

Cadet & Junior National Champs Draw

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This weekend welcomes the arrival of the 2012/13 Cadet & Junior National Championships which takes place at the Hertfordshire Sports Village in Hatfield. It could prove to be a busy weekend for Tin-Tin Ho, who competes in five of the nine events taking place over the two days.

Tin-Tin, whose 2012 culminated in an appearance at the Cadet World Challenge in Guam earlier this month, is the top seed for all five events and will be disappointed to not return with at least a couple of titles to her name.

However, her record in National Championships isn't always as coveted as her international appearances. Last year Maria Tsaptsinos won the Cadet Girls crown, meaning Tin-Tin had to settle for a pair of doubles titles with Emily Bolton and Yolanda King.

The absence of reigning Champion Jessica Dawson from the Girls Singles will help the 14-year-old but the rest of the junior singles field is not far behind with Emily Bates, Vicky Smith, Tressa Armitage and Maria Tsaptsinos having plenty to prove in Hatfield.



The Junior Boys singles will feature reigning Champion Sam Walker for the last time before he passes the junior threshold. He'll hope to hang onto his singles title as well as his mixed doubles title with partner Armitage once more.

In 2011 his treble was completed with a boys doubles triumph alongside Lewis Gray, but with Gray now too old, Walker will hope new partner Liam McTiernan can produce similar success in 2012.

While Walker remains the standout performer, his competition will come in the form of the vastly-improved George Downing as well as the dangerous Helshan Weerasinghe, who swept the Cadet titles in 2011.

Not to be discounted too are Igor Morais, Danny Lawrence and Sam Mabey who will all hope to turn the promise they displayed at cadet level to more titles at junior level.



Last (but not least) could be the most interesting tournament of the weekend in the Cadet Boys singles. With 2011 double Champion Weerasinghe moving up an age group, it leaves the competition open for a new victor.

Marcus Giles begins as the top seed and favourite but you can expect Tom Jarvis, Alec Ward, Luke Savill and Hugo Pang to all provide stiff opposition on Sunday morning. Don't be surprised if the latter stages of this event see a number of tight five-enders.

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