Hi All Sussex Squad Players,

GREAT SUSSEX PERFORMANCES AT THE ENGLISH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

There was a Sussex presence in every category of the weekend's English Junior Championships, with the exception of the Girls' Under-17's, and a series of fine performances culminated in **Under-13 National Junior Titles for both Jonah Bryant and Torrie Malik**, despite the acknowledged pressure of being the hot favourites.

Added to that, Jazz Hutton and Tom Walsh both finished third in the Under-19 Events, Ashley Hughes was a very creditable fourth in the Under-13's, and Amy Jones proved her worth with sixth place in the Under-19's. Furthermore, Curtis and Perry Malik were both eighth in the Under-19's and U-17's respectively, whilst Frankie Smith secured ninth place in the Under-15's, after a second round loss to the eventual winner, Sam Todd, Anje Bryant proved her worth with tenth, in the same age-group, and Isabelle Johnson was eleventh in the Under-19's. Julian Standish was restricted to sixteenth place, after losing an early all-Sussex battle with Perry, and Joss and Jake Sim-Baskar, together with Heston and Bailey Malik finished outside the top sixteen, after hard draws and one or two very near misses, as did Josh Attwell, Lucas Hughes, Louie Martin, Noah Meredith, Luke Credland, and Tom Greengrass, the latter fighting back after a first round loss to secure the U-13 Plate Title.

Very Well Done to all the Players, to the Parents who support and advise them so well, and to all the Sussex Coaches who have worked so hard to achieve such a wonderful level of success. We hope that you are all really proud to be part of Sussex Junior Scene, and that those of you who have not yet risen to the standards required to compete in a National Championship will be motivated to keep trying!

No doubt there are plenty of photos to be seen on your usual social media sites, and I'm sure many of you will add your own congratulations.

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