

Surrey County Notes by Chris Andrews

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At the first English Open since 1997 Darius Knight did tremendously well to reach the Quarter-Finals of the Men's Doubles with Paul Drinkhall, in an International Grand Prix with the best players in the World in attendance. Joanna Parker reached the last 16 of the Women's Doubles and the last 64 of the Women's Singles.

The MBL East Yorkshire Cadet 4 star Open saw Marcus Giles the No. 1 seed lose to Christopher Wheeler the No. 2 seed from Scotland in the under 12 boys event.

After the first weekend of the Junior British League, Michael Ho has 50% in the boys Division 1 while Reece Placid and Emre Ibatoglu are playing for DHS Greenhouse Progress 3 who are top of the boys Division 2A. Aaron Smith, Tiago Branco and Alois Clair are in 2nd place in Division 3A for York Gardens.

In the girls Junior British League, Spicer/York Gardens are top of Division 2 with the team of Lucy Berks, Fei-Fei Pei and Lucy Lou winning all their matches. Lucy Berks is 3rd in the averages of Division 2 with 80%. Laura Higham is also playing in Division 2 but for DHS Greenhouse Progress 2.

The Surrey Cadets 2nd team playing in Division 1c Won 1, Drew 1 and lost 1, with Gobi Sriparanon on 100%, Surrey's under 12 star Marcus Giles on 75% and George Heath on 75%. Other players in the team include Gervaise Bynoe, Sophie Lucas and Nicole Ferreira. Surrey II were unlucky to lose to Sussex II 6-4. A light change in personnel saw Surrey II smash Sussex III 9-1 after which Surrey II drew 5-5 with current league leaders Kent I.