

Success for Hants Boys in inter-county championships

Boys Under 13 – County Champions

The Hants Under 13 Boys were crowned the Inter-county Under 13 champions at the finals played at Surrey Sports Park on 19-20 March. After beating Yorkshire 3-2 in their semi-final they met Surrey in the final, the two neighbouring counties serving up a feast of squash, to a packed gallery. Hampshire stormed to a 2-0 lead with wins at 5th and 4th strings for Niall Adams and Adam Cocoran against Jordan Warne and Alistair Green.

Aiden O'Brien then pulled a match back for Surrey as he beat Kyle Finch 3-1 and at the same time on the adjoining court Robbie Keefe went 2-0 down 8/11 7/11 to Surrey's Charlie Lee. However, galvanised by the Hampshire supporters and his team mates, Robbie pulled back to 2-2 by winning the 3rd and 4th 11/6 11/6. The 5th was very tight, but Lee kept Surrey's hopes alive winning it 11/8. So it was 2 strings all when the Hants No 2 string Cameron Ward went on to play the final match. The result never looked in doubt however with Cameron a comfortable winner, beating Sam Exelby 3-0 (11/8 11/6 11/9) to ensure that Hampshire were county champions.

Hampshire squad was Robbie Keefe, Cameron Ward, Kyle Finch, Nial Adams, Tom Stewart, Adam Cocoran.

Boys Under 15 – 3rd

The previous week at Lilleshall, the U15 Boys finished a very commendable 3rd in the Boys U15 finals. After losing to the eventual champions Yorkshire in their semi-final, Hampshire then had a convincing 4-1 win against Warwickshire to take 3rd place

Hampshire squad was Jamie Wilkinson, Tom Kirby, Jack Payne, Robbie Keefe, Tim Smith and George Stanford.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches (Gary Hinton and Edd Pooley) and a special thanks to all the parents for their support.