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# HERTFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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<b>Sunday 25th February</b>	<b>Year 6 and under</b> Boys and Girls Doubles (U11)	9.30 am
	<b>Year 8 and under</b> Boys and Girls 'B' Singles (U13)	9.30 am
	<b>Year 10 and under</b> Boys and Girls 'B' Singles (U15)	2.00 pm

**Closing date is Thursday 15th February - no entries will be accepted after 20th February**

Tournaments on **25th February** and **11th March** are at **Stevenage Leisure Centre**

<b>Sunday 11th March</b>	<b>Year 5 and under</b> Boys and Girls Singles (U10)	9.30 am
	<b>Year 5 and under</b> Boys and Girls Doubles (U10)	2.30 pm
	<b>Year 8 and under</b> Boys and Girls 'A' Singles (U13)	9.30 am
	<b>Year 10 and under</b> Boys and Girls 'A' Singles (U15)	2.00 pm

**Closing date is Thursday 1st March - no entries will be accepted after 6th March**

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**Congratulations** to Laura Cousins and Frankie Edelmann who won the U13 Avon Invitation Doubles. They beat Alyssia Broomfield/Lucy Harris (Hampshire) 21-11 in the final

In the U15 Avon Invitation Doubles, Nicola Farr/Emma Stokes lost in the semi-final to the Gloucester pair Kerry Mullen/Joanne Theyer and Paul Monk/Anthony Moye lost in their semi-final to a Gloucester pair

### **Lost Property**

Left at Stevenage Leisure Centre after the Primary Team Tournament on 21st January - one grey hat

Left at Hatfield Leisure Centre after the Mixed Tournaments - almost new black body warmer

### **U11 Match**

The U11 match v Sussex played at St. Albans on Sunday 4th February resulted in a win for Herts 25-17. Well done to Rhian Blowers, Rachael Boothby, Rebecca Cousins, Charlotte Ellis, Hannah Warnes, Rachel Warnes, Christopher Boothby, David Boothby, Oliver Crabb, Luke Donnelly, James Reynolds and James Southgate

### **H.S.B.A. Tournaments**

#### **U13/U15/U18 Mixed Doubles - 29th December 2000**

It was a cold snowy morning in Hatfield and the surrounding areas. The Leisure Centre was closed to the

public, but not to HSBA badminton players. As I didn't get there until the U13 boxes were nearly complete, I didn't have the nerve to ask anyone to write a report and as the day went on I didn't get round to asking any U15s or U18s either, so for once I have to write the report myself.

Judging by the results of the U13 boxes, there were one or two very close games. The quarter final of the main event between Adam Monk/Emma Stokes and Louis Richards/Kate Lester was very hotly contested, Louis/Kate emerging victors 15-12. Kamran Haq/Laura Cousins won the other quarter final beating Gregg Roantree/Victoria Stokes 15-6. In the semis, Dominic Gomar/ Frankie Edelmann beat Louis/Kate and Jonathan Miller/Katie Wilson beat Kamran/Laura., with Dominic/Frankie winning the final. The plate event was won by Robert Levins/Nicola Farr beating the Boothby twins, Christopher and Rachael.

**Results:** **Dominic Gomar/Frankie Edelmann** beat Jonathan Miller/Katie Wilson 21-14  
Semi-finalists were Louis Richards/Kate Lester and Kamran Haw/Laura Cousins  
Plate: Robert Levins/Nicola Farr beat Christopher Boothby/Rachael Boothby 21-5.

The U15's came streaming in by midday - by which time the carpet had arrived at the Leisure Centre and was being laid in the foyer, which made life a little difficult! Again several games were hotly contested in the boxes, one surprise being SimonMaine/Claire Allen losing to Paul Monk/Nicola Farr. However in the main event Simon/Claire beat Chris Tye/Frankie Edelmann in the quarter final to play Paul/Nicola again in the semi. This time the boot was on the other foot with Simon/Claire winning convincingly 21-9. In the other half Joe Webb/Katie Day beat William Westwood/Victoria Stokes in the quarter final and were then beaten by the older Westwood/Stokes partnership David/Emma in the semi. The final was hard fought but Simon/Claire won fairly comfortably. The plate event was won by Matthew/Katie Comras who beat Anthony Moyer/Fiona Scott comparatively easily - a bonus for Katie who had to withdraw from the U13 event due to her partner's illness.

