

Surrey II Juniors Triumphant

On 2nd December 2012 Surrey took Junior Division 2d by storm. 12 year old Isabelle Joubely was on her county debut and won an impressive 7/8. Crusaders' Lewis Bray, Mickel Miller and George Harris between them won 29/30. Juliette Moussarie also chipped in 50% having played county cadets only the day before.

Surrey opened with a 10-0 defeat of Oxon. England No 96, Chloe Yau, provided the most resistance, narrowly beaten by Juliette -6, -10, 4, 5, -9. Isabelle scraped through her first game with Chloe but never looked back as she won 12, 6 & 5. Mickel and George were untroubled, conceding an average of less than 5 points per game. Lewis Bray beat Lewis Sumner 3-1.

A similar picture emerged against Wiltshire as another 10-0 scoreline developed. Both Isabelle and Juliette beat Jess Edwards 3-0. Mickel Miller was unstoppable conceding only 8 points in total against Shrey Bharowaj and not many more against Lee Phillips. Lewis won a couple of deuce games against Jamie Phillips and George Harris beat him 3-1.

Buckinghamshire provided more of a challenge in the next match. Lewis Bray won both of his in 5. George Harris won one in 5 and unexpectedly lost the last set of the match 1-3 to Joseph Underwood. Juliette beat England No 119 Megan Ashfield 3-0 but lost 0-3 to England No 90 Shristi Ghosh. Isabelle beat Megan comfortably and battled against Shristi to win -13, 11, 8, 6. Mickel Miller dominated again. Final score Surrey 8 Bucks 2.

The top of the table clash followed as Surrey took on a strong Hampshire team. Jimmy Yeung (ranked 89) and Martin Matuzevicus (118) put up considerable resistance. However Martin lost 1-3 to both Lewis and George. Jimmy Yeung was the only player to fully extend Mickel Miller. They effectively played 6 games as Mickel won the first 25-23. The set was not settled until 7 in the 5th for Mickel to retain his 100%. Jimmy won the first 2 against Lewis 11-9, 11-9. Not to be outdone, Lewis rattled off the next 3 games 7, 6 & 4. Isabelle & Juliette beat Emma Marlow but found Leticia McMullen (The England No 3 cadet and No 15 Junior) to be in a class of her own. Juliette chalked up only 4 points against Leticia whilst Isabelle suffered her only loss of the day -7 -7, -8. The final score was a repeat of the Bucks match which flattered us a little.

The final match of the day was against Sussex III. Sussex always represent a danger whichever team we play! Only 3 sets were won 3-straight. Juliette was a little unlucky to lose to Annabel Bridger (123) 8-11 in the 5th. Bethany Pemberton-Hill lost 1-3 to Isabelle but managed to beat Juliette 3-1. George won both his sets 3-1. Mickel finished his day by beating Michael Bridger 1, 6 & 4 while Lewis beat Harry Collins -9, 6, 8, 4.

Surrey II Played 5 Won 5 For 44 Against 6 Points 10.

Lewis Bray 10/10 (100%), Mickel Miller 10/10 (100%), George Harris 9/10 (90%)

Juliette Moussarie 4/8 (50%), Isabelle Joubely 7/8 (87½%) Walkovers 4/4 (100%)

Overall a great team effort significantly improved by the inclusion of two willing young girls who have shown a promising future.

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