

Oxford girls sweep National Junior League

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Champions Chloe Yau, Kristelle Brook & Teisi Tamming with Evie Foster (Kent)

OXFORD GIRLS' SWEET 15

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Fourteen Kidlington Forum players took part in the final series of National Junior League (South) matches, played at Cippenham on Saturday. The girls' division proved in the end to be a cakewalk for Teisi Tamming, Kristelle Brook and Chloe Yau, who, along with team-mate Evie Foster (Kent), overwhelmed Bournemouth, Horsham, Ellenborough, Chiltern A and Cippenham to take the title with 15 wins from 15 matches: in fact Evie was the only player to lose on this occasion! Best win was Teisi's 3-0 over England squad Under13 player, Amy Blagborough (Bournemouth). The girls have shown much maturity in their whole approach to both training and match play throughout the season and have benefited a lot from the ever-present assistance of Tak Wa Yau.

The Boys' A and B teams had to face up to some tough opposition in Division 1. Lewis Sumner applied himself more consistently than last time out, winning 7/10 at no 1, a fine effort, particularly in defeating Jamie Trevillion (cadet ranked 52). Both Jack Shardlow (4/10) and Jonah Stott (3/10) suffered some frustration in losing very close matches, but nevertheless the team held on the finish behind Chiltern A and Reading A, but ahead of Southampton West A, in third position. For the B team, Simon Price (4/8) and Niall Harris (3/8) began in day in scintillating form, inflicting upon Ben Woodbridge (Junior 141), his only reverses of the whole season. The team was quickly brought down to earth by Reading A (6-0), but in the crunch match against newly promoted Cippenham A, they responded to the challenge with a big 6-0 victory, which guaranteed them being among the medals in fifth place overall. There were two fine wins here for Cameron Patterson (2/8), while Ethan Ball (0/6) had a day to forget.



Jack Shardlow humbly receives his award from ETTA referee Mike Atkinson

The Boys' C team, ably marshalled by Toby Neumeier, had an amazing day, given that earlier in the season they had been relegated from Division 2 and had had to fight their way back. They finished as runners-up to Reading B, with one win, three draws and one defeat. James Rowan at last found his feet in this competition with 6/8, a transformation from his earlier efforts in this division. Ben Neumeier (3/6) and Luke Jobling (2/6) competed very well throughout the day, but the revelation at this level was 10 year-old Josh Selby with 4/8. This talented boy impresses every time out with his fighting spirit and could go a long way.



3rd place for Jack Shardlow, Jonah Scott and Lewis Sumner

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