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NEWSLETTER

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H.S.B.A. TOURNAMENTS

The next HSBA tournaments are:

Thursday, December 21

U13 (Year 8 and under) Mixed Doubles	9.30 am
U15 (Year 10 and under) Mixed Doubles	12 noon
U18 (Year 13 and under) Mixed Doubles	2.30 pm

To be played at **Hatfield Leisure Centre**

Closing date: Monday, December 11

Sunday, January 28

U10 (Year 5 and under) Boys and Girls Doubles	9.30 am
U13 (Year 8 and under) Boys and Girls 'B' Singles	9.30 am
U15 (Year 10 and under) Boys and Girls Singles	2.00 pm

Closing date: Thursday, January 18

Sunday, February 11

U11 (Year 6 and under) Boys and Girls Singles	9.30 am
U15 (Year 10 and under) Boys and Girls Doubles	9.30 am

Closing date: Thursday, February 1

To be played at **Stevenage Leisure Centre**

Registration time is 15 minutes before start time

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North U11 Silver Tournament, Sheffield

Paul Widdicombe

Sixteen boys doubles pairs competed at one of the more quality venues in the country - the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield - on Saturday November 18th 2006 in one of only five under 11 events in the 2006-7 seasons calendar.

Competitors came from all corners of the country. from Kent in the south to Durham in the north and across the border from Wales.

Matthew Widdicombe/David Maughan were in a group of six and played five games to 21 points, coming through their box in a nail biting last game decider against a previously unbeaten pair from Wales. In the final they met Staffordshire's Smith twins going down 21-18.

The boy's singles with 38 competitors was won by Scott Williams from Yorkshire who beat Sean Vendy from Bucks in the Final. David was in the same group as the eventual winner Scott and Matthew lost just one game in his group to semi finalist Harrison Simcock from Bucks.

A good day's badminton, evenly contested and organised very efficiently by Yorkshire.

The trip was only spoilt by the delays on the motorway and the heavy rain.

H.S.B.A.Tournament Reports

Under 18 Girls Singles

Ying Yi Tee (U15 Squad/Royal Masonic School)

The U18 girls singles were held today. Six boxes of 4 girls played in the Bowls Hall alongside the U11 girls doubles. Every match was one game to 21 without setting, using the new scoring system. Part way through, one girl had to withdraw from the tournament due to an injury.

In the end, group winners were Emily Westwood, Charlotte Willis, Lauren Crichton, Laura Bygrave, myself and Helena Lewczynska. The winners, along with the runners-up of the boxes went through to the main event, while the others went through to the plate event.

The two top seeds, Emily and Helena, had a bye in the first round, while the rest of us played our games. It turned out that in the quarter finals Emily had to play Alice Bloomfield, Charlotte had to play Laura, I had to play Lauren and Helena had to play Frances Dickson. After some hard fought games (especially Charlotte and Laura's which Charlotte won 21-16), Emily, Helena, Charlotte and I were through to the semis.

Emily played Charlotte first and it was a great game to watch. It was a very close game of high standard and eventually it ended in a win for Charlotte. I had to play Helena and the final score was 21-11.

The final between Helena and Charlotte saw Helena win her first event of the day with more success to follow in the doubles.

In the plate event Rosie Furze and Hannah Watts fought their way to the final which Rosie won.

Results

Final: Helena Lewczynska beat Charlotte Willis 21-13

Semi-finalists were Emily Westwood and Ying Yi Tee

Plate Final: Rosie Furze beat Hannah Watts 21-19

U18 Girls Doubles

Laura Bygrave (U15 Squad/Fearnhil School)

On a cold Sunday the 5th November, Ying and I drove to Stevenage Leisure Centre at approximately 8:45. The sun was shining but it was still cold. When we got there, we had a look around when all of a sudden Helena and Emily turned up. That is when we started to worry.