**Results:** **Simon Maine/Claire Allen** beat David Westwood/Emma Stokes 21-13  
Semi-finalists were Joe Webb/Katie Day and Paul Monk/Nicola Farr  
Plate: Matthew Comras/Katie Comras beat Anthony Moyer/Fiona Scott 21-7

By 2.30 p.m. the U18s had arrived (and the carpet layers had gone!) Nine pairs played in 2 boxes and the box winners Richard Comras/Katherine Mulligan and Jack Lipyeat/Jenna Tye had a fairly easy run. In the main event semis Richard/Katherine beat Simon Maine/Claire Allen, who were playing their second event of the day, and Jack/Jenna beat Chris Hodge/Dipali Shah. The final was closely fought, but Richard/Katherine ran out winners quite comfortably. In the plate event Nishant Bedi/Monica Arora fought their way into the final with a 17-14 win over Jinit/Priya Shah and were then beaten by Barnaby/Helen Walker in a long drawn out match.

**Results:** **Richard Comras/Katherine Mulligan** beat Jack Lipyeat/Jenna Tye 21-13  
Semi-finalists were Simon Maine/Claire Allen and Chris Hodge/Dipali Shah  
Plate: Barnaby Walker/Helen Walker beat Nishant Bedi/Monica Arora 21-7

## **ESBA EAST U17**

**Pat Walker**

Once again this tournament provided parents with the opportunity for some Christmas shopping in Stevenage Town Centre and market while Russell Walters refereed and Joan Walters and her team organised the badminton with their usual competence.

The Boys Standard Singles suffered a few withdrawals, all in the top half of the draw, but provided some hard battles.

In the semi-finals Chris Woodroffe (Dv) beat Peter Sidaway (Sf)

15-12, while Chris Hodsman (Li) beat David Bellamy (Yo) 15-13. Chris Hodsman then went on to win the final against Chris Woodroffe with another close score of 15-13.

In the Intermediate Boys Singles Sachin Punn (Wk) beat Tim Davies (Nf) in one semi-final while Chris Cottlad (Jy) beat Andrew Howard (Wk) in the other, Sachin winning the final against Chris with a convincing score of 21-5.

The seedings proved accurate for the Premier Boys Singles with the final being between No.1 seed Rajiv Ouseph (Mx) and No.2 seed Joel Gayle (Ex). Rajiv won his semi-final against Jason Pietruszka (Do) in three ends while Joel beat Matthew Bate (Be) in two, but the final went to Rajiv 15-9, 15-2.

Meanwhile in the Bowls Hall the three group winners in the Standard Girls Singles were Sarah-Jane Moore (Do),

Gayle Lloyd (Ke) and Si%on Andrews (Dv). Si%on proved too strong for the other girls winning her game against Gayle 15-11 and the final against Sarah-Jane 15-7.

With just 2 groups in the Intermediate Girls Singles, the final was between Laura Wright (Li) and Michelle Bellman (Ex), Laura winning 21-10.

The Premier Girls Singles was reduced from 3 groups to 2 following 3 withdrawals. **Sam Alexander** came through as one group winner and with **Katherine Mulligan** the No.1 seed in the other group there was the possibility of an all-Herts final. But Katherine's group proved to be an organiser's nightmare with all games between the 4 players involving 3 ends. With parents on the edges of their seats, it was a tired but happy Mary Le Druillenec (Yo) who ran out the eventual group winner. But Mary had another 3 ends to play in the final against Sam with Sam winning 11-2, 9-11, 11-7.

The Boys Main Doubles final was between the No.1 seeds Gareth John (Yo)/Jason Pietruszka (Do) and Craig Bever (Be)/Joel Gayle (Ex), who had been successful against the No.2 seeds Daniel Carpio/Rajiv Ouseph (Mx) in the quarter final. The final went to Bever/Gayle 15-1, 4-15, 15-8.

In the Girls Main Doubles **Sam Alexander/Katherine Mulligan**, the No.1 seeds, reached the final to play the second seeds Natalie Cragg (Le)/Lynsey Aston (My). The singles final had taken its toll on Sam's hamstring and she had to withdraw leaving Cragg/Aston the winners.

