



On the Line!

Newsletter of Hertfordshire Schools Badminton Association

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Center Parcs National Schools Championships 2012/13

The County round of this tournament took place at Hertfordshire Sports Village on 4 December 2012, featuring schools that had qualified from District round competitions held earlier in the term. After a day of fiercely competitive badminton, the following schools emerged at the top of the table for each event.

Under 14 Girls

- 1st St Clement Danes (Ellen Jennings, April Miller, Ashley Eales & Olivia Coles)
- 2nd St Georges
- 3rd Roundwood
- 4th John F Kennedy

Under 14 Boys

- 1st Monks Walk (Chris Adey, Jack Kimber, Matt Harden & Callum Wilson)
- 2nd Hitchin Boys
- 3rd Verulam
- 4th Watford Boys

Under 16 Girls

- 1st Presdales (Kate Hill, Mollie Graham, Charlotte Clarke & Eloise Tarry)
- 2nd The Royal Masonic
- 3rd The Highfield
- 4th Dame Alice Owen's

Under 16 Boys

- 1st Verulam (Daniel Fox, Harry Knill-Jones, Pavitar Singh & Charlie Holmes)
- 2nd Hitchin Boys
- 3rd Haberdashers' Aske's Boys
- 4th Richard Hale

Congratulations to the players in the four first-place teams who now go forward to represent Hertfordshire schools in the Regional round to be held between 11th and 15th March. Further information about the tournament is available on the Badminton England web-site at:

<http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/text.asp?section=2507§ionTitle=Center+Parcs+National+Schools+Championships+2011%2F12>

HSBA tournaments

The first two events took place on 21st October and 25th November 2012, and the tournament organiser's reports on them follow. The Spring term's tournaments are listed below – all will be held at Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, SG1 1LZ. Entry forms for them can be downloaded from the HSBA web-site:

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

where there is also a map giving directions to the Leisure Centre.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Tournament</i>	<i>School Year</i>
Sunday January 27 th 2013	09.30 hours	Under 10 Boys & Girls Singles	Year 5 and under
		Under 13 Boys singles	Year 8 and under
	11.30 hours	Under 13 Girls Singles	Year 8 and under
	14.00 hours	Under 13 Boys & Girls Doubles	Year 8 and under
Sunday February 10 th 2013	09.30 hours	Under 11 Boys & Girls Singles	Year 6 and under
		Under 15 Boys Doubles	Year 10 and under
	11.30 hours	Under 15 Girls Doubles	Year 10 and under
Sunday March 3 rd	13.30 hours	Under 13-Under 18 Giant Handicap Mixed Doubles Tournament	All School Years
	11.00 hours**	Primary Schools Team Tournament	Year 6 and under
	13.30 hours	Under 15 Boys & Girls Singles	Year 10 and under

**The Primary Schools Team Tournament will be preceded at 09.30 hours by a coaching session for all tournament entrants delivered by HSBA squad coaches and other qualified coaches.

Speaking to On the Line's correspondent, the organiser of the Giant Handicap Mixed Doubles Tournament said:

"This is going to be fun! Lots of people have asked me what it's all about. You will be given a certain number of points to begin with depending on your age, so the younger you are the more points you start off with. All the boxes will be totally mixed so an Under 13 pair could be playing an Under 17 pair, but they will already have some points in the bag. It also means that you could have players of different ages partnering each other because each person will be handicapped individually. So start asking around for a partner now, before all your preferred partners have been snapped up!"

HSBA Age-group tournaments, Autumn term 2012/13

Barbara Lewczynska

Under 11 doubles, Under 13 B singles, Under 18 singles and mixed doubles, 21st October 2012

This first tournament of the season encompassed eight events, run in two halls very successfully by all volunteers. Many thanks to Liz Bateman, Mike Newlove, Ken Winchester, Neil Bambrick, Sangeeta Dhall and anyone else who I have forgotten (sorry!!!).