First, we played singles and then at 2:00 they started the doubles. We easily won our box and got through to the quarterfinals where we faced Bethan Griffith/Marigold Keane who we beat 21-1. Also in the quarterfinals were Helena Lewczynska/Emily Westwood who beat Jennifer Marshall/Angela Law 21-14, Caty Mackenzie/Rosie Furze who beat Alice Bloomfield/Frances Dixon 21-15 and Rachel Warnes/Charlotte Willis who beat Hannah Watts/ Rosanna Grimwood 21-6.

The semi-finals were me and Ying against Rachel/Charlotte to whom we lost 21-12. The other semi-final was Helena/Emily against Caty/Rosie with Helena/Emily winning 21-8. The final, a hard fought game, was Emily/Helena against Charlotte/Rachel which Emily/Helena won.

In the plate semis Ceire Bhatti/Jennie Plant beat Helena Davenport/Rachel Keane and Amy Pearson/Lucy Pearson beat Nisha Karnani/Sonali Patel to reach the final which was won by Ceire/Jennie. Overall it was a great day and everyone enjoyed it.

Results

Final: Helena Lewczynska/Emily Westwood beat Rachel Warnes/Charlotte Willis

21-13

Semi-finalists were Rosie Furze/Caty Mackenzie and Laura Bygrave/Ying Yi Tee

Plate Final: Ceire Bhatti/Jennie Plant beat Amy Pearson/Lucy Pearson 21-19

U18 Boys Singles

Thirty boys competed in the U18 Boys singles at Stevenage Leisure Centre. All group games were played with the rally points system to 21 with no setting. Group winners were James Reynolds, Akash Jhunjhunwala, Ben Goodson, Gregg Roantree, Ryan McCarthy, Arjun Shah and Ben Vranjkovic. In the top half of the main event James Reynolds (with a bye) Stephen Hibberd, Ben Goodson and Arjun came through to the quarter finals at the expense of Alex Regan, George Moss and Matthew

Trott , while in the bottom half were Ben Vranjkovic (bye), Gregg Roantree, Ryan McCarthy and Akash Jhunjhunwala beating Alex Gomar, Andrei Donko and Jonathan Miller

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James, Arjun, Ryan and Gregg beat Stephen, Ben G, Akash and Ben V to get to the semis, where James and Gregg overcame Arjun and Ryan comparatively easily and James beat Gregg in the final to retain his title from last year.

In the plate Suraj Pabari came through the top half beating Josh Chapman, James Gan and Jonathan Morris, while in the bottom half Iain Robinson beat Fred Wonnacott , Richard Tan and, after a hard game (22-20) against Basil Walpole reached the final. It was a hard fought match with Suraj coming out as winner.

Results **Final: James Reynolds** beat Gregg Roantree 21-15
Semi-finalists were Arjun Shah and Ryan McCarthy
Plate Final: Suraj Pabari beat Iain Robinson 21-17

U18 Boys Doubles

Sixteen pairs took part in the U18 Boys Doubles, some of whom had played singles earlier in the day. There were a few close games, the closest being between Anjul Haria/Suraj Pabari and Alex Gomar/Stephen Hibberd with the latter just scraping through into 2nd place 21-20. Group winners were James Reynolds/Gregg Roantree, Ben Goodson/Akash Jhunjhunwala, Ryan McCarthy/ Elliott Miles and Arjun Shah/Ben Vranjkovic. In the main quarter finals James/Gregg beat George Moss/Matthew Trott, Ryan/Elliott defeated Alex Gomar/Stephen Hibberd, Ben/Akash beat Jonathan Miller/Basil Walpole and Gareth Edmonds/Matthew Pocock surprisingly beat Arjun/Ben. James/Gregg beat Ryan/Elliott comfortably and Gareth/Matthew continued on their winning way by beating Ben/Akash to play James/Gregg for the second time in the afternoon. However they had no better luck this time and James/Gregg ran out winners to keep the doubles crown from last year.

