

O55 Premiership

A disappointing w/e for Hants o55s A premiership knockout w/e, winners and runners going through to nationals against Berks Surrey and Middx played at Windsor (Berks) 3rd and 4th going to regional knockout playoffs Middx being national champions

We were short of a few players, our normal no1,3 and 5 injured or unavailable. Tony Stanley Jones Ian Waight and Paul Cornbrough(on his way back from injury) stepped in. On Sat morn we were up against home team Berks losing 19-5 Paul Reader the only winner 10-8 in the fifth, the rest of team giving their all. In the afternoon we were up against a very strong Middx. A tenacious performance by Barry Featherstone against world no1 Mark Cowley saw him losing 9-7 9-3 9-7 but a great game. Tony, a lot less nervous and more relaxed than in the morning played much better but lost 3-0, Paul Cornbrough and Dave Harris getting a game each we lost 20-2.

On Sunday Ian Waight joined us at 3 string strengthening the team, but lost a very tight and decisive third game 10-8 Tony and Dave didn't fare much better. Barry had a dour struggle at 1 string finally losing 9-3 in the fifth. The most entertaining game over w/e for us was the very last game Paul in which had an epic match with Surrey no2 winning 10-9 in the fifth in 53 mins, a good w/e overall but bad results Middx and Surrey going to finals Berks and Hants going to playoffs Thanks to Tony Ian and Paul for turning out at short notice

Thanks Dave Harris