

9U County Cup Finals 2023 - Bath Uni

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Teams: Girls: Joanna, Ava, Zoe, Rebeka, missing Anqi Boys: Christian, Ruben, Pawel, Max and Pete

The boys and girls 9U teams both qualified for the South version of the National finals in Bath 29/30th April. Getting to the finals put them roughly amongst the top 23 counties teams in the country but now faced the very fancied London counties like Middlesex, Surrey.

Our girls, Joanna, Ava, Zoe, Rebeka, missing Anqi, played on Saturday and fought admirably with a great win over Hertfordshire 4-2, 2 very close loses to S.Wales and Kent 4-2. A final loss 5-1 to eventual winners Middlesex; who realistically were at another level than the other teams, although Zoe and Ava had a great doubles win against their very strong first pair. All the girls, I believe recorded singles wins and eventually came 4th in the group.

We may have even come 2nd or 3rd, especially with Anqi who was injured, so couldn't play on the day, as we really were very close to all opposition except Middlesex.

The boys: Christian, Ruben, Pawel, Max and Pete, on Sunday had a very tough start. With a very close loss to Hertfordshire 4-2, then 5-1 losses to Kent and Oxfordshire after having match points in 2 of these matches, they finally lost to a very strong Surrey team, the eventual winners.

Boys, like the girls, competed with such fight, but it wasn't quite to be. However, they all won matches throughout the day.