Whilst the U11 girls doubles only attracted three pairs a great time was had by all, and all the pairs played each other twice. Lilie Corke and Amy Kay came 3rd, Laura De Costa and Khadijah Hasan were runners up, and Fiona McArdle and Jessica Grey were the winners. In the boys doubles there were a more substantial ten pairs, playing in two boxes. As expected and according to seeding Ashay Dhingra and Toby Goddard only just pipped Harry Goode and Findlay Cattermole in the main event final 21-19, whilst in the plate event, Taroun Kumar Balaubramanian and Lucas Sui had an easier win over Lochinver's Josh Jeffrey and George Mangon.

In the Under 13 B singles event there were substantial entries from Haberdashers' Aske's Boys, Queenswood, Lochinver and Ralph Sadleir. The boys competition was played in 7 boxes and saw Jacob Harper winning the main event with a 21-14 victory over Ryan Forth, and in the plate event in an all Haberdashers' Aske's final, Nikhil Chavda beat Ritik Parmar 21-14.

In the girls competition Swifts club member Rianna Hattrell beat Abigail Best 21-16, whilst in the plate Jessica Hawes (Queenswood) beat her school mate Mia Fuell in a close 21-18.

The most surprising event of the day was the Under 18s, where there were more girls than boys in both events – stunning! The girls singles champion was Cayleigh Bambrick, with a 21-15 win over a younger Lia Willis, and in the plate event, Renu Dhall Chopra had an emphatic win over Ruby Hui 21-8. In the boys event, Conor Bambrick beat Lyall Daniells 21-11, and the plate winner was Sam Newlove with a 21-12 victory over Wesley Chan.

In the Under 18 Boys doubles, like the Under 11 girls, there were three pairs. After a tense round of games, Conor Bambrick, partnered by David Maughan came first, runners up were Lyall Daniels and Duncan Williams, and a creditable third were Jack Goode and William Pickworth.

Then came the Under 18 girls and what a line up it was, with entrants from Watford Girls, Hitchin, St Albans Girls, Nobel, Presdales, Queenswood, Royal Masonic John Warner, NLCS, St Christophers, Nicholas Breakspear, and a whole host from St Albans Girls High. The main event saw another Bambrick victory when Cayleigh and Isabel Hatt beat Ying Cen Tee and Laura Monk 21-5, and in the plate Sarah De Souza and Josephine Harrison from Watford Girls, overcame Ruby Hui and Tam Lok Tung from Royal Masonic.

Under 15 B singles, 25th November 2012

A great turnout for these two events especially from the boys, with a wide range of schools represented and some large entries from Parmiters, Turnford, Haberdashers' Aske's Boys, Hichin Boys, Verulam, and Onslow, to name a few.

The boys' event was played in 9 boxes, with some superb close games in all stages of the competition and a great atmosphere. The main event was won by Hitchin student John Boyle in a close against Jason Lam of Haberdashers' Aske's, with John winning 21-18. The plate event between two Gadebridge club members ended in a 21-19 victory for Dominic Hammond over Adam Hawkins.

The girls' competition, a much smaller prospect, and dominated by Queenswood, was won by Natasha Carter with a victory over Isobel Nendick of Dame Alice Owen's 21-17, and the plate event, an all Queenswood final saw Seren Mehmet dominating her compatriot Scarlet Ward 21-11.

Full results are on the HSBA web-site at:

<http://www.hertsschoolsbadminton.co.uk/Tournaments.html>

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

Under 18

Girls			Boys	
School	Points	Position	School	Points
Presdales	55	1	Nobel	50
Royal Masonic	51	2	John Warner	40
Nobel	50	3	Sherrardswood	38
St Albans Girls	49	4	Beaumont	36
John Warner	36	5	Richard Hale	32
North London Collegiate	32	6	St Albans	19
St Albans Girls High	30	7	Verulam	13
Nicholas Breakspear	25	8	Townsend	121
Hitchin Girls	24	9	Barnwell	6
Watford Girls Grammar	20	10	St Michael Hitchin Boys	4
St Christopher	16	11		
Parmiters	13	12	Simon Balle	3
Queenswood	12	13		

