

G.S. Squash

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G.S. Squash Under-11 Inter-County Festival 2015

A FANTASTIC DAY FOR SUSSEX UNDER-11'S

This year's Under-11 Inter-County Festival drew a record nine teams to the Bluecoats Centre – Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Kent, Middlesex, Oxfordshire, and Surrey were joined by no less than three Sussex Teams, reflecting our wonderful current pool of young players, and after a very full day's competition, Sussex 'A' dominated the proceedings, to emerge as champions, with the Sussex 'B' side overcoming all the other first teams, to be Runners-up, and although the 'C' Team finished in a predictable ninth place, they all gained very valuable experience for the future!

The Teams were:

Sussex 'A' -

1. Ashley Hughes
2. Jonah Bryant
3. Arthur Logan (Captain)
4. Troy Southall
5. Zach Hodges
6. Tom Greengrass - Managed by Kit Pearman

Sussex 'B' -

1. Heston Malik
2. Bailey Malik
3. Jake Sim-Baskar
4. Sumner Malik (Captain)
5. Charlie Williams
6. Jack Marks - Managed by Curtis and Perry Malik

Sussex 'C' -

1. Jonny Snelson
2. Katalin Johns
3. Ella Welch (Captain)
4. Thomas Welch
5. Emily Winton
6. Josh Brown - Managed by Zoe Shardlow

Having recently lost so narrowly to Yorkshire in the National Under-11 Final, the 'A' Team were firm favourites going into the Event, but the 'B' Team performed wonderfully to first beat old rivals Kent, where Jake Sim-Baskar and Bailey Malik both

fought to five-game victories, and then Buckinghamshire, to win their League, and join the 'A' Team, and local rivals, Surrey, in the Winners' Group. The 'A' Team were totally dominant, romping to the title with two 5/0 victories, but the great bonus was the 'B' Team's prestigious success against Surrey, defeating them 3/2, where both Bailey and Sumner Malik deserve a special mention for coming from behind to secure crucial wins.

A special note, too, for Jonah Bryant, who received the Best Performance Award for his peerless and stylish dominance at second string in the 'A' Team, for Isobel Boyle and Hannah Bates, for their brilliant administrative performance behind the Desk, not forgetting Arthur Logan's equally brilliant presentation speech, and finally, to 5-year-old Zach Greengrass, who was loaned to Oxfordshire as a Number 6, when they were short, and managed to win two of his matches!

Well Done to everybody for a wonderfully successful day.

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