

REPORT TO SUFFOLK BADMINTON ASSOCIATION A.G.M. 10 MAY 2010

UNDER-13 SQUAD 2009/10 SEASON

Shires League Results

Cambridgeshire 1 - Suffolk 19.
Norfolk 14 - Suffolk 6.
Suffolk 6 - Buckinghamshire 14.
Northamptonshire 14 - Suffolk 6.

Play off v Middlesex – awarded 20 - 0 to Suffolk (Middlesex unwilling/unable to honour the fixture).
Final Position – 7th out of 10.

Other matches

Under-13 Team Challenge

beat Bedfordshire 4:2, Northamptonshire 4:2. Lost to Norfolk 1:5, Essex 2:4, Hertfordshire 0:6.

Under-12 Eastern Region

beat Cambridgeshire 8:1, lost to Essex 1:8, Hertfordshire 2:7, Norfolk 0:9

Under-13 Match v U15/U12 Suffolk team – Under-13s lost 7:9.

Eastern Region Team Event at Luton (for Grade 3/ungraded players only)

We entered 2 boys' and 2 girls' teams in this event. Unfortunately team selection was adversely affected by the non-availability of several players, and on the day by an injury to the number one boy, but there were some very positive performances, especially from the two younger girls in the B team (1 under-11, 1 under-10). The girls A team just missed out on the play-off for 1st and 2nd places because of losing to Essex B 21-19, 21-20, 21-20.

Summer 2010 trials/tournaments/training – players born in 1998 or later

Squad members and invitees to 09/10 sessions are being invited to Under-13 summer trial/training sessions, together with new players identified for trials through tournaments etc and coaches' recommendations. The first of the summer sessions will be held at the YMCA on Saturday 22 May, and is for new players who have not previously been invited to train with the Squad. The Under 11/12 Suffolk Tournaments, which also form part of the selection process for next season's squad, were held on 8 May – results as follows:-

Under 11

Girls' Singles Winner	Rebekah Easy (YMCA)
Runner up	Sophie Webb (St Felix)
Boys' Singles Winner	Levi Quang (YMCA)
Runner up	Craig Newcombe (Stowmarket)

Under 12

Girls' Singles Winner	Imogen Day (YMCA/Suffolk Academy)
Runner up	Sophie Webb
Boys' Singles Winner	Alfie Bullett (Abbeygate)
Runner up	Craig Newcombe
Girls' Doubles Winners	Rebekah Easy/ Beth Dwerryhouse (YMCA)
Runners up	Isabel Dunn (Stowmarket)/Sophie Webb
Boys' Doubles Winners	Alfie Bullett/Craig Newcombe
Runners up	Daniel Cork (YMCA)/Ben Fawkes (Lowestoft)
Mixed Doubles Winners	Ben Higgins (YMCA)/ Imogen Day
Runners up	Craig Newcombe/Isabel Dunn

Review of the 2009/10 Season

The Squad comprised 23 players (14 boys, 9 girls) with 22 players attending 1, 2 or 3 sessions on an invitee/trial basis. Attendance at Squad sessions was generally good although adversely affected by injuries to several players, illness and weather. 12 Squad sessions were held, together with an additional trial session – venues used were Ipswich School and Woodbridge School. Singles ladder winners were Jack Thurston and Megan Clark. Graded players Georgia Cattermole and Imogen Day both had good results in Badminton England Tournaments, and several of the less experienced players entered at least 1 Badminton England event, Anna Godbold having particular success. Five boys and five girls move out of the Squad - we wish them well as they compete for places in the Under-15s. Four of the girls – Betsy Lou Chenery, Katie Clark, Megan and Georgia – are long standing members of the Under-13s. We will miss their considerable contribution to the Squad over several years but as ever, we look forward to seeing the younger players continue to develop their skills and enthusiasm over the next season.

and thank you

To Terry Leeks, my assistant manager – and congratulations on being this year's winner of the Olga Greengrass trophy.

To the squad coaches – Louise and Glenn Tooke and Darryl Morgan, and to Jo Hughes.

To parents and players for their support and commitment.

To Tony Bristow and Trevor Davies for their support for the Squad and for me personally as well as their overall contribution to junior badminton in Suffolk.

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