

Team Chichester – v – UWE Bristol: Round 10, March 27th

Team Chichester finish the season in Bristol fashion!

This week Team Chichester played its final match of the 2011-2012 Premier Squash League season against the UWE Bristol. The Chichester squad was determined to win and consolidate its position in the middle of the Group B table with a record of won 5 and lost 5. On paper it looked like Chichester's match but it would remain to be seen

Lauren Briggs (World No.31) started the ball rolling for Chichester with a 3.0 win over Joely Bennett who is currently ranked 14 in the ESR U17 ranking list. The young Gloucestershire player hit a good ball and played well but Lauren's guile and experience was too much for her. Lauren won 11/4, 11/5, 11/4.

1.0. to Chichester

On the adjacent glass-back championship court Miles Jenkins, an up and coming ESR ranked Chichester Junior, played his debut home match against fellow ESR ranked junior, James Bamber. Jenkins immediately got into his stride and very quickly took the 1st game 11/0. Bamber steadfastly came back in the 2nd and, with good retrieving skills, won the game 9/11. Game on, as they say, and the spectators were treated to a fine match. The next 2 games were well contested, but Jenkins' experience in winning the big points helped him edge out a 3.1 victory to put Chichester 2.0 up.

Alex Ingham, former England junior number 1, followed on and played Sam Ellis. Ingham took control from the start and, although Ellis was involved in a lot of good rallies, Ingham always had the last say. He closed out the match 11/2, 11/3, 11/2 to give Team Chichester an unassailable 3.0 lead on the night.

Next on the glass-back, Anthony Graham took on the England number 2 Junior, Tom Ford. Both players took turns to dominate the games with Graham breaking through, in the 1st, to take it 11/7. Ford raced to a 0/5 in the second and using his short game to great effect he proceeded to win the game 9/11. Graham had the upper hand in the next 2 games and clinched both 11/4 and 11/6.

4.0 to Chichester.

Finally on the glass back the number one strings Olly Pett [Chichester] faced Arthur Gaskin. This proved to be a terrific 3 game match, with both players trading short and long shorts and making brilliant retrievals all round the court. For the neutral spectators this was a match they didn't want to finish. Pett had the slight upper hand in the first 2 games, winning them 11/5 and 11/9. In the 3rd Gaskin pushed hard and with some greater short and long retrieving, he reached game ball at 9/10. Pett, however, was not going to be denied his victory at this point and rounded off a 3.0 win – 11/5, 11/9, 12/10.

A great 5.0 end of season outcome and the squad should now finish in 4th place with the won 5 and lost 5 results for the season.

Mike Phillips – Team Chichester Manager

Olly Pett	3-0	Arthur Gaskin	11/5, 1/9, 12/10
Anthony Graham	3-1	Tom Ford	11/7, 9/11, 11/4, 11/6
Alex Ingham	3-0	Sam Ellis	11/2, 11/2, 11/3
Miles Jenkins	3-0	James Bamber	11/0, 9/11, 11/9, 11/7
Lauren Briggs	3-0	Joely Bennett	11/4, 11/5, 11/4