

REPORT - G.S. Squash Under-11 Inter-County Festival 2012.

Sussex U-11's are Runners-up ...

Sussex Under-11's enjoyed considerable success in the recent U-11 Inter-County Festival, organised by Graham Stevenson, and run at the Bluecoats Centre. They finished Runners-up out of the six counties taking part in a wonderful day's Squash, and with a little good fortune, would indeed have been victorious!

Teams came from Hampshire, Kent, Middlesex, Oxfordshire, Surrey and Sussex, and played a 'round-robin' tournament giving them all five matches (best of 3 games) in a long, busy, and exciting day, which provided a good deal of valuable experience, for what was a relatively inexperienced Sussex side. The Team was:

1. Perry Malik (Captain)
2. Dominik Moorhead
3. Louie Martin
4. Matthew North
5. Elliot Cross
6. Torrie Malik, managed by Camron Malik.

Although having just earned the coveted Number 1 position in the National Rankings, Perry was a bit short of his best form, still recovering from a long and most unfortunate spell in hospital with acute Appendicitis, and found Kent's Jack Mitterer & Hampshire's Jared Carter just a bit too much of a challenge, but there was no faulting the Team's fine effort throughout a long day's competition.

Sussex recorded wins over Hampshire, Middlesex, Oxfordshire and Surrey, but lost a close fought 3/2 contest to Kent, meaning that both Sussex and Kent finished on 4 wins each, but Kent were victorious according to the Competition Rules in the event of a two-way tie, by virtue of their head to head win, although Sussex had a better points total. Inexplicably, Hampshire had chosen to rest their No.1, Jared Carter, in the first match, and duly lost to Middlesex – had they played him, and beaten Middlesex, as they surely would have, Hampshire, Kent, and Sussex would have finished on 4 wins each, and with a three-way tie decided on the points total, Sussex would have been worthy Champions! Thanks Hampshire!

The Final Positions were:	1. Kent	4 wins	53 points
	2. Sussex	4 wins	60 points
	3. Hampshire	3 wins	49 points
	4. Surrey	2 wins	39 points
	5. Middlesex	2 wins	38 points
	6. Oxfordshire	0 wins	2 points

The Best Performance Award went to Margot Prow, who played No.1 for Middlesex, and battled gamely against three of the best four U-11 Boys in England!

Graham was very ably assisted at the Tournament Desk by Joe Cash and Isobel Boyle – many thanks to them, and to the Bluecoats Centre for once again providing a splendid venue.



For Sussex from l to r: Perry Malik, Matt North, Louie Martin, Dominik Moorhead, Elliot Cross.
Behind are: Graham Stevenson, Joe Cash, Isobel Boyle, and Camron Malik.