

BOYS 14U COUNTY CUP

Aldershot - 2nd-3rd May 2026



Captain's Report

BOYS - 5th PLACE

The U14 boys team travelled to sunny Aldershot last weekend, to compete in the County Cup qualification event for a place at the National finals in Nottingham.

With the top six teams in the country qualifying automatically, only two additional places remain available. To determine these final spots, separate Northern and Southern qualifying events are held, with the two winning teams from each event progressing to the National Finals. Each qualifying event features just six teams, meaning only the top 18 counties in the country compete at this level, while the remaining 25 counties take part in a local fun event. As a result, we knew from the outset that the standard of competition would be extremely high and that we would face a significant challenge throughout.

We started with Cambridgeshire, a very strong team and eventually lost 5-1 with a solitary and very gutsy win by Sebby but with a couple of very close matches; it could have nearly got to 3-3 but they were eventually too good and the eventual winners of this qualifying event .

Our next match was against a very solid Berkshire team , where we picked up singles wins from Harley and Archie, the match eventually went to a shootout because it was 3-3, which we narrowly lost.

The Final match was against Bedfordshire, where we had a very convincing 6-0 win .

There was some excellent tennis on display against very strong opposition. Although it wasn't to be this time, there were plenty of positives to take away and valuable lessons learned along the way. The experience will no doubt help prepare the players for next year's 14U and 18U events, while also highlighting areas to work on back at base. Most importantly, everyone enjoyed the experience, and Sebby, Harley, Chris, Mathis, Archie and Thomas represented themselves superbly throughout with their excellent behaviour and attitude.