

Top seeds rule in the Cadet Events

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The second days play in the National Junior Cadet Championships in Hatfield at the Hertfordshire Sports Village comprised all four Cadet Events. The top seeds dominated but they did not have all their own way in the singles.

Igor Morais won his Cadet Singles Championship in a pulsating duel with No 2 seed and doubles partner Helshan Weerasinghe, Igor took the first, Helshan took the next two at deuce but Igor took the fourth also at deuce. In the fifth and final game Igor took the lead early and was never headed.

In the Cadet Boys Doubles the two singles finalists paired up and were never seriously challenged, not dropping a game until No 2 seeds Jared Patel and Alex Holland took the second game in the Final, this was a temporary setback as Igor and Helshan claimed the doubles in the next two games.

Tin Tin Ho was always on top in the Cadet Girls Final being just too quick and varied in her play for unseeded Maris Tsaptsinos who had a superb day beating both No 4 seed Megan Knowles and No 2 Seed Emma Torkington in earlier rounds.

In the Cadet Doubles Tin Tin teamed up with Emma Torkington, the No 1 seeds had a real fright in the semi final standing 2 games down against Letitla McMullan and Lois Peake but the final three games belonged to Tin Tin and Emma. In the final they faced Emily Bolton and Hannah Nouch who themselves had a good win in the semi finals beating No 2 seeds Isobel Ashley and Megan Knowles. Tin Tin and Emma dominated the first two games but the third went to many many deuces before the Championship was claimed 19-17 in the third game.

Tin Tin moved from dominating the National Under 10, 11, 12 Championships to dominating the Cadet Championships, and taking the scalp of the top seed in the Junior Championships reaching the Semi Finals, a superb performance for a 12 year old who is not quite so tiny any more. Igor Morais performed excellently under extreme pressure in the Cadet Boys final.

Photo: Tin Tin misses one for a change.

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