



On the Line!

Newsletter of Hertfordshire Schools Badminton Association

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Center Parcs National Schools Championships 2013/14

The Hertfordshire County round of these championships took place at Hertfordshire Sports Village on 14 November, with a good representation in the boys' events from all districts though rather fewer teams in the girls' events.

After several hours of hard-fought badminton, ably organised by Rhian Blowers and her team of assistants, the following finals were played out in front of an enthusiastic audience of supporters:

Under 14 Girls

Parmiters vs Sir John Lawes – Sir John Lawes won by 3-2 in games (points: 38-44)

Sir John Lawes: Eleanor McArdle, Anna Polland, Fiona McArdle, Rosie Pascal.

Parmiters: Laura Anderson, Anna Liddelow, Rebecca Bell, Tessa Cawley.

Under 16 Girls

Queenswood vs St Clement Danes – Queenswood won by 4-1 in games (points 57-40)

Queenswood: Gretchen Knong, Victoria Mangan, Natasha Carter, Sophie Bould, Rhianna Koharian.

St Clements Danes: Ellen Jennings, Millie Chapman, Ashley Eales, Millie Alliboué.

Under 14 Boys

Haberdashers' Aske's vs Verulam – Verulam won by 4-1 in games (points 52-44)

Verulam: Brendan Ho, Ollie Barnett, James Locke, Luke Meehan

Haberdashers' Aske's: Nikhil Chavada, Sohun Panda, Rishit Narula, Jack Ronayne, Dhruv Kanshik

Under 16 Boys

Watford Boys vs Haberdashers' Aske's – Watford Boys won by 4-1 in games (points 51-42)

Watford Boys: Mohammed Khaku, Jonathan De Costa, Sebastian Plunkett, Abbas Amin, Mohammedkazim Kanji.

Haberdashers' Aske's: Reuben Woolley, Siddarth Sheth, Dillan Devram, Jason Lam, Dhruva Mangrola.

The winning teams will now go forward to represent Hertfordshire at the Eastern Regional round of the championships on 21st March 2014, and we wish them every success there.

Strengthening the Under 15 coaching team

Hitesh Shah and John Stobo

We are very pleased to announce that Suzanne Rayappan has joined the coaching team for the Under 15 squad. Suzanne is an England ex-international badminton player who retired from full-time play in May 2009 after winning National Championships, achieving a world ranking of 11 and captaining the England team on tours of Germany in 2006 and 2008. Suzanne is currently the Head Coach at Badminton England's Luton Performance Centre, and her appointment to our team will help to strengthen cooperation with the PC, where several Under 15 squad players train. Her arrival will also give a much-needed youthful impetus to the greying profile of the existing coaching team!

Eastern Region Under 14 Team Tournament

John Stobo

The tournament, hosted this year by Bedfordshire SBA, was enjoyable for those who took part but was sadly depleted by the failure of Cambridgeshire, Essex and Norfolk to enter teams. We see this tournament as a good development opportunity for the younger players, and by drawing on the resources of the Under 13 squad we were able to enter two Herts teams:

- Team A Christopher Adey, Laura Anderson, Rees Clarke, Matthew Harden, Monique Maisey, Luke Meehan, Sanaya Patel
- Team B Harriet Bell, Amelia Dixon, Jamie Gall, Molly Goode, Daniel Lewis, Eleanor McArdele, Ben Plunkett,

The other participating counties were Bedfordshire and Suffolk, each with one team.

Herts A dominated the tournament and won it emphatically, with victories against Bedfordshire and Suffolk by 7-0 and 6-1 respectively. Their match against Herts B was a much closer affair which the A team took by 4-3. In addition to this good performance against the A team, Herts B also secured victory over Bedfordshire by 4-3 but succumbed to the strong Suffolk team by 1-6, though with one 20-21 and one 19-21 defeat along the way! These results left the B team in third place overall.

Eastern Region Under 16 Team Tournament

David Brown

A Herts team comprising Freddie Clarke, Victoria Clayton, Claudia Crowther, Brett Maisey, Shaun McKnight and Sophie Vernon competed in this tournament.

