

Nottinghamshire Schools' Badminton Association

ESBA East Midlands Under 17 Tournament

Chilwell Olympia 23rd & 24th November 2002

Report & Results

Our annual weekend at Chilwell passed very smoothly mainly due to the fantastic organisation of June Robertson and her team. We were also very well supported by a good number of Notts parents and of course our local umpires. Many thanks to you all.

In line with a long established tradition, the smell of bacon cobs haunted the corridors of Chilwell for most of the weekend. Thanks again to our kitchen staff.

The overall entry particularly in the standard events was good - the quality in all events was very strong - most encouragingly the behaviour of all players during the two days was exemplary.

The highlight for many of the players on the Saturday was the arrival of local International star **Nathan Robertson**, who spent most of the afternoon sitting behind the courts supporting the premier semis and finals. Thanks Nathan - it certainly added to the event for all players present.

The Boys Premier Singles was won by **Chris Adcock** of Notts, 15-8, 15-5 against **Craig Simpson** of Lincolnshire. Chris had beaten David Mumby of Lincolnshire in a very competitive semi final that went to three ends but Craig pulled off perhaps the surprise of the day by beating Welsh International **Grant Weir** in the semi final 15-7, 4-15, 15-10. It was an outstanding performance by Craig.

The Boys Premier Doubles was taken by top seeds **Chris Adcock and Simon Broomfield** from Hampshire beating **David Mumby and Grant Weir** in two ends 15-6, 15-13. The winners coming back from 12-3 down in the second set.

Local favourite **Jane Schuller** of Notts took the Girls Premier Singles beating **Jessica White** from Yorkshire 11-8, 11-6. Bronze medals were awarded to the Staffordshire pair of Vicky Ingram and Erica Whittingham.

The main Girls Doubles event was taken by the scratch pairing of **Jessica White** of Yorkshire and **Kerry Mullen** of Gloucestershire - **Jane Schuller** of Nottinghamshire and **Hannah Starkey** of Yorkshire taking the Silver award.

In the final match of the Saturday, the Mixed Doubles event was won comfortably by **Chris Adcock and Jane Schuller** of Notts, beating **David Mumby and Hannah Starkey** 15-1, 15-6. It must be said however that having played all the premier events to their conclusion on the first day, all of the players were looking somewhat worse for wear by the close of play.

Particular congratulations to **Chris Adcock** in taking all three Gold metals and **Jane Schuller** for taking two Golds and a Silver. Not that I am biased of course!

Sunday was a very exciting day - the entry, particularly in the Boy Standard Singles, was very large and June and the team did very well to get through the programme as quickly as we did.

Once again, there were many local successes with **Dalvir Matharu** of Leicestershire taking the Gold 15-5 from **Tom Hird** of Nottinghamshire. **Simon Canning and Angus Greave** of Warwickshire took the Doubles Gold beating **Tom Curry and Anthony Fox** from Greater Manchester.

Leicestershire enjoyed great success in the Girls events - **Charlotte de Carle** of Leicestershire beating **Holly Mee** also of Leicester 15-8 in the Girls Final. **Charlotte and Holly** then teamed up and took the Doubles Gold 15-11, beating Leicestershire team members **Natalie Howes and Louise Lester.**

Overall we had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend, the standards of both play and behaviour were very strong and Notts managed to make a profit on two days trading in the Cafeteria!

We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2003.

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