In the plate Anjul Haria/Suraj Pabari, after so nearly making it into the main event fought their way through to the final beating Ronak Maroo/Janak Shah and Jake Sanders/Richard Tan enroute. In the top half Chris Dennell/Jonathan Morris overcame fellow Swifts players James Hunt/Paul Matthews and Josh Chan/Arun Parkash to make the final where they were beaten by the stronger pairing of Anjul/Suraj.

Results **Final: James Reynolds/Gregg Roantree** beat Gareth Edmonds/Matthew Pocock 21-10
Semi-finalists were Ryan McCarthy/Elliott Miles and Ben Goodson/Akash Jhunjhunwala
Plate Final: Anjul Haria/Suraj Pabari beat Chris Dennell/Jonathan Morris 21-11

U11 Boys Doubles **School)**

Matthew Widdicombe (U11 Squad/Morgans JMI

The Herts Schools Boys U11 doubles tournament took place on Sunday 5th November at Stevenage Leisure Centre. There were 15 pairs of boys playing in this event in 3 groups each with 5 pairs in.

In the semi final of the main event Matthew Widdicombe/David Maughan easily beat Corran Goodson/Yash Kejriwal who had previously beaten Isaac Bedi/Alex Macrea. In the other closely fought semi final Kit Akin-Agunbiade/Oliver Gomar overcame Lyall Daniels/Rishav Shah who had earlier beaten Suraj Shah/James Finlayson. Matthew/David won the final.

In the plate event the semi finalists were all from Wilbury School in Letchworth. Josh Kinnear/Bradley Marsden beat Edward Goater/James Calver 21-11 and in another very closely fought match Jamie Loftus/Matthew Rowell beat Ilijah Dragas/Dominik Sitarek 22-20.

Josh/Bradley finally won a long drawn out final where the score was going up point by point for each side .

Results **Final: David Maughan/Matthew Widdicombe** beat Kit Akin-Agunbiade/Oliver Gomar 21-13

Semi-finalists were Corran Goodson/Yash Kejriwal and Lyall Daniels /Rishav Shah

Plate Final Josh Kinnear/Bradley Marsden beat Jamie Loftus/Matthew Rowell 21-17

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U11s Girls Doubles

Amy George/Isabel Hatt (U11 Squad)

On the 5th November 2006 the under 11s girls met for a doubles event at Stevenage. There were a total of 8 pairs, divided into 2 boxes.

In Box A were: Amy George/Isabel Hatt, Renu Chopra/Laura Monk, Philippa English/Eleanor Fitton and Shayna Godin/Rachel Hibberd. In Box B were: Anna Collis/Rachel Ng, Sophia Aldridge/Eleanor Bull, Priyanka Sharma/Poppie Ephgrave and Hope Tolliday/Katie Kirkbride.

Two pairs from each box went through to the main event and the others went in to the plate event. The next match for all players was the semi-finals. In the main event Isabel/Amy easily beat Priyanka/Poppie 21/1 and Shayna/Rachel had a much harder game beating Anna/Rachel 21/18. Shayna/Rachel lost to Amy/Isabel in the final, getting 3 more points than when playing them in the group.

In the plate semi-finals Renu/Laura and Philippa/Eleanor came through to the final, beating Sophia/Eleanor and Hope /Katie quite comfortably. The final was a little harder with Renu/Laura coming out as winners.

Results

Final

Amy George/Isabel Hatt beat Shayna Goodin/Rachel Hibberd 21-14

Semi-finalists were Poppie Ephgrave/Priyanka Sharma and Anna Collis/Rachel Ng

Plate Final Renu Chopra/Laura Monk beat Philippa English/Eleanor Fitton 21-13

There will be U11 trials on January 3rd for a place in the development squad until Easter. Any one interested is welcome to come along to the Herts Sports village on that date between 5.30 and 7.30 pm .

Under 15 Inter-Counties Team Challenge

Hitesh Shah (U15 Squad Manager)

The U15 qualifying round of the Inter-Counties Challenge took place on Saturday 25th November at Newmarket Sport Centre. The team selected was: Scott Williams, Matthew McCloskey, Ryan McCarthy, James Head, Emily Westwood, Helena Lewczynska, Laura Bygrave and Ying Yi Tee.