The winners in the Alternate Doubles events were Gayle Lloyd/Claire Self (Ke) and Peter Sidaway/David White (Sf). The Mixed event had Mary Le Druillenec once more enjoying 3 end games. With partner **Chris Scott** she won the quarter final against No. 1 seeds Gareth John (Yo)/**Sam Alexander** 1-15, 15-11, 15-13. The final between **Chris/Mary** and **Richard Comras/Katherine Mulligan** had Herts well represented and it took another 3 ends for Richard/Katherine to run out the eventual winners.

### Results:

Girls Premier Singles: Final: **Sam Alexander** beat Mary LeDruillenec (Yo) 11-2, 9-11, 11-7

Girls Main Doubles: Final: Natalie Cragg (Le) /Lynsey Aston (My) beat **Sam Alexander/Katherine Mulligan** w/o

Boys Main Doubles: Semi final: **Richard Comras/Philip Hammond** lost to Craig Bever (Be) /Joel Gayle (Ex) 15-5, 10-15, 15-8

Mixed Doubles: Final: **Richard Comras/Katherine Mulligan** beat **Chris Scott/Mary Le Druillenec** (Yo) 10-15, 15-4, 15-9

### ESBA East U13 Tournament

**Helen Brown**

Rainy, dull Sunday mornings seem to be synonymous with badminton tournaments - and Sunday 10th December was no exception. However, the short trek along the A1 to Stevenage, instead of the usual two and a half hour average journey, was indeed a treat. Stevenage Leisure Centre is a convenient and pleasant venue for Hertfordshire and once cocooned in our padded seats, the winds may have blown and the rain may have fallen, but we just didn't care!!

Some brave souls travelled from Norfolk by train and left at the crack of dawn, only to come rushing in with minutes to spare because of cancellations due to the wrong kind of rain on the tracks. A few others did not make it at all which meant that some of the boxes had to be rehashed at the last minute, but finally the tournament was underway with the doubles matches being played first. A quick straw poll amongst players and parents came to the conclusion that playing doubles first was a very good idea. It allowed everyone to warm up well before their singles matches and ease into the day. Could we play all ESBA tournaments like this?

The Boys Alternate Doubles reached its conclusion first with 3 of the 4 semi-finalists from Hertfordshire - **Dominic Gomar/Jonathan Miller** playing **Arjun Mehta/Gregg Roantree** and **Matthew Brown/Kamran Haq** against David Asbrey (Nh)/Ashley Fletcher (Gi). An all Hertfordshire final, Dominic/Jonathan against Matthew/Kamran saw a repeat performance of the Hertfordshire U13 Doubles played three weeks earlier in which Dominic/Jonathan were victorious. However, today the tables were turned and Matthew/Kamran came back from 2-11 down to win 15-13.

In the semi-finals of the Girls Alternate Doubles, **Kate Lester/Rachel Warnes** lost to the eventual winners

Alyssia Broomfield/Lucy Harris (Ha).

The Main Boys Doubles went according to seeding with Peter Mills (Nm)/Nathan Watson playing Christopher Adcock/Paul Schuller (Nm), the latter pair keeping their heads under pressure and winning 23-20.

In the Girls main Doubles, the final between seeds Mariana Agathangelou (Jy)/Vicki Ingram (St) and Hannah Littlecot (Ha)/Kirsten Read (Sx) could perhaps have been predicted, but the outcome was close with Agathangelou/Ingram holding on to come out victorious 21-15.

Some singles matches were played in the bowls hall which took some of the pressure off the main hall.

The U17s held their recent tournament in the bowls hall exclusively and many players actually like playing there because the court mats have a very good gripping surface. It was amusing, therefore, to hear two Premier girls who had been sent in there, refuse to play their match because it was not as good as the main hall! They were put in their place straight away by the organiser - if it was good enough for the U17s, it was good enough for them!

The Premier Boys singles went according to seeding with Christopher Adcock (Nm) beating Peter Mills (Nm) 21-10.

The Premier Girls singles was also predictable with all the seeds winning their boxes. In the final, it was nip and tuck all the way between Mariana Agathangelou (Jy) and Kirsten Read (Sx) with the former keeping her head, managing to grab the last few points and winning 21-19. It is worth remembering that many of the unseeded Premier players in the boxes are still playing a year under their age group and managing to get as many as 15 points off the seeds - so well done girls!

