

HERTS SQUASH

Junior County Championships 2025

This year's competition attracted an excellent total of 87 entries. On Sept 6th the U9s and U11s travelled to Radlett and the 28 juniors enjoyed an afternoon of squash in a league format initially, leading to knockout matches. One week later on Sept 13th/14th Nuffield St Albans was the venue for 59 playing in the older age groups. Our thanks go to the two clubs for making their courts available, to Gary Nisbet, Helen Walsh, Julian Craxton and Katie Binmore who ran the Nuffield matches with Jago Nardelli and Julian Craxton who organised the matches at Radlett.

U9/U11 Results

U9 Boys: the 7 boys were joined by the U9/11 girls in 3 leagues initially before moving to knockout matches and playoffs. SEMIS: Kian Khorgami (Radlett) beat Kieran Sanghrajka (Radlett) 11-0,11-3; Jasper Ullmer (Harpenden) beat Samuel Halahmy (Radlett) 11-1,11-3. $\frac{3}{4}$ PLAYOFF: Kieran beat Samuel 9-11,14-12,11-7. FINAL Jasper beat Kian 11-3,12-10.

U9 Girls: the 2 girls joined in mixed friendly league games before the final when Muska Shah (Radlett) beat Isla Gritz (Nuffield) 11-7

U11 Boys: the 16 entries were split into 4 leagues of 4, with the top two progressing to the $\frac{1}{4}$ finals and the others having 2 playoff matches each. QUARTER FINALS: Henry Fitzsimon (Radlett) beat Jack Waters (Harpenden) 11-7,11-4; Ephra Magonet (Lockers Park) beat Harrison Langer (Tring/Berkhamsted) 11-7,14-12; Ben Keith-Jopp (Berkhamsted) beat Edwin Webster (Radlett) 11-8,11-8; Jacob Halahmy (Radlett) beat Jasper Ullmer (Harpenden) 11-4,11-4. SEMIS: Henry beat Ephra 11-7,11-6; Jacob beat Ben 11-9,11-9. $\frac{3}{4}$ PLAYOFF Ben beat Ephra 11-5. FINAL Henry beat Jacob 11-5,11-7

U11 Girls: the 3 girls played in the mixed leagues before having a round-robin competition. Final positions were :1st Daisy Johnson (Nuffield), 2nd Anika Patel (Nuffield), 3rd Lili Perusse (Radlett)

U13/15/17/19 Results

U13 Boys: 16 played, knockout + 2 Plate competitions (for Round 1 losers and for losing quarter finalists). Plate winners were Albie Ullmer

(Harpenden) who beat Rafael Perusse (Radlett) 11-8,11-4 and Harry Sparkes (Harpenden) who beat Henry Fitzsimon (Radlett). QUARTER FINALS: Cristian Law (Berkhamsted) beat Henry Fitzsimon (Radlett) 11-5,11-2,11-0; Arthur Crudginton (Nuffield) beat Oscar Moss (Berkhamsted) 11-8,11-5,11-5; George Hughes (Tring) beat Louis Hyde (Berkhamsted) 11-0,11-0,11-6; Peter Pospisil (Letchworth) beat Harry Sparkes (Harpenden) 11-2,11-0,11-4. SEMIS: Cristian beat Arthur 11-7,11-5,11-6; George beat Peter 6-11,9-11,11-8,11-5,11-6. $\frac{3}{4}$ PLAYOFF Arthur beat Peter 11-4,11-7,11-6. FINAL Cristian beat George 11-5,11-1,12-10.

U13 Girls: 2 entered, playing a couple of friendlies against the U15 girls before their FINAL: Anoushka Arun (Harpenden) beat Elyse Watt (Gosling) 11-3,11-5

U15 Boys: 13 played, knockout +2 Plate competitions (for Round 1 losers and for losing quarter-finalists). Plate winners were Rohan Kavan (Berkhamsted) who beat Tom Gorsuch (Nuffield) and Aidan Timmons (Harpenden) who beat Oliver Jackson (Berkhamsted). QUARTER FINALS: George Ogden (Tring) beat Oliver Jackson (Berkhamsted) 11-4,11-2,11-1; Billy Johnson (Nuffield) beat Miller Dowden (Harpenden) 11-6,11-13,11-5,11-4; Rafay Ahmed (Nuffield) beat Anders Chong (Harpenden) 11-3,11-0,11-4; Aiden Chong (Harpenden) beat Aidan Timmons (Harpenden) 11-9,11-0,11-4. SEMIS: George beat Billy 11-5,11-2,11-4; Rafay beat Aiden 11-3,11-2,11-3. $\frac{3}{4}$ PLAYOFF: Billy beat Aiden 9-11,11-9,11-8,11-5. FINAL George beat Rafay 11-8,11-4,11-2.

U15 Girls: 4 took part, league of 4. 4th: Helena Waters (Harpenden), 3rd Ayla Najdy (Harpenden), FINAL Ellie Padayachy (Radlett) beat Lily Moxham (Harpenden) 11-8,11-4,11-5.

U17 Boys: 10 played, knockout + 2 Plate competitions (for Round 1 losers and for losing quarter finalists). Plate winners were River Randhawa (Gosling) who beat Yash Maniar (Harpenden) 11-8,13-11,11-5 and Jacob Hill (Gosling) who beat Jimi Olunloyo (Radlett). QUARTER FINALS: Hugh Padayachy (Radlett) beat Beau Copeland (Berkhamsted) 11-0,11-5,11-1; Carter Law (Berkhamsted) beat Jacob Hill (Gosling) 11-4,12-10,11-8; Daniel Austin (Harpenden) beat Jimi Olunloyo (Radlett) 11-4,11-5,11-9; Jack Thompson (Berkhamsted) beat Juha Kruger (Nuffield)

11-3,11-9,11-9. SEMIS: Hugh beat Carter 11-4,11-3,11-7; Daniel beat Jack 8-11,11-4,8-11,11-5,11-7. FINAL Hugh beat Daniel 11-2,11-2,11-6.

U17 Girls: 6 played, two leagues of 3. Playoffs 5/6: Katie Binmore (Nuffield) beat Lucy Robinson (Harpenden) 11-6,10-12,11-5; $\frac{3}{4}$ Faith Clulow (Letchworth) beat Caitlin O’Keeffe (Radlett) 11-6,11-9. FINAL Amber Hilton (Radlett) beat Honor Dalwood (Nuffield) 11-5,11-3,11-4

U19 Girls: Winner: Darcey Dalwood (Nuffield)

U19 Boys: 7 took part and a very high standard of play throughout, knockout + round-robin for Round 1 losers. Plate winner Dan Maughan (Radlett), 2nd Kian Dalwood (Nuffield), 3rd Wes Hilton (Radlett). SEMIS: Harry France (Radlett) beat Jake Huckstep (Radlett) 11-8,11-6,11-6; Josh Binmore (Nuffield) beat Hasan Jafar (Radlett) 11-8,11-5,11-6. $\frac{3}{4}$ PLAYOFF Hasan beat Jake 11-3,11-8. FINAL Harry beat Josh 11-8,6-11,11-9,11-7 in a great final to round off the County Champs. Thanks go to all the competitors and their coaches who persuaded them to sign up for the event!!