Five teams entered the competition: Herts, Essex, Norfolk 1, Norfolk 2 and Suffolk.

Herts played brilliantly throughout with every player in the team giving their all to sweep away Suffolk, Norfolk 1 and Norfolk 2, just leaving the final between Herts and Essex, where Herts battled hard in every game, just losing out to Essex in the end.

A very well deserved 2nd place overall. Well done Herts U16 Team!

Editor's note: We are unable at present to bring you a report of the Eastern Region Under 12 tournament which took place on 16th November 2013 but we hope to do so in the next edition of On the Line!

HSBA tournaments

Barbara Lewczynska

The Autumn term's events took place on 20th October and 10th and 24th November 2013. The Spring term's tournaments are listed on Page 3 – the venues are Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, SG1 1LZ or Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield, AL10 0AN. Entry forms for them can be downloaded from the HSBA web-site:

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Tournament</i>	<i>School Year</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Sunday February 2 nd 2014	0930 hours	Under 15 Boys Singles	Year 10 and under	Stevenage Leisure Centre
	11.30 hours	Under 15 Girls Singles	Year 10 and under	
	1330 hours	Under 15 Boys Doubles	Year 10 and under	
		Under 15 Girls Doubles	Year 10 and under	
1530 hours	Under 13 - Under 18 Giant Mixed Handicap	Years 7 - 13		
Sunday March 2 nd 2014	0930 hours	Under 13 Boys B Singles	Year 8 and under	Birchwood Leisure Centre Hatfield
	1200 hours	Under 13 Girls B Singles	Year 8 and under	
	1400 hours	Under 11 Boys Doubles	Year 6 and under	
		Under 11 Girls Doubles	Year 6 and under	
Sunday March 9 th 2014	11.00 hours**	Primary Schools Team Tournament	Year 6 and under	Stevenage Leisure Centre

**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:

"The tournament is open to anyone from the Under 13 to Under 18 age groups, and players are given handicap points according to their age, so the older players get more points against them before the match starts. You can play with whom you like and there are no age restrictions, so an Under 13 player could play with an Under 18 player. If you wish to enter but don't have a partner (or are too shy to ask) just put in an entry with 'partner required' and I will try and partner people up."

Boys & Girls Under 11 Singles – Sunday 20th October 2013

The boys Under 11 singles was contested by 13 entrants with a number of county players which made the event very competitive. In the main event four county players reached the semi-final stage, but it was Toby Goddard with a 21-11 victory over Harry Goode who walked away with the trophy. In the plate event Toby Shirvell was victorious against Shashank Madhukiran 21-12.

In the girls singles four competitors played in a round-robin format, and Leona Lee with three excellent victories won the trophy with Paankhuri Bhatia runner up.

Under 11 BS Main event – Winner Toby Goddard, r/up Harry Goode, s/f Max Shirvell & Thomas Sweetnam
Under 11 BS Plate event – Winner Toby Shirvell, r/up Shahshank Madhukiran, s/f Nithin Santhosh & Owain Kimber

Under 11 GS -1st Leona Lee, 2nd Paankhuri Bhatia, 3rd Alyssa Lee, 4th Elizabeth Bratton

Boys & Girls Under 18 singles and doubles – Sunday 20th October 2013

A slightly larger turnout in the Under 18 boys singles event saw Matthew Widdicombe victorious over Hugo Weaver 21-7, with the plate event being won by Brett Maisey. In the girls event a box of seven saw Philippa English lifting the trophy. The boys doubles gave Matthew Widdicombe his second trophy of the day playing with Hugo Weaver, and in the girls event too Philippa English became a double champion. In the boy's doubles plate event Daniel Davey and Reuben Woolley won in a tense final 21-15 against Chris Malpas and Theo Ching.