The Boys Standard singles had a large entry of 39 and some brilliant badminton was played by these up and coming players, many of which were 1989 birthdays and a few even 1990. **Matthew Brown** and **Dominic Gomar** of Hertfordshire managed to win through to the quarter finals. Matthew was beaten by Nava Thavanesan (Sy), who then went on to beat Dominic in the semis. Nava then played a strong game in the finals to beat Vishal Vyas (Mx) 15-9.

In the Girls Standard Singles **Kate Lester** was just beaten in the quarter finals by Katherine Felton (Ex). Katherine was beaten in her turn by Michelle Wong in a close semi-final 15-12, Michelle then losing in the final to Fontaine Chapman (Wk) 15-9.

Thanks must go to the organisers of this tournament and all those who helped. A successful raffle gave funds a much needed boost. Things ran smoothly with minimal waiting between matches and as well as actually playing, these tournaments are always a great social occasion for the children involved. And anyway, what else would we do on a dull rainy Sunday?

### **Results:**

#### **Boys Standard Singles:**

Quarter final: **Matthew Brown** lost to Nava Thavanesan (Sy) 7-15  
**Dominic Gomar** beat Robert Turbervill (Av) 15-7

Semi-final: **Dominic Gomar** lost to Nava Thavanesan 15-6

#### **Boys Alternate Doubles:**

Semi-final: **Dominic Gomar/Jonathan Miller** beat **Arjun Mehta/Gregg Roantree** 15-8  
**Matthew Brown/Kamran Haq** beat David Asbrey (Nh)/Ashley Fletcher(GI)17-16

Final: **Matthew Brown/Kamran Haq** beat **Dominic Gomar/Jonathan Miller** 15-13

#### **Girls Standard Singles:**

Quarter final: **Kate Lester** lost to Katherine Felton (Ex) 13-15

#### **Girls Alternate Doubles:**

Semi-final: **Kate Lester/Rachel Warnes** lost to Alyssia Broomfield/Lucy Harris (Ha) 15-8

**HSBA Primary Schools Tournament Rachel Warnes/Hannah Warnes/Lily Dixon (St. Mary's Primary School, Welwyn)**

The tournament this year attracted 35 teams from 10 schools (21 boys teams and 14 girls teams). Yet again Wilbury managed an excellent turnout and entered 8 teams!! Before the tournament started we had a coaching session with some of the HSBA coaches which turned out to be quite fun, and we got to meet some of the players from other schools.

After the coaching finished at 11.00 am the tournament started and was played in two rounds of boxes with each match consisting of one singles and one doubles played to 11 - a lot of games to be played. The winners of each box from the first round played off for the top five places, the runners-up from the first round boxes played each other for places 6 to 10 and so on. In the second round it was very competitive and we were lucky enough to go through to play for one of the top five places. As happened last year, we weren't able to beat Little Heath for the gold medal - watch out next year! In the boys event Little Heath weren't able to repeat last year's performance and were beaten by Grange, but in the combined event Little Heath came out on top.

We had a very enjoyable day and would like to say thank you to all the coaches who came for the morning session and also all the people involved in organising such a fun event.

**Final Positions**

**Boys**

**Girls**

**Gold Medal**

**Grange 1**

**Little Heath 1**

**Silver Medal**

**Brookmans Park 2**

**St. Mary's 1**

**Bronze Medal**

**Grange 2**

**Little Heath 2**

**(Brookmans Park Invitation Girls Team placed second)**

4	Little Heath 1	Little Heath 2
5	Wilbury 1	Benington
6	Brookmans Park 1	Grange 1
7	Ladbroke 1	Abel Smith
8	Lochinver 1	Wilbury 2
9	Wilbury 4	Grange 2
10	Little Heath 2	Ladbroke
11	Wilbury 5	St. Mary's 2
12	Grange 3	Hertingfordbury Cowper/Stormont
13	Lochinver 2	Wilbury 3
14	Invitation	Wilbury 1
15	St. Mary's	
16	Abel Smith	
17	Benington	
18	Little Heath 3	
19	Wilbury 2	
20	Ladbroke 2	
21	Wilbury 3	

