

Feather Challenge Tournament – 15 April 2018

The annual Feather Challenge tournament took place on Sunday 15 April At St Ursula's Sports Hall, with prizes of Apacs rackets, sports towels and badminton keyrings were won by the top 3 places in each age group.

At U12 there were the largest entry being split into 6 boxes of boys and 2 boxes of girls with some very competitive games particularly in the knockout stages.

U12 BOYS

The competition saw Box A dominated by Toby Salvidge of Chew Valley (ChV) who won all his games ahead of St Ursula's (SU) Milan Laiju. In Box B Sulaiman Hussain (SU) won all his games with Harry Pheasant of Colston Primary School (CP) losing just the one game. Box C had Jack Warren of Severn Vale (SV) with a 100% win leading Bhargav Ramachandra (SU) losing just the one game and looking to be a future prospect following in his brother's (Aarya) footsteps. Box D had Leon Sullivan (SU) taking top spot with Ellis Woodman (ChV) losing just the one game. Box E saw Isaac Buckingham (SV) win all his games and Timothy Li of Waycroft Academy losing only one game. The final box F was led by Isaac Simmonds (SU) ahead of Milo Jady (CP).

The high number of boxes required a number of playoffs where A2 Milan beat B2 Harry in a close game 15-12, C2 Bhargav lost out to D2 Ellis 5-15, E2 Timothy lost to F2 Milo 7-15. a second round playoff had another close game with Milo beating Ellis 15-12.

The quarter finals proceeded with the closest of scorelines, Isaac Simmonds beating club mate Leon 15-14, Sulaiman beating Isaac Buckingham 15-13, Jack beating Milan 15-14 and Milo beating Toby 15-11.

The semis had Sulaiman beating club mate Isaac 15-8 and Milo beating Jack 15-11 to set up a great final where Sulaiman prevailed with a 15-13 win over Milo to take the 1st place and the Roy Niblett Cup. Third place was taken by Jack who beat Isaac Simmonds 15-7.

U12 GIRLS

The 2 girls boxes found Box G led by Chew Valley's Chelsea Hancocks ahead of Uphill's Riley Badman. Box B saw Severn Vale's Penny Eldridge win all her games with St Ursula's Piyu Dhall losing just the one game.

The semis placed Chelsea against Piyu and resulted in 15-10 win to Chelsea whilst in the second semi a tight match was won by Riley 15-14 against Penny.

The final saw a repeat of the box A match between Chelsea and Riley and fortunes were reversed with a fine win by Riley 15-10 to take the title and the Roy Niblett Cup. The third place playoff was a repeat of the box B match between Penny and Piyu where again a reversal of the box result gave Piyu third place.

U14

The U14 tournament had 1 box of boys and a single box of combined U14/16 girls.

U14 BOYS

The box comprised players from St Ursula's, Uphill, Severn Vale and Chew Valley with strong performances from Aakash Esa and Bo Wang of St Ursula's and Mikey Wright of Chew Valley. Bo won all his games in a strong performance whilst the second and third place was closely fought by Aakash and Mikey with a 15-14 game deciding the second place in favour of Mikey.

U14 GIRLS

The U14 girls were exclusively provided by St Ursula's thus guaranteeing a club clean sweep of honours. Komal Kumari led the way with a 100% win record ahead of Adorna Jaimon and Rosie Dodds who had a close game going 15-12 to Adorna for second place.

U16

There were 2 boxes of boys representing 6 clubs.

U16 BOYS

in box A a 3 way tie of players on 3 wins each was decided by points difference where St Ursula's (SU) Rehman Hussain (brother of U12 Winner, Sulaiman) took first place with a healthy +35 points ahead of John Gompels (SU) +17 and Olly James of Kingdown Leisure Centre +15. In box B another 3 way tie of players on 3 wins each was led by Ethan Neviile (SU) on +25 points difference followed by Bo Wang (SU) +19 and Ebrima Touray +17. The semi-finals placed Rehman against Bo which Bo won by 21-13 and a close game between Ethan and John which went to Ethan 21-19. The final resulted in a win for Ethan against Bo with a 21-15 scoreline.

U16 GIRLS

The U16 girls tournament was decided by the game between the St Ursula's girls Yu Xuan Chu and Lucy George (playing within the U14 box) and resulted in a comfortable win for Lucy by 15-4.