Under 18 BS Main event – Winner Matthew Widdicombe, r/up Hugo Weaver, s/f Chris Adey & Daniel Fox
Under 18 BS Plate event – Winner Brett Maisey, r/up Reuben Woolley, s/f James Abrams & Brendan Ho
Under 18 GS – 1st Philippa English, 2nd Cayleigh Bambrick, 3rd Claudia Crowther
Under 18 BD Main event – Winners Matthew Widdicombe/Hugo Weaver, r/up Daniel Fox/Duncan Williams, s/f Mark Amer/Nathan Wooster & Chris Adey/Brett Maisey
Under 18 BD Plate event – Winners Daniel Davey/Reuben Woolley, r/up Theo Ching/Chris Malpas, s/f Zafir Ameen/Harrison Huntley

Boys and Girls Under 10 Singles – Sunday 10th November 2013

Fifteen Under 10 boys from various schools around the county entered this tournament, and after the first qualifying rounds they were sorted into a main and a plate event. In the plate competition Arin Hattrell beat Findlay Goode in the final, and in the main event Max Shirvell collected the Under 10 trophy when he emerged victorious over Jack Teoh.

Fourteen girls were in the parallel event which was won by Leona Lee (who had also clinched the Under 11 singles title a couple of weeks earlier) with a victory over sister Alyssa. The plate event saw Our Lady's pupil Deborah James beat Lavigne Leung from Sir John Fisher 21-12.

Under 10 BS Main event – Winner Max Shirvell (Heathmount), r/up Jack Teoh(Habs) , s/f Harry Searle (Whitehill) & Toby Shirvell (Heathmount)

Under 10 BS Plate event – Winner Arin Hattrell (Little Heath), r/up Findlay Goode (Templewood), s/f Nithin Santhosh (Ladbrooke) & Oliver Guilar (Applecroft)

Under 10 GS Main event – Winner Leona Lee (Stonehill), r/up Alyssa Lee (Stonehill), s/f Evie Pickstock (Our Lady's WGC) & Alicia Northcott (Roundwood)

Under 10 GS Plate event – Winner Deborah James, r/up Lavigne Leung, s/f Maia Di Gesaro (Heathmount) & Veronika Vasileva (Our Lady's WGC)

Boys and Girls Under 13 singles and doubles – Sunday 10th November 2013

The Under 13 BS attracted 20 entrants which is always a perfect number to work with. Some really close games in the box rounds meant that the main and plate events were evenly matched. In the event the main competition was won by new county squad member Kishan Hathi with a 21-8 victory over Under 11 squad member Toby Goddard, and the plate winner was Rushil Hora who beat Thomas Searle 21-15.

A slightly smaller group of girls contested the Under 13 event. Molly Goode was the winner of the Under 13 girls title with a nail-biting 21-20 victory over Abbie Smith, whilst Khadijah Hasan pipped Laura De Costa to the post in the plate event.

Under 13 BS Main event – Winner Kishan Hathi, r/up Toby Goddard, s/f Ashay Dhingra & Jamie Gall

Under 13 BS Plate event – Winner Rushil Hora, r/up Thomas Searle, s/f Vasanth Balla & Joseph Waugh

Under 13 GS Main event – Winner Molly Goode, r/up Abbie Smith, s/f Amelia Dixon & Harriet Bell

Under 13 GS Plate event – Winner Khadijah Hasan, r/up Laura De Costa, s/f Lillie Corke & Lia Di Gesaro

Under 13 BD Main event final – Jamie Gall & Kishan Hathi bt Steven Elliot & Jason Haley 21-6

Under 13 BD Plate event final – Jack Glynn & Joseph Waugh bt Vasanth Balla & Rushil Hora 21-13

Under 13 GD Main event final – Molly Goode & Harriet Bell bt Amelia Dixon & Abbie Smith 21-20

Under 13 GD Plate event final – Laura De Costa & Khadijah Hasan bt Naqiyah Bharwani & Anna Staines 21-12

Boys and Girls Under 15 B singles – Sunday 24th November

This tournament took place in a new venue, JFK School in Hemel Hempstead. B tournaments are aimed at school and club players, and the standard is always extremely high. There were 15 entrants for the boys singles and it was hard going all the way with no easy games for anyone. In the end the main event was won by Swifts club member Chris Malpas, and the plate event by Ryan McKeever, also of Swifts. The girls event, played in a group of 10 (so lots of games for everyone) was won by Natasha Carter of Queenswood School.

