

CADET PREMIER DIVISION AT DRAYCOTT & LONG EATON TTC.

Surrey team: Gobi Sriparan, Lewis Bray, Marcus Giles, Lucy Lou & Jessica Monis.

Day 1 Saturday 20th February 2010

beat Nottinghamshire	9-1
beat Warwickshire	8-2
beat South Yorkshire	8-2
Beat Glamorgan	7-3

Against Nottinghamshire Surrey took a 4-0 lead, with only one game dropped, and never looked back. Jessica Monis found England No 19 Lea Dicksonson a little too strong as she lost -5, -10, -10. The next 5 sets were rattled off with just one game dropped too – again to Harrison Chalkley.

Warwickshire provided slightly tougher opposition with Jesse Kendrick-Hill and Matthew Outhwaite (top 20). However Gobi Beat Jesse 7, 9 & 12 and Lewis dispatched Matthew 10, 2 & 8 to help produce a 6-1 lead. This also included Marcus (50) beating Jesse (39) by 9, 9 & 9. Holly Thompson just beat Jessica 8 in the 5th but she crashed out to Lucy -5, -1, -5.

South Yorkshire looked as if they could resist with Scott Hollowood, Robert Shaw and Victoria Vuong in their line up. Jessica again played well only to be pipped by Victoria 8, -5, 7, -6, -9. Lewis struggled a little unexpectedly with David Thompson but won through 11-2 in the 5th. Gobi edged past Scott 8 in the 5th and Marcus lost by the same narrow margin to Robert Shaw.

Surrey started strongly against a dangerous Glamorgan team (containing 3 of Wales' top 10 junior boys), taking a 5-1 lead. Lewis made short work of their No 1 Jarred Parsons. Marcus won 5 in the 5th against Jack Parry. Lucy found Carys Webster a bit tricky but won -10, 9, 10, 9. Gobi had a setback against a battling Connor Edwards 9-11 in the 5th with Connor arguably their best player. Jessica played exceptionally well against the Glamorgan No 1 girl, beating her 11-3 in the 5th. Gobi took no chances with Jarred Parsons winning 9, 6 & 2. Lucy made short work of Lauren for a 7-2 lead. Marcus had an excellent game with Connor Edwards although Marcus could only reach 8 in the 5th after a tremendous effort.

Day 2 Sunday 21st February 2010

beat Sussex	6-4
lost to Middlesex	4-6
beat Cheshire	9-1

Sussex gave Surrey a fright and a half as they took a 3-0 lead. Jack Bennett played exceptionally well to beat Gobi 8, 9 & 8. Daniel Barna justified his recent high ranking by beating Marcus convincingly. Lewis and Lucy stopped the rot with a win a piece. Jack Bennett against Marcus Giles was a like a firework display. Marcus took the first two games at deuce only to see Jack fight back with wins of 8 & 3. And so it was to the deciding end when Marcus produced a spell of brilliance to beat Jack 11-3.

Other games went as expected and, with the match score at 5-4 to Surrey, Lewis had to face Daniel Barna who had earlier looked unstoppable. Lewis again raised his game with some serious close to the table hitting to beat Daniel 4, 13 & 9 to win the match.

That left just Surrey and Middlesex unbeaten. Lewis was first at the table against the Middlesex team No 1 Connor Neenan. Connor found amazing form and inflicted Lewis' only loss 9, 9, 10. Marcus beat Jack Basterfield in straight games which left Lucy to face the Middlesex 'invincible' girls. Charleigh Kirby, the England No 6 found herself unable to cope with Lucy's game plan as Lucy triumphed 7, 8 & 4. For Middlesex Tyrone Wells was 'on fire' and left Gobi wondering what had happened. England No 2 Tin Ho was too strong for our girls on the day although Jessica reached 11-13 in one game and Lucy got to 9 in another. Perhaps unexpectedly Gobi produced some fine form to overcome Connor Neenan and level the match at 4-4. But in the end Tyrone was playing too well for Marcus and Middlesex took the match and the title with a hard fought 6-4 scoreline.

The final round of matches included Middlesex against Sussex and Surrey against Cheshire. Surrey looked as though they had to take at least 5 sets from Cheshire to secure 2nd spot. Middlesex were too strong on the day for Sussex beating them 8-2. However no risks were taken as Surrey stormed to a 9-1 victory. It was Cheshire's Janay Gibson who took the consolation set. However Janay (England No 14) could not keep up with the in-form Lucy Lou, losing -6, -5, -7.

Lewis Bray	13/14	92.8%
Gobi Sriparan	10/14	71.4%
Marcus Giles	10/14	71.4%
Lucy Lou	10/11	90.9%
Jessica Monis	2/11	18.2%
Walkovers	6/6	

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	diff	Pts
1	Middlesex	7	7	0	0	57	13	44	14
2	Surrey	7	6	0	1	51	19	32	12
3	Sussex	7	5	0	2	42	28	14	10
4	Glamorgan	7	3	1	3	39	31	8	7
5	Warwickshire	7	3	0	4	29	39	-10	6
6	Cheshire	7	2	1	4	33	36	-3	5
7	Nottinghamshire	7	1	0	6	17	53	-36	2
8	South Yorkshire	7	0	0	7	10	59	-49	0

An excellent team performance!