

## **REPORT - E.S.R. Junior Inter-County Championships 2014 - Stage 2**

**The U-13 Girls** comfortably beat the hosts, Dorset, and S.E. Wales, but unfortunately suffered a 2/1 reversal against Kent. All were disappointed, as we had beaten them in Stage 1, but although Torrie Malik completed her unbeaten day, Florrie Edwards and Laura Page just missed out, so we have to see if we still qualify for the National Finals, via the 'lottery' which is 'best runner-up' from the three groups. Anje Bryant, who made an impressive debut as Reserve, is pictured with the rest of the Team below.

Meanwhile the **U-17 Girls** had a very successful day at Bluecoats, beating Suffolk and Avon, even in the absence of off-colour Number 1, Jazz Hutton, so well done to Beth Currid, Megan North, Alice Rose, Brooke Benwell and Hermione Vartan, who deserves special credit for successfully fulfilling both Club and County commitments on the same afternoon! They must surely now have an excellent chance of winning the National Trophy Final. Well Done to Zoe Shardlow, Nic Davies, and Isobel Boyle for running the day so splendidly, whilst I was in Dorset with the U-13's.

**The U-13 Boys** were, once again, without Number 2, Jamie Young, and valiantly though they all fought, a victory over Suffolk, was followed by a 4/1 defeat against the day's winners, Middlesex, and a similar result against hosts, Surrey 2. Number 1, Frankie Smith, deserves a special mention for disciplined play throughout, resulting in two fine wins, and an impressive performance against the unbeaten Suffolk first string, Joshua Perkins. It's a relatively inexperienced team, with Frankie ably supported by Joss Sim-Baskar, Ashley Hughes, Elliot Cross, Zach Hodges, and Tom Greengrass, who made a very impressive debut at this level.