

Junior Squash AGM Report 2010

Overview

I would say we have enjoyed mixed fortunes over the last year with initiatives from Gary Hinton and Richard Atkinson such as the re-introduction of the Grand Prix events providing some real interest and being extremely well supported, to not being able to find any willing sponsors for the Hampshire Team shirts? It's fair to say that we have also had sporadic attendance in some of the inter county squad sessions, a situation which we will take a dim view of in 2010/11 when we fully intend to double the number of squad sessions, and a 50% attendance will be required if a player wishes to be considered for selection.

We elected not to hold a County Junior open day this season which we have held in previous years and with great success, which on balance probably contributed to the number of attendees taking part in the Hampshire Closed dropping by c. 24 players which was a little disappointing. Next season we intend to 'kick off' the season with an open day in Sept for County and feeder squad players but with a real emphasis on inviting those players out there that have been previously overlooked for whatever reason to come down and see what its all about and for the Coaches to assess what their potential might be. The County Closed itself was held at Winchester, and again bears testament to the efforts of Ronnie and Monica in delivering a truly professional tournament with the added support (£) from Shane Pletts of The Racquet Centre in sponsoring the event

We have seen some encouraging signs with the work Gary Hales has done with the U-11 players in the Four Counties tournaments, and going-forward we must put a much greater emphasis on fuelling the sport from the bottom which means *pro actively* searching out those younger players that show any sign of potential.

Hampshire Closed Tournament 2009 Results

	Winner	Runner-up	Third place	Plate winner
Mini squash under 9	Jared Carter	George Newberry	Annabel Vaughan	No cup
Mixed under 11	Kyle Finch	Jack Turvey	Thomas Stewart	
Girls under 13	Alisha Bhanot	Jordan Russell		
Boys under 13	Robbie Keefe	Cameron Ward	George Stamford	
Girls under 15	Katherine Jensen	Lydia Hume		
Boys under 15	Alex Finch	Jack Payne	Tim Smith	
Girls under 17	Emily Crowcroft	Emily Hume		
Boys under 17	Lewis Stubington	Michael Burn		Alistair King
Girls under 19	Issey Norman-Ross	Natalie Dodd		

Boys under 19	Phill Bull	James Heyes		Tim Luetchford
Most improved player	Tim Smith			No cup

Inter County Matches

In summary we have not perhaps had the best of seasons with a few notable exceptions: Girls U-15 and Girls U-17 squads who both made it through to the Trophy Finals, and the Girls U-19 who made in through to the finals. Availability for Teams has been lacking in certain areas and we will strive to make amends during 2010/11 for greater consistency during the season.

Match reports and results are always available on the Hampshire website and I have selected a couple (below) as a reference.

Hampshire U - 13 Boys County Squad

SEASON 2009/2010 - SUMMARY

Coaches: Gary Hales & Neil Dyke

Gary Hales organized three Hampshire under 13 Boys County Squad Training sessions this season. All were 3 hour sessions held at The Bounty Club, Basingstoke: October 24th (9 attendees), January 30th (9 attendees), March 27th (9 attendees).

Stage 1 of the ESR Inter-County Event was held in Kent on October 25th 2009. Gary travelled with the team of Cameron Ward, Kyle Finch, Rob Witherington, Hamilton Kavanagh, Will Vaughan and Conor Bates and they finished third

Stage 2 of the ESR Inter-County Event was organized by Gary at Winchester LTSC on January 31st 2010. The same team of players represented Hampshire and finished second.

The Annual Four Counties Tournament, now in its third year, was held in Berkshire on April 25th 2010. The tournament is for County Under 11 and under 13 teams from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Hampshire. Gary organized the teams prior to the event and Neil Dyke managed the teams on the day. Hampshire won BOTH EVENTS following on from 2nd places last year. The under 13 players were Cameron Ward, Kyle Finch, Harry Fisher, Rob Witherington and Hamilton Kavanagh. The under 11 team was Ben Cawston, Conor Bates, Jared Carter, Dan Shrimpton and Bethany Holford

Gary would like to thank:

- His co-coach Neil Dyke who assisted at County Squad Training sessions and Inter –County Matches
- The Bounty Club for giving their Courts free for County squad Training
- The Winchester LTSC for hosting the Stage II inter-county matches
- Simon Walker and The Hampshire Squash Committee for supporting the under 13 squad this season

Hampshire U- 17 Girls

Trophy Final

Season 2009/2010

Manager: Simon Walker

England Squash Under 17 Girls Inter County Trophy Final

Date: 28th March 2010 Venue: Beaconsfield Squash Club Bucks

The Hampshire Squad was made up of:

1. Emily Heyes
2. Emily Crowcroft
3. Emily Hume
4. Lydia Hume
5. Amy Stenner

The Team travelled to Beaconsfield to meet their old rivals Bucks who they had previously beaten 3-2, and Cumbria who were a little of an unknown quantity. North Wales who were the fourth Team had elected not to attend for whatever reason?

We looked in reasonable shape against Cumbria who was stronger than we anticipated with wins coming from Stenner, Lydia Hume and Heyes who all played some great squash and never really looked in any doubt of losing. Hannah Crichton (No3) was a formidable force for Emily Hume who was consistent over the match hitting some great shots. Emily despite her best efforts made one too many errors on the day losing the match 3-0.

Crowcroft started the match against Jessica Winder with a solid performance; however Jessica is a seasoned player and managed to vary her pace on the ball to maximum effect hitting great lengths and widths. A credible 3-2 win overall for Hampshire.

After lunch we faced Bucks. Isabel found excellent form against Lydia who took the game 3-0 which was a complete turnaround from when they last met. Her sister Emily who had a superb match lost to Isabel Maloney in a tight 3-2 which produced some brilliant squash. Stenner looked ever confident at 5th string and produced a solid 3-0 performance, against a much improved Lauren Casling. Emily Heyes met Natalie Machin who from the outset seemed capable of taking a game from Emily. Sadly she managed to take a well deserved 2 games, however Emily found her form in the last game and managed a 3-2 win.

Final Places Girls U-17	Ties	Points
Buckinghamshire	1	24
Hampshire	1	23
Cumbria	1	23

Next Season

The following objectives have been set for next season

- Increase the number of squad sessions from 4 to 8 during the season.
- Look to achieve c.90 Juniors participating in the County closed on 25/26th Sept
- Pro actively look for U-11 players for development
- Hold an open-day in Sept for County and prospective Junior players
- Work with Tim Vail more closely across the respective age groups
- Re-organise the County Coaches responsibilities by age group