

MTTTL Cadet & Junior Championships 2017

In a very successful day here are some reports on these events. Thanks to the many helpers and parents for all their support.

Cadet & Junior Girls Events

With an 8 player entry in each, 4 of them from the triumphant U11 ENGLAND NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS there were always both going to be exciting games. Every player due to their young ages was able to play in both competitions which show enormous promise for the future in Medway and their enthusiasm was fantastic to see. Favourite in each was SCARLETT O'NEIL from the Premier Division but she faced competition from another league player MIN JIE GUO. Both had semi final games against the rapidly improving 11 year olds Amy Barrance and Katie O'Dwyer but their extra experience meant they were able to succeed against the Pilgrim Primary School Girls. Scarlett prevailed comfortably in each final with Min Jie Guo having to settle for Runners Up place.

Cadet Boys Event (U15)

With a good 13 player entry apart from one notable exception this was always going to be a very even competition. JAKE BUCKLEY was the only league player (from Division One) so it was no surprise that he easily won the title without dropping a set. After some closely fought matches JENSEN BRUCE outshone the rest on the day showing glimpses of his huge potential to finish second.

Cadet Doubles Event (U15)

Doubles games are not often practised by the younger players and some amongst the ten teams found it tricky to remember the rules, but great fun was had anyway. Again one pair were head and shoulders above the rest - SCARLETT O'NEIL and JAKE BUCKLEY won as you can imagine but were pushed a little in the final by a good pairing of JENSEN BRUCE and 11 year old LENNON McLORG.

Junior Boys Event (U18)

There was a brilliant entry of 20 players including 7 league players so the standard was always going to be high in the later stages. In the semi finals HARRY JONES beat Michael Onumah (who caused the biggest upset by overcoming Nathan Round in the previous round) and BEN FOSTER got the better of Jake Buckley 11-8 in all three sets. Ben using this day as a warm up for his eventual Open Championship victory on the Sunday showed why he is the best player in Medway winning the final in three tight sets 13-11, 15-13, 11-5.

Junior Doubles Event (U18)

12 pairs competed in the final event of the day and it was expected that the number one seeds of SCARLETT O'NEIL and JAKE BUCKLEY would sweep all before them and claim another top prize. But in a tense final they were well defeated by a great combination of HARRY JONES and ALEX LOW 11-7, 13-11, 8-11, 11-3. Alex in particular played fantastic considering he plays at least two divisions below the other players.