Under 15 BS Main event – Winner Chris Malpas (Onslow), r/up Steven Elliot (John Henry Newman), s/f Safee Hamid (Mill Hill County), Kyle Hoyte (Sandringham)

Under 15 BS Plate event – Winner Ryan McKeever (Chancellors), r/up Jack Ronayne (Habs), s/f Rishi Sanganee (St Edmunds), Rishit Narula (Habs)

Under 15 GS – 1st Natasha Carter (Queenswood), 2nd Anna Staines (Watford Grammar), 3rd Zoe Nendick (Dame Alice Owens)

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

Under 18

Girls		Position	Boys	
School	Points		School	Points
Nobel	55	1	Knights Templar	74
St Albans Girls High	50	2	Verulam	59
St Albans Girls	36	3	Monks Walk	56
St Clement Danes	33	4	Chauncy	50
St George's	28	5	Beaumont	33
Simon Balle	27	6	Haberdashers' Aske's	14
		7	Sherrardswood Townsend	13
		9	Highfield	11
		10	Dame Alice Owens	8
		11	Mount Grace Onslow St Audrey's	6
		13	Hitchin Boys	4
		14	Nobel	3

Under 15

Girls		Position	Boys	
School	Points		School	Points
Queenswood	59	1	Onslow St Audrey's	25
Watford Girls Grammar	30	2	Chancellor's	21
Dame Alice Owen	16	3	John Henry Newman	20
Haberdashers' Aske's Girls	11	4	Mill Hill County Sandringham Verulam	16
		7	Haberdashers' Aske's Mount Grace St George's	13
		10	St Edmund's College	4
		11	Parmiters	3

Under 13

Girls		Position	Boys	
School	Points		School	Points
Queenswood	106	1	John Henry Newman	66
Presdales	50	2	Egerton Rothesay	50
St George's	41	3	Aldenham	41
Hemel Hempstead Mount Grace	40	4	Chancellors	40
		5	Ashlyns	35
Watford Girls Grammar	29	6	Haberdashers' Aske's	33
Sir John Lawes	17	7	Dame Alice Owen	32
Rickmansworth	16	8	St George's	22
Chancellors	6	9	Lochinver House	15
Ralph Sadleir	4	10	Bishops Stortford College Parmiters Simon Balle	11
St Albans Girls High	3	11		
		13	Onslow St Audreys	8
		14	Richard Hale	7
		15	Hitchin Boys	6
		16	Knights Templar	3

Badminton England grading promotions

Congratulations to the following squad players who have improved their grading in the list published by BE in November 2013:

Promoted to grade H: Mark Amer, Daniel Davey, Jamie Gall, Matthew Harden, Jacob Harper, Max Titterton

Congratulations also to the following players who achieved their first grading in the same list:

Grade I: Olivia Clark, Victoria Mangan, Isobel Nendick

BE publishes an updated grading list at approximately monthly intervals. Full details of the grading system and the latest list are provided on the BE web-site at:

<http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/text.asp?section=2956§ionTitle=National+Gradings#.Uk1apL5wY6Y>

To adjust your singles grading, you must first play a minimum of four qualifying matches in each period. A qualifying match is:

1. A win against a player of the same grade
2. A win against a player of a higher grade
3. A loss against a player of a lower grade

Players achieving a 70%+ win ratio in the period will move up a grade. Players achieving a 10% or less win ratio will move down a grade. The same criteria apply to doubles grades, though it is the opponents' doubles grade as a pair, rather than their individual grades as singles players, which counts when determining whether a match is a qualifying match.

Under 17 County squads for the 2013/14 season

We were unable to bring you a photo of the new season's Under 17 squad in our last edition but are happy to rectify that omission now.



The Under 17 squad for 2013/14 and their coaches (Spot the Under 15 players in the picture too!)

Since we listed the squad members in our October newsletter, Siddharth Sheth has gained a squad place.

