



U13 GIRLS / BOYS INTER-COUNTY REPORT – STAGE 1

On a busy day in the Inter-County Championships, Stage 1, Sussex enjoyed considerable success in the U-13 and U-17 age-groups, in both the Girls' and Boys' Events ...

Sussex were chosen to host both the **Under-13 Girls and Boys**, and once again, the Bluecoat Centre at Christs Hospital School proved an admirable venue.

The U-13 Boys were a young and inexperienced side in comparison with last season, so they did very well in beating Middlesex 5/0, and Kent 3/2, to finish Runners-up in their group, to a strong Surrey team, who defeated us 4/1, in a match noted for Curtis Malik's fine win over Charlie Lee, at first string - an inspired performance from the Captain! The Team was:
1. Curtis Malik 2. Tom Walsh 3. Josh Attwell 4. Oscar Flack 5. Perry Malik 6. Oscar Wright 7. Dan Credland

All team members gave absolutely everything, and a special mention is owed to Oscar Wright and Dan Credland, who were promoted to 4 and 5 respectively versus Middlesex, and who both won convincingly on their Sussex debut.

Congratulations and thanks to the Colin Flack and Camron Malik, who managed the side splendidly whilst Graham Stevenson was running the day, and Graham would like to particularly thank Kit Pearman, who helped run the Desk all day (despite not feeling 100%), together with Boris Skultety in the Cafe, who provided excellent Lunches for nearly 50 people!

Meanwhile, the **U-13 Girls** were taking on Surrey in their only match (Hampshire having failed to raise a team) - the Girls play a team of only 3 players plus a reserve, and despite an inspiring victory by the Captain, Jasmine Hutton at first string, they lost 2/1, with No. 2 Alice Rose and No. 3 Beth Currid battling well, but both losing out 3/1. Encouragingly, Megan North won her reserve match 3/0, and the Girls gained a bit more practice and experience by then playing a 'Reverse' friendly match with Surrey, where No.1's played No.2's and No.3's played 4's.

Again, well done to all, and special thanks to Steve Rose for looking after the Girls' Team on the day, and also to Giles Cowdell and Ben Hutton who came along to offer extra support and advice.

In summary, it was a most enjoyable day's Squash, played in exactly the right spirit!

Graham Stevenson