

# Oxfordshire County Junior Trials Report

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## OTTA Junior Trial, Sept 9th 2012

There was a full turnout of 16 boys and four girls for the Oxfordshire County Junior Trials, held at Kidlington Forum on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. After five hours of intense competition, Lewis Sumner held on to his no 1 spot by a narrow margin, prevailing over Jonah Stott and Simon Price on games count-back.

In fact, Jonah scored a notable 3-2 victory over Lewis here, but his earlier 2-3 loss to Simon, together with Simon's 0-3 loss to Lewis, proved decisive in the final tally.

The stylish Ethan Ball had caused the first upset of the day, beating fellow Didcot cadet Niall Harris 3-1 in the first round of group matches. Ethan kept up his good form and seized his chance of a top four finish.

Three other cadets to make a good impression were Luke Jobling, Kavan Warrender and 11 year-old Josh Selby. All three propelled themselves into the top eight: Josh by beating Ben Neumeier 3-0, Kavan by beating James Rowan 3-1, and Luke emerging from a triple tie with Oliver Base and Reece Chamdal on games count-back.

It was diminutive 10-year-old Reece Chamdal who had set the cat among the pigeons here, by slaying the mighty Oliver Base in a David and Goliath contest. With his fine movement, keen concentration and some textbook technique, Reece looks to be a fine player in the making.

The girls' event went very much according to the form book, with cadet Kristelle Brook (England no 31) seeing off a strong challenge from Teisi Tamming (3-2), Chloe Yau (3-0) and Vicky Coll (3-1). We are fortunate in having such a fine quartet of young ladies, with the three more experienced older ones now joined by 11 year-old Vicky, who is our highest ranked player, currently at no 24 on the list of England Under 13 Girls.

John Birkin

### Finishing Positions: (*Cadets in italics*)

- 1 *Kristelle Brook* (Oxford)
- 2 Teisi Tamming (Oxford)
- 3 Chloe Yau (Oxford)
- 4 *Vicky Coll* (Oxford)

- 1 Lewis Sumner (Oxford)
- 2 Jonah Stott (Oxford)
- 3 Simon Price (Oxford)
- 4 *Ethan Ball* (Didcot)
- 5 *Niall Harris* (Didcot)
- 6 *Josh Selby* (Didcot)
- 7 *Luke Jobling* (Oxford)
- 8 *Kavan Warrender* (Didcot)
- 9 Fabian Audifferen (Oxford)
- 10 Oliver Base (Didcot)
- 11 James Rowan (Oxford)
- 12 *Reuben Cox* (Banbury)
- 13 *Benedikt Neumeier* (Didcot)
- 14 *Reece Chamdal* (Oxford)

15 *Joseph McKenna-Jones* (Oxford)

16 James Cooper (Didcot)

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