

Boys Singles: Quarter final: **Richard Comras** lost to Robin Middleton (Yo) 17-14, 6-15, 14-17

Boys Doubles: Quarter final: **Richard Comras/Phil Hammond** lost to Chris Dakin (Ex)/Matthew Honey (Sy) 7-15, 5-15

Girls Singles: Quarter final: **Rachel Howard** lost to Jenny Day (Yo) 8-11, 5-11
Sam Alexander lost to Eleanor Cox (Ha) 6-11, 2-11

Girls Doubles: Quarter final: **Rachel Howard/Reshmi Ouseph (Mx)** lost to Jenny Day (Yo)/Caroline Smith (TW) 11-15, 7-15

Final: Laura Gooding (Sx)/**Nikki Walker** lost to Jenny Day/
Caroline Smith 12-15, 14-17

Mixed Doubles: Quarter final: Stephen Mumby (Li)/**Nikki Walker** lost to Simon
Hardcastle (Ex)/Laura Wright (Li) 7-15, 13-15
Matthew Hanson (St)/**Rachel Howard** lost to Aaron
Murray(GM)/Tracy Field (TW) 4-15, 10-15

International Badminton Festival - Flintshire 2001

Girls Singles: Final: **Rachel Howard** beat Laura Gooding (England) 7-11,
11-8, 11-1

Girls Doubles: Final: **Rachel Howard/Nikki Walker** beat Laura Gooding/
Julie Wright (England) 15-7, 7-15, 15-13

U18 Junior Circuit

Mixed Doubles: Final: Chris Dakin (Ex)/**Nikki Walker** beat Daniel Hendry (Le)/
Laura Aiston (Yo)

Leeds U16

Girls Doubles: Final: Heather Olver (Sx)/**Fiona Perry** beat Charity Barnes (Nf)
/Jenny Buckley (Av) 15-9, 15-4

Essex U13

Girls 'B' Singles: Semi-final: **Kate Lester** lost to Eleanor Mundy (Sy) 9-15

Girls Doubles: Final: **Nicola Farr/Emma Stokes** lost to Kirsten Read (Sx)/
Erica Whittingham (St) 4-21

Boys Singles: Semi-final: **Anthony Moye** lost to Mark James (Do) 6-21

Boys 'B' Singles Final: **Paul Monk** beat Sean Tierney (Ex) 15-13

HSBA Junior League Table - based on results received up to 27/04/01

	Played	Won	Lost	Games For	Games Against
<u>U12 Boys</u>					
Swifts	1	1	0	10	0
All Saints	1	0	1	0	10
<u>U15 Boys</u>					
Swifts	4	3	1	36	12
Gazelles	4	3	1	34	14
Bayford	4	0	4	2	46
<u>U15 Girls</u>					
Swifts	5	4	1	43	17
Gazelles	6	3	3	40	32
SCOBE	4	1	3	22	26
Queenswood	5	1	4	15	45
<u>U15 Medley</u>					
Swifts	2	2	0	12	8
S Abbots	2	0	2	8	12
<u>U18 Boys</u>					
Swifts	2	2	0	23	1
Hitchin	1	0	1	1	11
All Saints	1	0	1	0	12
<u>U18 Girls</u>					
Swifts	2	2	0	16	8
Queenswood	2	0	2	8	16
<u>U18 Medley</u>					
S Abbots	4	4	0	36	4
Hitchin	3	1	2	12	18
All Saints	3	0	3	2	28

From the Editor: Thanks to all those who have written for this issue of the newsletter and also to the few people who have sent in results. Please, I ask yet again, will you as players (or even parents) send your results to the editor - either photocopy the whole results sheet or just let me borrow your copy for a few days to make note of any relevant Herts results. You could even take it in turns if several of you play at the same events. **And please make sure that parents get to read this newsletter.**

DON'T FORGET THE AGM ON WEDNESDAY, 20TH JUNE

Closing date for items for the next newsletter is **Friday, 22nd June.**

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Stop Press

Herts won the Essex U14 Inter-county tournament. The team - **Nicola Farr, Emma Stokes, Claire Allen, Emily Crabb, Anthony Moye, Paul Monk, Chris Tye** and **Emile Doran** - beat Middlesex 8-2, Suffolk 10-0, Essex 10-0 and Surrey 7-3 to become champions. Everybody played well and the players all supported each other, creating a really good atmosphere.