

Surrey Junior & Cadet Closed tournament 2018/19

While the National tournament went on Surrey had their own mini heroes' event, with over 30 competitors in the cadet events alone. There were a few surprises at the group stage of the Cadet Boys as Harry Searle knocked out Daniyal Palmer and Krish Chotai topped his group with a hard fought win over George Noel. However Adam Palmer got revenge for his brother and beat Harry Searle in the last 16. In the Quarter-finals:- Ollie Maric-Murray beat George Noel, Ojasvii Borah beat Rocco Martinez-Paoli, Adam Palmer beat Krish Chotai and Henry Maric-Murray beat Harshil Shah. The semi-finals went to plan as both Ollie Maric-Murray and Henry Maric-Murray won 3 straight. The final was a family affair as Goran Maric Umpired the match. It was a superb match of defender versus attacker which No.1 seed Ollie Maric-Murray won 3-1 (11-8,11-7,7-11,12-10). The Cadet Girls event was a Round Robin and Yuvathi Kumar won by beating everyone in her path. Second place was a 3 way split between Evelyn Pace, Naziyah Hasan and Emily Cheung which Naziyah won on count back. The Junior Girls was also a round robin, with the pivotal match being between Federico Bonato and Gabriela Lee which Federico won 11-8 in the fifth set.

In the Junior Boys event Ollie Maric-Murray had a good win over Angus Norman to top his group. In the last 16 George Noel had a good win over Ojasvii Borah and Angus Norman had a marathon match with Charlie Cunningham which Charlie won 13-11 in the fifth. In the quarter-finals Henry Maric-Murray had a great win over Adam Benmohamed 3-1. Elsewhere:- Robert Pelc beat George Noel, Damien Gray beat Ollie Maric-Murray and Jamie Nordin beat Charlie Cunningham. In the semi-final Robert Pelc beat Damien Gray 3-1 and Jamie Nordin beat Henry Maric-Murray 3-0. This set up a Seed 1 versus seed 2 final. Although Robert Pelc was seeded 1 it was Jamie Nordin who had beaten him in this tournament 2 years in a row to be Champion. The final was an absolutely cracking match Robert took the first set 12-10 and then the second set 11-9. After which Robert led 8-4 in the third set. The Champion was down and looked like he was on the ropes. But no Jamie then went on to win the next 8 points in a row to win the fourth set and start the fifth. The fourth set was a battle but Robert went up 10-6 surely the moment was now. However after 5 match points for Robert, Jamie took the fourth 14-12. The fifth set was also close but Jamie won 11-9 to retain his crown. It was a great tournament well run by International Umpire Margot Fraser assisted by Jane Barella, Chris Andrews and Adam Laws.

