



Under 15 Boys Inter County Report

1. Jack Martell: 2. Curtis Malik: 3. Peter Romo: 4. Peter Berkley: 5. Jacob Flack

The under 15 Sussex County boys were placed in a three team group alongside Hampshire and Dorset , Hampshire being the host venue.

Hampshire, having beaten Dorset in the morning , took a break while Sussex took on Dorset. All the boys put in a great performance and won each match 3/0. Dorset put up a fine fight but our boys were just a little too strong on this occasion , only losing a total of 45 points between them.

After a short break, Sussex took on the hosts Hampshire to see who would finish top of the group, both having already qualified.

First up were Jacob and Pete Romo. Both the lads have always played with grit and determination throughout their County careers and this was no exception. Jacob played well against a tricky opponent and won 3/0 - 11/7 11/0 11/7. Pete's guy was no different and any lapse of concentration may have let him in, but Pete did a great job winning 3/0 - 11/3 11/4 11/3.

Next up were Jack and Pondie. A comfortable start for Pondie saw him take the first game 11/5 but a knee injury saw a 'blood' time out for the Sussex player and a few anxious moments of first aid. Bandaged up and back on court, Pondie soldiered on and took the next two games 11/3 11/6. As already mentioned, grit and determination. Jack was on court 1 against the No. 9, U.15 ranked player in the country. A great first game saw Mr No.9 win it 12/10. Jack stepped up his game in the second and took it 11/6. A ding - dong battled emerged in the 3rd with Mr No.9 taking it 11/5. To his credit , after great spirit from Jack, Mr No. 9 also took the 4th 11/7..... Jack is already looking forward to the re-match!!!!

Three - one up, match and top spot sealed, Curtis took to the court relaxed and confident.

The Hampshire lad was fast and determined but this is of no prevail if your opponent hits tight and deep with the occasional nick drop shot , which is exactly what Curtis did to win 11/6 11/7 11/6.

To be fair to the Hampshire squad, they were depleted through injury and overseas commitments and will be a completely different proposition in phase two with highly ranked players coming back into the team. A great challenge for our boys.

Overall, a great team effort by all the Sussex lads which puts them through to phase two.

Can this team progress to the final again after coming so close to winning the Inter-Counties just two years ago.
Watch this space!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Report by Dave Martell