

Feather Challenge Badminton Tournament

5 July 2015

The entry at this year's Feather Challenge tournament was reduced due to a number of players committed to other activities. The final numbers were 11 U12 boys, 5 U12 girls, 8 U14 boys, 10 U16 boys and 2 U16 girls. Fabio Soldani was a late replacement for Oliver Southall in the U12 boys to keep the numbers up.

The U12 boys played in boxes A and B with most players winning at least one game. Chirag Hosdurga of St Ursulas and Henry Burke of Chew Valley topped box A and Jake Howard from Bath and Zion Chen from Uphill topped box B respectively. In the knockout stages Chirag proved too strong for Zion winning 21-8 while a closer encounter saw Henry beat Jake by 21-16. In the final a good match was made between Chirag and Henry with the title being won by Chirag 21-14.

The U12 girls played in a single box which provided some very close games and resulted in a three way tie between Jenny Tofts, Prarthana Reddy of St Ursulas and Emily Whitmarsh of Chew Valley, each having won three games. A countup of points won decided the title with Emily on 59, Jenny on 55 and Prarthana on 52.

The U14 boys played in 2 boxes with Oliver Burke of Chew Valley and Bo Wang of St Ursulas leading box D and Donghao Wang of Uphill and Finn Greaves of Chew Valley taking top places in box E. The first semi-final resulted in a very close match between Oliver and Finn which ended with Oliver winning by 21-18 while the second match saw a much more straightforward win by Donghao over the young Bo 21-4. In the final Donghao again proved too strong for his opponent and overcame Oliver with a 21-8 scoreline.

With only 2 girls entered in the U16s, the boys boxes F and G included the girls to give them a good number of games before playing each other. In their playoff game it was Anna Collins of Uphill who took control with a 15-7 score.

The U16 boys box F produced very competitive matches, Callum Nicholls of Keynsham winning all his games and Calvin Lee of St Ursulas taking second place by virtue of the result between him and Alex Marsh, both having won 3 games. Box G saw Finlay Campbell win all his games with Harry Parkinson second. Callum continued his winning run in the semi-final where he took advantage of Harry by 15-4. The second semi-final had Finlay also playing well to beat Calvin by 15-9. The final was a very competitive affair with Callum and Finlay playing good badminton and producing a super final match of the day extending to a win for Callum by 23-21.