**Combined**

<b>1</b>	<b>Little Heath 1</b>
2	Grange 1
3*	Grange 2
3*	Brookmans Park
5	Little Heath 2
6	Ladbroke
7	St. Mary's
8	Wilbury 1
9	Benington
10	Abel Smith
11	Wilbury 2
12	Wilbury 3

**Senior Schools Competition** - In spite of the comparatively small entries, competition is keen and after 2 tournaments the U13 school results are as follows:

<u>U13 Boys</u>		<u>U13 Girls</u>	
1. Haberdashers' Aske's	131	1. Tring	48
2. Lochinver House	127	2. St. Albans Girls High	35
3. Hitchin Boys	48	3. Chauncy	31
4. St. Albans School	43	4. Queenswood	27
5. Norton	36	5. Norton	24
6. Roundwood Park	24	6.* Haberdashers' Aske's Girls	12
7. Chauncy	14	6.* Roundwood Park	12
8. Richard Hale	6	8. Presdales	7

The U15's have also played two tournaments and their results are as follows:

<u>U15 Boys</u>		<u>U15 Girls</u>	
1. Roundwood Park	81	1. St. Albans Girls High	47
2. Ashlyns	39	2. Chauncy	40
3. John Warner	30	3. Simon Balle	33
4. Haberdashers' Aske's	31	4. Roundwood Park	27
5. Lochinver	18	5. Haberdashers' Aske's Girls	24
6.* St. Albans School	12	6. Tring	16
6.* Simon Balle	12	7. Norton	12
8. Tring	4		

The U18s tournaments are completed and the final positions are:

<u>U18 Boys</u>		<u>U18 Girls</u>	
1. Haberdashers' Aske's	140	1. St Albans Girls High	114
2. Tring	58	2. Tring	50
3. John Warner	54	3. Presdales	43
4. Roundwood Park	40	4. Norton	37
5. St. Columba's College	24	5. Simon Balle	25
6. Goffs	18	6. Haberdashers' Aske's Girls	20
7. Hitchin Boys	16		
8. St. Albans School	14		

## **Herts Success**

### **U13 Match v Berkshire**

An away match played at Reading, the U13 team beat Berkshire 19-17. Well done to Rhian Blowers, Katie Comras, Kate Lester, Emily Phillips, Victoria Stokes, Katie Wilson, Stephen Barnard, Matthew Brown, Dominic Gomar, Jonathan Miller, Adam Monk and Gregg Roantree.

### **York R.I.O. 2001**

#### **Tony Clarke (Team Manager)**

The weather on Friday evening, 24th January, was appalling, with heavy rain and sleet as the rest of the U17 team, with Cheryl Howard, Christine Comras and I waited for Sam Alexander and Gary England to arrive to catch the train from Stevenage to York to play in the R.I.O. Team Tournament. The clock ticked ever nearer to the departure time, still no Sam or Gary. The indicator board showed the train was late - a few minutes breathing space. Imagine the relief of everyone as Sam and Gary appeared at the top of the stairs just in time.

Our problems were not over, however. When the train finally arrived it was so full we had to force our way on, with one or two players getting on each coach as I held the door to ensure all the team got aboard. The team eventually all joined up after Peterborough when we finally managed to get to our reserved seats through the crush. Things

could only get better! Surprisingly the train arrived on time in York and we settled into our hotel for a good night's sleep, ready for some tough matches in the morning.

Because of illness, the team was a player short. As a replacement we were given Andrew Ellis, Yorkshire's top U14, but were forced to concede one game (3rd boys doubles) in each match. This did not affect the results in the preliminary rounds as we beat Greater Manchester 12-3 and Lothian 13-2 to reach the last four with Nottinghamshire, Surrey and favourites Yorkshire.

In the final match on Saturday we beat Notts 11-4. It was back to the hotel, with high hopes, for dinner and the disco. The first match on Sunday morning was against Surrey. We got off to a poor start, losing all three mixed. However, with six wins in the boys and girls singles, we went on to win the match 10-5. The final against Yorks was very exciting. We got off to a good start with Jack Lipyeat and Kath Mulligan taking the 3rd mixed (a Yorks banker) 21-14. With wins for Richard Comras, Phil Hammond, Sam Alexander and Jenna Tye in the singles, Herts led 5-4. In the boys doubles, Gary/Chris Scott and Jack/Andrew both won but we had to concede one, so it was level at 6 all with just the girls doubles to play.

