



SUSSEX COUNTY CLOSED 09 26/27 SEPTEMBER 09 CORAL HEALTH AND FITNESS

The weekend started off with a bang! We had the Under 11's starting off proceedings, and the players did not disappoint. There were some cracking matches. Most noticeably the matches between Sol Dellar and Perry Malik, Sol Dellar and Jasmine Hutton, and Perry Malik and Josh Attwell, all going to a nail biting five sets. However Curtis Malik would provide too tough an opponent for all in the U11's and U13's taking both titles relatively comfortably, although it was great to see him playing his younger brother in the final of the U11's. Well done Curtis.

In the U15's we had Stuart Allcock meeting Jacob Osborne in the final with the matches going according to seeding, with Stuart proving his position and being too strong and he went on to win the title. There was also a great quarter final match between Rob Clarke and Dan Berkley, with Rob just edging it in five sets.

Cameron Western was number one seed in the U17's and was too strong for all beating Stuart Allcock 3-0 in the final. Stuart gave a valiant fight but seemed to have run out of steam after having a fantastic match against Dan Foden in the semis which he won in five, possibly one of the matches of the tournament. In the U19's it was quite a small draw with it going as expected and we had Ryan Whitely against Kit Pearman in the final which Ryan won 3-0 with the first set being very tight.

Onto the girls, and winning the U13 title we had Charlotte Allcock, who was too strong for Isobel Standivan and won in straight sets. The U15's and U17's were similar to the U13's as Martha Possegger saw off all competition taking both titles very comfortably beating Harriot Boyle in both finals. Bryony Johnson won the U19's event in which she beat Martha Possegger 3-0. It was a great weekend with a great vibe throughout and I was very pleased there were no hiccups with it being my first county closed. I hope all the players enjoyed it as much as I did, and I look forward to seeing them all again next year.

The venue proved ideal and the staff at the club were fantastic all weekend. I would also like to say a massive thank you to Fiona Western, whose help in getting everything kick started this season and all the help with the administration has been invaluable. Thank you Fiona.

Ben Hutton