

REPORT

E.S.R. Junior Inter-County Championships 2012/13 – Stage 1

Stage 1 of this year's U-17 and U-13 Inter-County Champs. took place last Sunday, and Sussex had teams in each category.

Boys' and Girls' U-13's

Surrey hosted both Boys and Girls at the Wimbledon Lakeside Club, and the Girls' Team of Torrie Malik, Florrie Edwards, Charlotte Terry, and Madeleine Liu had a splendid day, well supported by Coach/Manager Zoe Shardlow, beating both Kent and Surrey convincingly, 3/0, a fine achievement given the total lack of previous inter-county experience in the side. The Girls thus progress impressively to Stage 2, in the New Year.

The Boys enjoyed mixed fortunes, losing to Surrey 3/2 in the first match, but soundly beating Hampshire 2, 5/0, in the follow-up. Perry Malik produced a fine Captain's performance against Surrey, beating old adversary Max Exelby 3/0, and No.5 Louis Martin confirmed his recent improvement, with a 3/1 win, however the middle order of Dominik Moorhead, Danyal Razzaq, and Matthew North all put in great efforts, but found their opponents just a bit too accurate. With only the winners of each of the three Stage 1 groups, plus the 'best runner-up', going through to the Winners' Group in Stage 2, it remains to be seen whether the Boys secured enough points to progress. Ryan dyke made a promising Sussex debut as No.6, and the Team certainly have lots of potential to improve, as they gain more experience.

Girls' U-17

The U-17 Girls' were in Tunbridge Wells, and were represented by Jazz Hutton, Lucy Walsh, Isobel Standivan, Charlotte Allcock, and Courtney Burrell-Eade, where they recorded a well-earned 4/1 win over Kent, where Jazz lost to highly ranked Amelia Henley, but went down 3/2 to Surrey, though wins for Isobel and Charlotte were encouraging.

Once again, we shall have to wait to see if we progress to Stage 2 as 'best runner-up', which would give an improving side, time to sharpen-up even more.

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