We had to compete against five other Counties - Bedfordshire, Northants, Norfolk, Essex and Suffolk.

The format that we had to play was three mixed pairs in ranking order, one of each boy and girl singles and one pair level doubles for boys and girls, seven games in total as a team. The start time was 10.00 am and, as a team manager, I should have been there early but I just managed to get there in time for start of the matches. I left early but I got stuck in an accident on M25 and had to take a detour. Worried parents were about to take action on the role of team manager. Luckily the first county that we had to play, Bedfordshire, did not turn up and we were awarded seven games without playing. The second match that we played was against Northamptonshire and we sailed through with a victory of seven games to none. The players performed so well that they could not wait for the next county match. (Bring it on !!!!!!!!). The third match was against Norfolk and we won six games to one; the one that we lost was a very close game.

The next match was with our near rivals Essex - a good contest. The first two mixed were easily won and the third we lost with a close score 21-20, where Laura and James performed well. Our boys doubles Matthew and Scott lost 17-21, and girls doubles Emily and Helena won 21-12. With Essex winning the boys singles to level the match, we needed to win the final game, where by Laura played very well and won the girls singles. Final score Herts won four games to three.

The Final match that we played was against Suffolk and we out-performed them and won very easily seven games to none.

We were the overall winners and had qualified for the finals of the Team Challenge on April 1st 2007. Sadly there were no medals or certificates given to the winners or runners up, I think that is appalling from the organizers children took whole day off to play badminton and compete against the other

counties. With the new shirts the team looked their best. I would like to thank Phil Westwood for his support and the players for their great play and achievement in which they only gave away four games out of thirty five. Well Done Guys.

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Under 13 Team Challenge, Regional Round **Duncan Conway (U13 Squad Manager)**

Once again we were on the road to Mildenhall in Suffolk for the qualifying round of the oldest team competition for Under 13s. Indeed it is, I think, the second oldest junior team competition in England. So it is always important to do well in this event. If we finish first or second, we go through to the National Finals in March. Originally only one county went through to the finals, and it was a usually between ourselves and Essex. But since two have been going through, we have always gone to the finals, except for last year! So I hoped we could restore our competitive status.

Our regional competition was due to feature six counties. But when we got to Mildenhall we were told that Bedfordshire had withdrawn. We would therefore be playing Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Suffolk and Essex.

Our opening match was against Suffolk (who had pipped us to the second place in the finals last year). But this year was different. We won 4-2 on rubbers. Our boys played very well turning in excellent results except for one rubber going to three games. Our girls fought hard and kept their scores down to a good level.

The next match was against Northamptonshire. We won this 5-1. Northants had moved their best girl to the Doubles, but that was all they won. Our team took the rest decisively. And so on to the match against Norfolk. This we won 4-2. Again our winning matches were decisive, and even the two we lost were taken to three games by our players even if they couldn't quite get to a win.

We now had a break and a chance to evaluate where we were. So far we and Essex were unbeaten with that match all that remained for both of us. So both teams had booked a place in the finals – but was it to be as winner or runner-up? Essex had won all their matches by 6-0 and people were telling me that they had a very strong team especially their girls. But our boys were very strong also. So it would depend on how the strong parts of the team would play. And that is how it turned out. The match score was 3-3; the rubber score was 7-7, so we were down to counting points. Unfortunately they had more than us, so we came through as runners-up. But the finals are calling.

Congratulations to everybody who played, they all contributed to a successful day.

