

Eastern region wins Regional Squad Championships 2013

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Regional Squad Champions 2013 – Eastern

On the 21st April the annual Regional Squad Championships took place in Doncaster at the Dome. The event sees all ten regions of England come together and battle it out for the title. For the very first time the Eastern Region won the event and were crowned regional champions of England for 2013.

The format consists of two groups of five regions with a final playoff match depending on where you finish in the group. There were some very close matches in both groups but the Eastern and Yorkshire regions managed to secure top spots in their respective groups.

In the final Eastern had to play the winners of the other group, Yorkshire. Eastern played above themselves and managed to secure an 8-4 victory over a very strong Yorkshire squad.

Regional coach Stephen Gertsen said: "I'm extremely proud of all the players and coaches who fought hard for the team. A lot of work has been put into the region over the last few years and winning this title is just reward. It has been a massive team effort and everyone who is a part of the Eastern region squad has had a role to play, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed".

It was a fantastic event and clearly the standard of play from all the regions has improved considerably over the last two years. The opportunity to compete on an inter regional basis enables the players to experience the pressures of what it is like to be a team member and this can only help when a player is selected for a junior or senior international team event.

Many thanks to Steve Welch, Ken Elliot and all the volunteers, who helped make this event a great success.



Runners-up Yorkshire region

Results:

1. Eastern
2. Yorkshire
3. North West
4. Southern
5. London
6. South East
7. East Midlands
8. West Midlands
9. North East
10. South West

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