Kath/Nikki Walker lost to Julie Wright/Sarah Bok at 1st and Sam/Fiona Perry won the 3rd 21-6 to level at 7 all, leaving the 2nd girls doubles still on court at 15-15. The outcome of the whole tournament depended on this one game. Jenna/Rachel Howard crept ahead to reach 20-15, match point. They just couldn't clinch the final point - Yorkshire grit prevailed and Jenny Day/Mary Le Druillenec squeezed home 21-20 for Yorkshire to retain the trophy. It was a nailbiting finish to a superb match and all the team can be delighted with their performance and sportsmanship which was clearly shown when Andrew Ellis and Sam Alexander were voted Sportsman and Sportswoman of the tournament. The complete team was Phil Hammond (Goffs), Richard Comras (Haberdashers' Aske's), Gary England (Tring), Chris Scott (Roundwood Park), Jack Lipyeat (John Warner), Andrew Ellis (Yorkshire), Rachel Howard, Nikki Walker, Kath Mulligan (all Simon Balle), Sam Alexander (Tring), Jenna Tye (Bishops Hatfield), Fiona Perry (Presdales)

## **HSBA Tournaments**

### **U11 Boys/Girls Singles**

### **Rhian Blowers (Brookmans Park JMI School/U13 Squad)**

On the 11th February the U11 singles took place at Stevenage Leisure Centre. I arrived early and went on court to warm up but soon the hall was filled with under 11 players. There were thirty girls and sixty six boys. For the first round the girls were split up into 7 boxes and the boys into 16 boxes. Each box had 4 or 5 players, they all played each other and the top 2 from each box went through to the main event. The remaining players went through to the plate.

The tournament now became a knockout event, fourteen girls in the main event were reduced to four for the semi-finals. Katie Comras played me and Victoria Stokes played Rachel Warnes. Katie and Victoria met in the final with Katie the victor.

In the plate event Laura Gray lost in a close game to Keeranjit Dha.

Thirty two boys went through to the main event and the rest were entered into the plate. The main event saw James Reynolds beat Akash Jhunjunwala and Gregg Roantree beat James Southgate in the semi-finals. In a close and exciting final James beat Gregg.

The plate event was an all Wilbury School final in which Matthew Trott beat Dami Fajobi.

It was a very good day and I met friends I hadn't seen for a long time. A big thank you to Duncan, Marion, Megan and all the helpers for organising the tournament. Please can I do the scores again?

### **Results**

**U11 Boys Singles** **James Reynolds** beat Gregg Roantree 21-14  
Semi-finalists were James Southgate and Akash Jhunjunwala  
Plate: Matthew Trott beat Dami Fajobi 21-11

**U11 Girls Singles** **Katie Comras** beat Victoria Stokes 21-13  
Semi-finalists were Rhian Blowers and Rachel Warnes  
Plate: Keeranjit Dha beat Laura Gray 21-18

### **U15 Boys/Girls Doubles**

As the early part of the day was so hectic with the large number of players and several last minute withdrawals through illness to sort out in both U11 and U15 events, again I didn't manage to get a

volunteer to write this report. So here goes.

Seventeen boys pairs and fourteen girls pairs entered this event (finally), which was played in the Bowls Hall at Stevenage. There were a few close games in the boxes in each event with Emile Doran/Chris Tye just pipping David/William Westwood 15-14 to win their box, and Kathrina Crystallis/Kate Lester doing likewise against Michelle Craft/Heather Tyrrell.

Emile/Chris lost to Matthew Comras/Simon Maine in the semi-final with Paul Monk/Anthony Moye losing to the Westwood brothers in the other half. The final was closely fought with Matthew/Simon the victors. The plate final between Stacy Chew/Chris Tranter and Jamie Skelton/Ricky Wilder was won by Stacy/Chris.

In the girls doubles, Claire Allen/Katie Day had quite a battle to overcome Laura Cousins/ Frankie Edelmann 21-17 in the semi, while Nicola Farr/Emma Stokes were beating Kathrina Crystallis/Kate Lester 21-12 on another court. The final was won by Nicola/Emma.

