

18U COUNTY CUP 2026

BOYS REPORT



Captain's Report

Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd March

The Avon U18 Boys embarked upon their County Cup campaign with a weekend that ultimately showcased exceptional resilience, unity, and competitive spirit.

Day 1 - Avon vs Kent

We opened our campaign against a strong Kent side. The singles proved challenging, leaving us trailing 4-2 heading into the doubles.

With all three doubles rubbers required, the team responded superbly. At No.1 doubles, Halbie and Reuben produced an outstanding comeback, recovering from a set down to keep our hopes alive.

However, the deciding rubber was unfortunately impacted by a poorly timed and, in our view, incorrect intervention from the referee at a critical stage. The match ultimately went to a championship tiebreak, which we narrowly lost.

A fiercely contested encounter, ending in a 5-4 defeat, but one that demonstrated the team's fighting qualities from the outset.

Day 2 - Avon vs Hertfordshire

The boys responded admirably on Day 2 with a commanding performance against Hertfordshire.

Strong singles displays saw us take a 4-2 lead, with particularly impressive wins from Halbie, Mathi, Harry, and Toby.

Carrying that momentum into the doubles, the team closed out the tie efficiently to secure a 6-3 victory.

Day 3 - Avon vs Lancashire

Heading into the final day, the objective was clear: secure enough rubbers to guarantee our place in Division Two for next year.

The team delivered immediately, with decisive singles victories from Reuben and Mathi, ensuring safety early in the contest and allowing the group to play with confidence and freedom thereafter.

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Overall Summary

This was an excellent team performance across the weekend, characterised by strong cohesion, energy, and collective determination.

A special mention must go to Harry Cook, who produced standout performances throughout. He looked exceptionally composed, with the quality and variety of his game proving too much for his opponents.

While it is naturally disappointing to have missed promotion to Division One by the narrowest of margins — a single championship tiebreak, the team can take great pride in securing Division Two status for next year.

Conclusion

The weekend represents a significant step forward for this group. The standards, attitude, and togetherness displayed suggest a team with genuine potential moving forward.

With continued development, there is every reason to believe this group can challenge strongly for promotion in future campaigns.