

# Reading triumph in National Cadet League

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Champions Sam Liu, Leo Long and Josh Gallen from Reading

## READING TRIUMPH @ CIPPENHAM NATIONAL CADET LEAGUE

With only 12 tables available this season, the number of teams accepted for 2012-13 was restricted to 24. These entries were split into 4 divisions with 6 teams in each and with promotion/relegation being applied at the end of each of the three rounds of matches. All 24 teams were present for all 4 days of play and the value of this could be seen at the end of the final day on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, when in Division 2, the winning team had a "round three score" of 18 sets (out of 30) and 6<sup>th</sup> place had 12 – an extremely close competition between all 6 teams.

At the sharp end, however, and with the medals in Division 1 being decided on a cumulative score across the 3 rounds, Reading "A", represented by Sam Liu, Leo Long and Josh Gallen, were runaway winners with 98 sets won out of a possible 105. The second, third and fourth places were hotly disputed across all 4 days between Horsham Spinners, Oxford and Crusaders (Sutton), and indeed changed during day 4. Crusaders players on this day were Tom Beales, Guy Webster and Richard Pelc and courtesy of a 5-1 win over Oxford in the penultimate match on the 17<sup>th</sup>, they won the silver medals with a total of 58 sets as compared to Oxford's 54 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



Runners-up from Crusaders were Tom Beales, Guy Webster and Richard Pelc

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