Under 15

Girls		Position	Boys			
School	Points		School	Points		
Queenswood	107	1	Haberdashers' Aske's	78		
Tring	17	2	Hitchin Boys	49		
Mount Grace	13	3	Turnford	33		
		4	Dame Alice Owen's Freman College	16		
		6	Sir John Lawes	13		
		7	Bishops Stortford High Chancellor's Chesham Grammar Onslow St Audreys' Roudnwood Park	11		
			12		Parmiters Tring	8
			14		Cavendish	6
			15		Verulam	3
		16	John Henry Newman Lochinver House Priory	2		
			19		Kings Langley	1

Under 13

Girls		Position	Boys			
School	Points		School	Points		
Queenswood	44	1	Haberdashers' Aske's	60		
Mount Grace	25	2	Lochinver House	39		
Dame Alice Owen's	20	3	Priory	25		
		4	Bishops Stortford High	20		
		5	Ralph Sadleir	17		
		6	Mount Grace	16		
		7	Bridgewater Chancellor's Simon Balle	13		
			10		Sandringham Townsend	11
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		13	Monks Walk	2		

Under 13 Leicester doubles

Mike Newlove, Team Manager

On the cold morning of October 13th, six boys and two girls plus some parents got up far too early for a Saturday to make the motorway journey to Babbington Community College, where they were joined by pairs from Hampshire, Surrey, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Warwickshire, making up two boxes of seven boys and one box of six girls. Play commenced at 9.30 to produce some battling badminton; Molly Goode & Harriet Bell finished third equal on games beating the eventual champions the second time they played them (all girls played each pair twice).

Jamie Gall and Daniel Lewis were in the same box as Jack Glynn and Sonny Ward, and the two pairs started by having to play each other, Jamie and Daniel winning to 15 – a good warm up for both pairs as they both went on to qualify for the knock out stage quarter finals.

In the other box, Jason Haley and Stephen Elliott, representing the county for the first time, finished third, losing by narrow margins (18 & 19), one of which was to the eventual winners. They also went into the knock out, while Jamie and Daniel made it to the semi final, losing to the eventual champions to 13. Herts can be proud of the fighting spirit all the players showed.

Under 15 Team Challenge regional round

Sophie Vernon

On the 24th November we travelled up to the newly refurbished Brandon Leisure Centre in Suffolk for the regional round of the U15 Team Challenge 2012/13. It was an early start and everyone arrived looking slightly tired, but ready for a battle, especially against the strong Essex team.

The results of the matches were:

Herts 7-0 Suffolk
Herts 5-2 Bedfordshire
Herts 6-1 Norfolk
Herts 1-6 Essex

There were many tough games throughout the day and everyone in the team contributed to our overall success. It was a great team performance! Special mentions should go to Lia Willis who won a hard fought singles 21-18 and our only game in the Essex match, Milly Clarke for winning all of her games and Zach Daniels who won two of his matches 21-20!

Herts qualified for the national finals which will be held at Hertfordshire Sports Village on 24th March 2013.

Team: Milly Clarke, Zach Daniels, Austin Ephgrave, Brett Maisey, Sam Newlove, Sophie Vernon, Amy Willetts, Lia Willis



The Under 15 team relaxing after success at Brandon

Under 13 Team Challenge regional round

Mike Newlove, Under 13 Squad Manager

With a relative late start of 10.30, Mildenhall (the Dome), is a good 4 court venue. With a full strength team, the two early matches were not the walkover that the final result portrays; everyone played their part and worked hard in their games.

Herts 6-0 Norfolk
Herts 6-0 Suffolk

Our final match was against Essex, who had likewise won every match up to that point. Having drawn the Shires League match 10/10 the previous week, it was time to show some mettle, which we duly did winning 5-1 and only losing the boys doubles by a narrow margin. As winners 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 Saturday 23rd March.

