

ASBA/Kingsdown Juniors Feather Challenge 22-23 May 2004

The 2004 Feather Challenge was extended this year to include an under 15 category.

On Saturday the under 15 event had a rather poor turnout but the players were enthusiastic and played a combined boys and girls doubles box of 5 pairs. The Kingsdown pair of Owen Grant and Tom Ward managed to win all their games to take the top boys place from James Lee and Sam Crossley. The girls competition was between the Gabby Smith / Emma Lawes partnership and Amy Norman and Mary Lin.. This led to an unusual situation where both pairs had 1 game won (along with Ron Zhou) giving Amy and Mary the edge by 1 point less against for the overall box placings but the positions for the girls competition were determined by the game between them . This gave Gabby and Emma the title from their 15-11 game win.

In the singles Amy Norman dominated the girls competition from Emma Lawes. For the boys Tom Ward proved too strong for the opposition with Sam Crossley.

The U12s had a better turnout where the boys played in 4 singles boxes and 2 doubles boxes. The girls played a single box for each of the singles and doubles. In the boys singles a mixture of new and more inexperienced players provided some good matches in which experience told in producing the semi-finalists, Callum Woolley, Tom Smith, Douglas Todd and Jack Costello. Callum beat Tom 15-1 and Douglas beat Jack 15-0. In the final Callum took a significant lead then Douglas fought back in the later stages before Callum final won out 1509.

The Girls doubles came down to a match between the unbeaten pairs of Olivia Smith / Helena Lima of Kingsdown Juniors and Ellen Marsh / Emily Look of Highdown Junior School. In an extremely close match Olivia and Helena eventually won by 15-14.

In the boys doubles, Callum Wooley / Tom Smith winning their box played their semi-final against Robert Russell and Finn Battleday in another close encounter which went to setting and was taken by Callum and Tom 17-14. The second semi placed Chris Bramley / James Finch against Jack Costello and Oliver Russell who lost out in another close game by 15-10. In the final Callum and Tom were pushed in a very competitive match before winning by 15-7.

The girls single box saw a large number of enjoyable games with the title eventually taken by Ellen Marsh from Olivia Smith who just lost the one game.