Senior Schools

Points are awarded to players from all affiliated senior schools in the HSBA tournaments going towards a team total in each age group. The points awarded after the first tournaments are as follows:

U18 Boys (After 2 events)

1	Haberdashers' Aske's	100
2	Chancellor's	72
3	Hitchin Boys	64
4	St Albans	54
5	John Henry Newman	26
6	Dame Alice Owen	21
7	Heathcote	16
8	Richard Hale	6

U18 Girls (After 2 events)

1	St Albans Girls High	153
2	Presdales	48
3	Heathcote	32
4	Fearnhill	29
5	Dame Alice Owen	24
6	Queenswood	13
7	Chancellor's	2

U15 Boys (After 1 event)

1	St Albans	70
2	Haberdashers' Aske's	32
3	Richard Hale	13
4	Heathcote	5

U15 Girls (After 1 event)

1	St Albans Girls High	52
2	Chancellor's	44
3	Dame Alice Owen	6

U13 Boys (After 1 event)

1	Haberdashers' Aske's	56
2	Lochinver House	48
3	Chancellor's	41
4	St Albans	24
5	Fearnhill	13
6	John Henry Newman	6

U13 Girls (After 1 event)

1	Chancellor's	68
2	Dame Alice Owen	25
3	St Albans Girls High	4

Match Results

U13 Shires League v Leicestershire: Herts lost to Leics 8-12. Team was: Nick Barnett, Steven George, Daniel Hatt, Howard Stobo, Lizzie Airey, Georgia Pittson, Lexy Richards and Kirsty Southey

U15 Shires League v Cambridgeshire: Herts beat Cambs 20-0.

U15 Shires League v Lincolnshire: Herts beat Lincs 12-8. Team was: Ryan McCarthy, Matthew McCloskey, Elliott Miles, Scott Williams, Laura Bygrave, Charlotte Gawley Green, Isabelle Sadler, Ying Yi Tee

U17 Shires League v Leicestershire: Herts beat Leics 16-4. Team was: Oliver Crabb, Luke Donnelly, James Reynolds, Matthew Westwood, Helena Lewczynska, Rachel Warnes, Emily Westwood, Charlotte Willis

Tournament Results

U13 Bronze Anglia

Boys Singles Final **Steven George** lost to Darren Adamson (Bd) 11-21

Girls Singles Final **Isabel Hatt** lost to Louise Thacker (Nf) 11-21

Girls Doubles Final **Amy George/Isabel Hatt** lost to Louise Thacker/Sophia Piper (Nf) 13-21

U15 Silver Anglia

Girls Singles Semi-final **Laura Bygrave** lost to Beth Howard (Nm) 13-15, 12-15

Girls Doubles Final **Laura Bygrave/Ying Yi Tee** lost to Sarah Bradbury (Le)/Leigha Knight (Li) 11-15, 15-11, 11-15

Boys Singles Final **Ryan McCarthy** beat Ryan Staden (Ke) 15-11, 15-5

U15 Silver South East Wales

Boys Doubles Final Owen Diment (Dv)/**James Head** beat Nicholas Mingo/Matthew Watkins (Dv) 18/16, 15-10

U15 Bronze Anglia

Boys Singles Quarter final **Matthew McCloskey** lost to Ben Carter (Li) 16-21
Scott Williams lost to Kurtis LeFeuvre (Nf) 13-21

U17 Silver South East Wales

Girls Singles Final **Helena Lewczynska** beat **Emily Westwood** 15-13, 15-11

Girls Doubles Runners-up in group of 6 **Helena Lewczynska / Emily Westwood**

From the editor:

Thanks to all those who contributed articles for this newsletter - Hitesh Shah, Duncan Conway, Amy George, Isabel Hatt, Matthew Widdicombe, Laura Bygrave, Ying Yi Tee and Paul Widdicombe. As you can see, the quantity is getting smaller and if this downward trend continues the Herts newsletter, which is usually read nationwide, will 'die the death'!! I am quite happy to have reports in note form and 'put it into English' myself , (or even into Welsh to cause some confusion!) but please, do send in something! The next newsletter is not due to be published until February, but if there is no input it will be held back until such time that I have enough material to fill a few pages.

On behalf of the HSBA committee, I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful New Year.

Closing date for items for the next newsletter is **Friday, February 16.**

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