Team: Chris Adey, Laura Anderson, Harriet Bell, Rees Clarke, Molly Goode, Mathew Harden, Monique Maisey, Keya Patani, James Penver, Benjamin Plunkett

Badminton England grading promotions

Two new grading lists have been published since the last edition of On the Line! Congratulations to the following squad players who have improved on their highest singles grading since Badminton England's grading list of July 2012:

October 2012

Grade F David Maughan
Grade H Monique Maisey, James Penver

Congratulations to the following squad players who achieved their first grading in this list:

Grade I Harriet Bell, Molly Goode

December 2012

Grade C Matthew Widdicombe
Grade G James Penver
Grade H Austin Ephgrave, Jamie Gall, Harry Knill-Jones

Congratulations to the following squad players who achieved their first grading in this list:

Grade H Rees Clarke, Tobias Goddard, Martin Lui
Grade I Laura De Costa, Jack Glynn, Jason Hayley, Martin Lui, Eleanor McArdle, Benjamin Plunkett, Sebastian Plunkett, Thomas Reynolds, Lucas Sui, Sonny Ward, Amy Willetts

Autumn term junior club tournaments

John Stobo (based on an email received from Gill Bartlett)

On 11th November 2012, a junior club tournament was held at Birchwood LC, the first to be held as part of HSBA's initiative to replace the former inter-club junior league. Managed by Gill Bartlett and Marion Conway, the tournament was a considerable success, attracting a large number of players, including less experienced ones, who all appeared to enjoy themselves.

In each age-group event, players were sorted into first round boxes, girls separate from boys, trying to spread out players from the same club so they didn't play each other. In the second round, first round winners from each box played against each other in the top second round box; runners-up in the second box; and so on. In this second round, girls and boys were integrated. The club team results shown on the next page represent a rudimentary effort to rank the performance of different clubs with different numbers of players in the various events, based on total points won by the team over both rounds, divided by the number of players in the team to give an average score. Obviously a team consisting of a single strong player has an advantage! However, other methods we considered gave different advantages, to large teams for example.

Gill and Marion wish to offer thanks to all their helpers on the day, including young helpers Beth Kirby, Conor Quinn, and Nathan Scofield, and particular thanks to Megan and Ceri for their work in planning before the event and contributing results after it. They hope everyone enjoyed themselves and will want to play again in a similar tournament. Just as important, in my opinion, are the thanks due to Gill and Marion themselves for tackling the organisation of this event which was an innovation for HSBA.

Position	Year 5 and below	Year 7 and below	Year 9 and below	Over Year 9
1	Stevenage and Swifts	All Saints	Shephall	Much Hadham
2	Swifts	Marshals	Harpenden	Harpenden
3	Much Hadham	Swifts	Marshals	Knebworth
4	Marshals	Harpenden	Swifts	Swifts
5	Harpenden	Knebworth	Comets	Comets
6	Knebworth	Stevenage		
7	Shephall	Much Hadham		
8	All Saints	Comets		
9	Comets			



Players in Year 9 and below show off their tournament certificates

Badminton England junior tournament results

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

Under 17 Gold, Wales

XD	Semi final	Matthew Widdicombe & Melissa Stride lost to Alex Dunn & Holly Newall: 18-21, 14-21
BD	Final	Matthew Widdicombe & Akul Pankhania lost to Kyle Cherry & Kelvin Latimer: 16-21, 17-21

Under 17 Gold, Loughborough

BS*	Semi final	Matthew Widdicombe lost to Harry Yuehang Wang: 21-23, 9-21
XD	Final	Matthew Widdicombe & Page Butler lost to Craig Smith & Ira Banerjee: 14-21, 14-21

Under 17 Gold, East London

XD	Final	Matthew Widdicombe & Paige Butler won the event!!
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Under 17 Gold, York

BS*	Semi final	Matthew Widdicombe lost to James Farmer: 13-21, 19-21
GS	Quarter final	Philippa English lost to Nicola Ho: 15-21, 7-21
BD	Semi final	Matthew Widdicombe & Akul Pankhania lost to David King & Oliver Thompson: 15-21, 22-20, 17-21
XD	Quarter final	Matthew Widdicombe & Philippa English lost to Alex Dunn & Holly Newall: 17-21, 18-21

Under 13 Gold, Kent

BS	Quarter final	Christopher Adey lost to Rory Easton: 12-21, 16-21
BD	Final	Christopher Adey & Rory Easton lost to Joshlee Bong & Jack Macgregor: 15-21, 21-17, 14-21
GD	Round robin	Keya Patani & Molly Chapman won the event!!