It was a very busy day, but thanks to Malcolm and Ceri being well organised, the whole of the U15 events were played in the Bowls Hall. As a result, all the doubles and singles events were finished by 3.30 pm - it must be a record to have finished a tournament so early, especially with such a large number of players - and we actually arrived home in daylight!!

### **U15 Boys Doubles** **Matthew Comras/Simon Maine** beat David Westwood/William

Westwood 15-12, 15-12

Semi-finalists were Emile Doran/Chris Tye and Paul Monk/Anthony

Moye

Plate: Stacy Chew/Chris Tranter beat Jamie Skelton/Ricky Wilder 21-9

### **U15 Girls Doubles** **Nicola Farr/Emma Stokes** beat Claire Allen/Katie Day 15-8, 15-6

Semi-finalists were Kathrina Crystallis/Kate Lester and Laura Cousins/  
Frankie Edelmann

Plate: Emily Crabb/Emma Roantree beat Fiona Scott/Sheena Tanna 21-13

## **Tournament Results**

### **U19 National Championships**

Ladies Singles:

Final:

**Kelly Matthews** beat Julie Pike (Yo)

Ladies Doubles:

Quarter final:

Helen Lucas (Nd)/**Helen Skeggs** lost to Rachel Aiston (Yo)/Katie Litherland (La) 10-15, 7-15

Final:

**Kelly Matthews**/Julie Standley (Ha) beat Elaine Foye (Db)/Julie Pike (Yo)

Mixed Doubles:

Final:

Nick Chambers (Ex)/**Helen Skeggs** beat James Boxall (Db)/Katie Litherland (La)

### **World Class Performance U17**

Boys Doubles:

Quarter final:

**Richard Comras/Chris Scott** lost to Chris Dakin(Ex)/Matthew Honey (Sy)

Girls Singles:

Semi-final:

**Rachel Howard** lost to Eleanor Cox (Ha) 2-11, 3-11

Girls Doubles:

Final:

Laura Gooding/**Nikki Walker** beat Alison Blood (Db)/Hayley Mogg (Le) 15-9, 15-17, 15-7

### **ESBA Sussex U13**

Boys Singles: (Standard)

Semi-final:

**Kamran Haq** lost to James Ashton (Ha) 14-15

Boys Doubles: (Alternate)

Final:

**Dominic Gomar/Jonathan Miller** beat James Freeman/Josh Miles (Sx) 21-13



Girls Singles: (Standard) Final: **Kate Lester** lost to Becky Laffan (Sx) 5-15  
Girls Doubles: (Main) Final: **Katie Comras/Victoria Stokes** lost to Michelle Cheung/Karen Hird (Bu) 6-21

### **ESBA U13 at Weston Super Mare**

#### Boys Singles

**Kamran Haq** reached the quarter final  
**Dominic Gomar** reached the final

#### Boys Doubles

**Matthew Brown/Kamran Haq** reached the semi-finals

### **HSBA Junior League Table**

	Played	Won	Lost	Games For	Games Against
<u>U15 Boys</u>					
Gazelles	2	1	1	14	10
Swifts	1	1	0	10	2
Bayford	1	0	1	0	12
<u>U15 Girls</u>					
Gazelles	3	2	1	23	13
Swifts	1	1	0	12	0
Queenswood	2	0	2	1	23
SCOBÉ	0	0	0	0	0
<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 Medley</u>					
S Abbots	3	3	0	28	2
Hitchin	2	0	2	2	18
All Saints	1	0	1	0	10

This league table is based on the results received up to 10/2/01. No matches have yet been played in the U12 Boys, U15 Medley or U18 Girls. Unfortunately SCOBÉ had to withdraw 2 of their teams but they are able to continue with their U15 Girls.

**From the Editor:** Thanks to Helen Brown, Pat Walker, the girls from St. Mary's Junior School and Rhian Blowers for their articles (particularly Rhian as she volunteered on Sunday and had to get it to me by Tuesday in spite of school and birthday celebrations! - and yes, of course you can do the scores again, Rhian (and Hannah) - it was very helpful). Closing date for items for the next newsletter is **Thursday, 19th April**. Happy Easter to everyone when it comes along.