

Surrey II Cadet Report
(Saturday 10th April 2010)



Joseph Langham-Ferreira

Three more wins 

Surrey II Cadets travelled to Totton in Hampshire on 10th April 2010 to complete the Division 1c matches against Wiltshire, Somerset and Dorset. Sophie Lucas and Krishan Sareen were joined by Lobsang Lama and Joseph Langham-Ferreira who were both making their county debut and proved to be quite an asset for Surrey. Unfortunately Surrey were unable to find a second girl to play these matches and consequently each of our opponents

were given a 2-0 start.

Against Wiltshire six sets were won three-straight with only their No 1 Lee Phillips creating resistance. Lee took one end from Krishan in the opening set and two games later in the match from Lobsang before going down 9, 4, -7,-7,-7. The 0-2 deficit was therefore turned into an 8-2 victory.

Against Somerset it was much the same story. Sophie again won in straight games while Lobsang conceded an average of only 3 points per game. Tim Webb pinched an end from Krishan and Zach Denton took the first end from Joseph and then paid dearly by losing 11-8, 2-11, 5-11, 0-11. So another 8-2 win from a 0-2 deficit.

Finally we were challenged by Dorset who found themselves struggling a bit on the day without their No 1 Hugo Pang who was in Guernsey representing English Schools. Earlier this season Dorset had won their two matches conceding only one set. However they could not contain Sussex or Kent which left the latter promoted before Dorset had played Surrey.

Dorset's No 1 Lewis Proudley inflicted Krishan's sole loss and he took Lobsang close as he lost -12, -8, -10. Perhaps unexpectedly it was Dorset's No 3 Josh Warren who made life a little difficult for the Surrey boys. Although he lost both his sets in straight games, four of them were at deuce as he slowed the game right down to cause timing problems. Joseph beat him 11-7, 13-11, 13-11 and Krishan beat him 14-12, 11-3, 12-10! Sophie Lucas ended her run of wins by succumbing to Rebecca Kuzu who played very steadily to win 11-9, 13-11, 11-5. Surrey won 6-4.

At the end of the day Surrey II finished in 3rd place behind Kent I and Sussex II. Kent only dropped one point throughout (to Surrey in October).

Surrey II P6 W4 D1 L1 F40 A20 9pts

Gobi Sriparen 6/6 100%, Lobsang Lama 6/6 100%, Joseph Langham-Ferreira 6/6 100%,

Krishan Sareen 5/6 83%, Marcus Giles 3/4 75%, George Heath 3/4 75%, Sophie Lucas 8/12 66%, Gervaise Bynoe 2/4 50%, Nicole Ferreira 1/6 16%

As neither Sussex nor Surrey could be promoted to the Cadet Premier Division (due to having a team there already) it wouldn't have mattered if Kent had finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd - they would still have been promoted!!

Jane Barella and Michael Loveder accompanied the Surrey cadets and gained some insight into what could be expected next season from our new crop of talented young players. It will be tough to stay in the Cadet Premier Division

in 2011 - it can be done...but we'll need to find a girl or two.

The Premier teams will be Middlesex, Sussex, Surrey, Kent, Glamorgan, Worcestershire, Warwickshire & Yorkshire. A venue such as Cippenham TTC will help reduce travelling & costs.

Michael Loveder

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