Under 13 Gold, Wycombe

BD	Quarter final	Christopher Adey & Nicholas Pipe lost to Christopher Lai & Zach Russ: 18-21, 14-21
XD	Quarter final	James Penver & Dominique Bell lost to Harry Huang & Molly Chapman: 15-21, 9-21

Under 13 Gold, Nottingham

XD	Semi final	Oliver Chapman & Keya Patani lost to Luke Donegan & Grace King: 12-21, 14-21
GD	Final	Keya Patani & Molly Chapman won the event!!

Under 13 Gold, EIS Sheffield

GD	Final	Keya Patani & Molly Chapman won the event!!
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Under 17 Silver, Northumberland

BD	Final	David Maughan & Finn Connor-Watson won the event!!
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Under 17 Silver, Essex

BS	Round 2	Hugo Weaver lost to Kristian Plender: 11-15, 10-15
GS	Quarter final	Cayleigh Bambrick lost to Libby Mcmorrow: 8-15, 15-11, 11-15
BD	Semi final	Hugo Weaver & Timothy Scott lost to Rudy Beavis & Seam Flower: 18-20, 15-8, 9-15
GD	Semi final	Lia Willis & Charlotte Clark lost to Lucy Dong & Libby Mcmorrow: 8-15, 8-15

Under 17 Silver, Anglia

BS	Quarter final	David Maughan lost to Hugo Weaver: 8-15, 12-15
	Semi final	Hugo Weaver lost to Timothy Scott: 12-15, 6-15

Under 17 Silver, Sussex

GS	Quarter final	Libby Jennings lost to Amy Apring: 11-15, 8-15
BD	Final	David Maughan & Alexander Ingham lost to Rudy Beavis & Seam Flower: 12-15, 11-15

Under 17 Silver, Hertfordshire

BS	Semi final	Lyall Daniels lost to Ryan Quek: 15-9, 7-15, 7-15
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Under 17 Silver, Durham

BD	Final	David Maughan & Finn Connor-Watson lost to Bradley Lewis Okopskyj & Michael Taylor: 15-21, 11-15, 12-15: 12-15, 11-15
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Under 15 Silver, Sussex

XD	Semi final	Lia Willis & Alex Cook lost to Emil Kristensen & Laura Plambech: 8-15, 11-15
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Under 15 Silver, Kent

GS	Final	Lia Willis lost to Tilly Ip: 12-15, 15-13, 9-15
GD	Round robin	Lia Willis & Briony Whitfield finished in Bronze medal position

Under 15 Silver, Leicestershire

GS	Quarter final	Lia Willis lost to Chloe Wilkins: 12-15, 15-13, 15-17
GD	Round robin	Lia Willis & Briony Whitfield finished in Bronze medal position

Under 15 Silver, Essex

GS	Final	Lia Willis lost to Rosemary Allen: 10-15, 10-15
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Under 15 Silver, Bournemouth

GD	Semi final	Ellen Jennings & Briony Whitfield lost to Bernice Dore & Chloe Wakely: 11-15, 6-15
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Under 17 Bronze, Oxfordshire

GS	Semi Final	Libby Jennings lost to Abbie Wallis: 20-22
XD	Quarter final	Daniel Cook & Libby Jennings lost to Christopher Wood & Anna Richardson: 18-21

Under 17 Bronze, Hampshire

BS	Round 2	Duncan Williams lost to William Fryer: 15-21
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Under 17 Bronze, Hertfordshire

BS	Round 2	Duncan Williams lost to Neel Doshi: 19-21
BD	Semi final	Duncan Williams & Daniel Fox lost to Christopher Dix & Charles Woodham: 19-21

Under 17 Bronze, Northamptonshire

BS	Round 2	Duncan Williams lost to Daniel Blair: 8-21
		Daniel Fox lost to James Pinder: 7-21
GS	Quarter final	Lia Willis lost to Neha Madhotra: 11-21
BD	Final	Duncan Williams & Daniel Fox won the event!!
GD	Final	Lia Willis & Stephanie Pipe won the event!!