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 11, Home Counties

BS	Quarter final	Tobias Goddard lost to Charlie Castle: 5-11, 9-11
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Under 13 Bronze, Home Counties

BS	Quarter final	Jamie Gall lost to Harry Hodges: 19-21
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Under 13 Bronze, Hertfordshire

BS	Quarter final	Jamie Gall lost to Nikhil Kalapa: 15-21
		Tobias Goddard lost to Tom Cowperthaite: 11-21
BD	Semi-final	Tobias Goddard & Jack Durrance lost to Martin Beynon & Tom Cowperthaite: 17-21
	Final	Kishan Hathi & Jack Wu lost to Martin Beynon & Tom Cowperthaite: 18-21
GD	Final	Molly Goode & Abbie Smith lost to Safia Khimji & Pamela Reyes: 9-21

Under 13 Bronze, Oxfordshire

BS	Round 2	Kishan Hathi lost to Shivam Pandya: 20-22
XD	Final	Molly Goode & Kishan Hathi lost to Ella Haines & Martin Beynon: 13-21

Under 13 Bronze, East London

BS	Quarter final	Kishan Hathi lost to Eugene Stokes: 11-21
	Semi-final	Ashay Dhingra lost to James Xu: 13-21
BD	Final	Kishan Hathi & Jack Wu won the event!!

Under 15 Silver, Bournemouth

GD	Final	April Miller & Katie Whiteman won the event!!
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Under 15 Silver, Kent

GS	Semi-final	Keya Patani lost to Ruchika Madhotra: 15-21, 11-15, 7-15
GD	Final	Keya Patani & Chandan Nagaraj won the event!!

Under 15 Silver, Berkshire

GD	Round robin	April Miller & Katie Whiteman finished in silver medal position
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Under 15 Silver, Luton

GD	Final	Christopher Adey & Oliver Chapman won the event!!
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Under 15 Bronze, Northants

BS	Round 2	Daniel Davey lost to Adam Shepherd: 15-21
	Semi final	Mark Amer lost to Adam Shepherd: 19-21
		Nathan Wooster lost to David Morris: 10-21

Under 15 Bronze, Hampshire

BS	Round 2	Zach Daniels lost to Kaylan Jensen: 9-21
BD	Semi final	Daniel Lewis & Harry Morgan lost to Ali Bellagh & Farris Sheikh: 10-21

Under 15 Bronze, Middlesex

BD	Final	Daniel Lewis & Ali Bellagh lost to William Tuson & Daniel Williams: 15-21
GS	Final	Claudia Crowther lost to April Miller: 14-21
		April Miller won the event!!
GD	Final	Claudia Crowther & Fim Kim Lim won the event!!

Under 15 Bronze, Cambridgeshire

BS	Quarter final	Mark Amer lost to Thomas Joy: 18-21
	Final	Nathan Wooster lost to Matthew Cross: 17-21
BD	Final	Matthew Harden & Nathan Wooster lost to Matthew Cross & Levi Hoang: 11-21
GS	Final	Laura Anderson lost to Claudia Crowther: 19-21
		Claudia Crowther won the event!!
GD	Final	Laura Anderson & Monique Maisey lost to Kate Garnham & Megan Hassall: 13-21

Under 15 Bronze, Surrey

BS	Quarter final	Daniel Davey lost to Jamie May: 13-21
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Under 15 Bronze, Oxfordshire

BS	Round 2	Brendan Ho lost to Jude Blackman: 7-21
GS	Quarter final	Claudia Crowther lost to Chloe Hunt: 14-21
		Laura Anderson lost to Pamela Reyes: 12-21

Under 17 Bronze, Nottingham

BS	Semi final	Duncan Williams lost to Callum Buck: 15-21
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Under 17 Bronze, Hampshire

BS	Semi final	Duncan Williams lost to Christopher Dix: 17-21
BD	Final	Duncan Williams & Christopher Dix lost to Morrison Ayley & Guy Jones: 21-23

Under 17 Bronze, Hertfordshire

BS	Quarter final	Duncan Williams lost to William Manners: 20-21
	Semi-final	Christopher Adey lost to William Fryer: 12-21
BD	Final	Duncan Williams & Daniel Fox 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

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of On the Line! The deadline for contributions to the April 2014 newsletter is Friday March 28, and they should be sent to John Stobo at: J.R.Stobo@btinternet.com