

Surrey Juniors 7th February 2015 at BATTS Harlow - Summary

Surrey II's recorded an 8-2 win over Essex II and a 9-1 win over Bedfordshire. Despite a brilliant team effort Surrey lost 4-6 to both Oxfordshire and Berkshire to finish two points behind them both even though Surrey had a superior sets average. Had Surrey salvaged a draw with these two (just one more set) we would have won the division!

Perhaps most 'painful' was the 4-6 to Oxfordshire as the girls lost five deuce games and a further 3 games 9-11. Kristelle Brook beat Medha Verma 13-15, 13-11, 13-11, 15-13. Richard Pelc was "on fire" in this match beating Jonah Stott 4, 6 & 7 followed by England Top 10 under 13 boy Reece Chamdal 5, 12 & 6. Marley Cross featured strongly in this match too with wins over Jonah and Oxfordshire No 1 Erik Wahlgren -5, 9, 3, 6.

Berkshire fielded a strong line up spearheaded by Daniel McTiernan. Jake Mitchell extended McTiernan to 4 games and enjoyed success against Joshua Gallen whose resistance eventually crumbled in their 5th game 11-5, 7-11, 10-12, 11-6, 11-2. Marley was perhaps a little unlucky to lose to Gus Thomis 8 in the 5th. Richard Pelc also went down in 5 ends to Thomis. Medha Verma enjoyed two useful wins against Scarlett Jones and Katie Shepherd. Federica beat Katie but lost 9 in the 5th Against Scarlett.

In the win against Essex both Federica and Medha recorded excellent wins against Gracie Edwards (Gracie's only two losses all day). However Zoe Davies was a little too strong for them taking Essex' only two wins. Ryan Godday started well against Marley Cross in the opening set but progress was reversed as Marley won 8-11, 11-3, 11-8, 11-1. Jake Mitchell made short work of Ryan conceding just 17 points.

With Bedfordshire playing a girl short it left Federica and Medha to beat Rebekah Barry which they did 5, 3 & 1 and 13, 7 & 6 respectively. Beds No 1 Matthew Evans put up a fight with his severe forehand shots beating Jake 10, 7 & 7 but losing to Marley Cross -8, -7 & -8. Ben Baguley's introduction to junior could be seen as a step too far as Richard Pelc conceded a total of 5 points to him. Marley was a little more generous conceding 14!



Oxfordshire's **Reece Chamdal**, without a doubt one to watch out for in future as he registered an impressive 3-1 victory against Surrey's Jake Mitchell ...