Under 15 Bronze, East London

GS	Final	Sophie Vernon lost to Vicky Roberts: 16-21
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Under 15 Bronze, Hampshire

BS	Round 2	Christopher Adey lost to Martin Porter: 20-22
BD	Final	Christopher Adey & Nicholas Pipe lost to Morrison Ayley & Guy Jones: 11-21

Under 15 Bronze, Cambridgeshire

BS	Quarter final	Nathan Wooster lost to Christopher Adey: 13-21
	Final	Christopher Adey lost to Guy Jones: 15-21
BD	Semi final	Christopher Adey & Brett Maisey lost to Oliver Stevenson & Eugene Stokes: 19-21
GD	Round robin	Emily Clarke & Victoria Clayton finished in Bronze medal position

Under 15 Bronze, Surrey

GS	Semi final	Sophie Vernon lost to Maya Raichoora: 9-21
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Under 15 Bronze, Oxfordshire

XD	Quarter final	James Penver & Dominique Bell lost to Guy Jones & Emily Jane Easton: 12-21
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Under 15 Bronze, Essex

BS	Round 2	Christopher Adey lost to Prashan Clare: 7-21
GS	Final	Sophie Vernon won the event!!
BD	Semi-final	Christopher Adey & Shaun McKnight lost to Ryan Harman & Jonathan Kuribayashi-Coleman: 17-21

Under 15 Bronze, Northants

BS	Round 2	Sam Newlove lost to William Fryer: 8-21
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Under 15 Bronze, Leicestershire

GS	Final	Keya Patani won the event!!
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Under 15 Bronze, Kent

BS	Final	Christopher Adey lost to Prashan Clare: 12-21
GS	Final	Keya Patani lost to Maya Raichoor: 17-21
BS	Semi final	Christopher Adey & Brett Maisey lost to Ryan Harman & Ethan Solly: 15-21

Under 13 Bronze, Kent

GS	Semi final	Monique Maisey lost to Saffy Gujral: 24-26
	Final	Laura Anderson won the event !!
GD	Final	Laura Anderson & Monique Maisey won the event!!

Under 13 Bronze, Oxfordshire

GD	Semi final	Laura Anderson & Rhea Hemmadi lost to Gemma Atkins & Isabel Phillips: 12-21
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Under 13 Bronze, Middlesex

GS	Semi final	Laura Anderson lost to Safia Khimji: 20-22
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Under 13 Bronze, Anglia

BS	Final	James Penver won the event!!
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Under 13 Bronze, East London

GD	Round robin	Laura Anderson & Monique Maisey finished in Silver medal position
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Under 13 Bronze, Hertfordshire

BS	Semi final	James Penver lost to Christopher Lai: 12-21
GS	Semi final	Monique Maisey lost to Safia Khimji: 9-21
GD	Semi final	Monique Maisey & Laura Anderson lost to Bhavika Mistry & Safia Khimji: 17-21

Under 11, Middlesex

BS	Quarter final	Tobias Goddard lost to Alex Green: 7-11, 6-11
BD	Final	Lucas Siu & Ewen Stephen lost to Alex Green & Ethan Rose: 0-11, 5-11

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

Correction: Owing to a production error in October's *On the Line!*, Libby Jennings's name was omitted from the list of players in the 2012/13 Under 17 squad. The editor apologises for this mistake.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of *On the Line!* The deadline for contributions to the April 2013 newsletter is Friday 29th March, and they should be sent to John Stobo at:

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