

## **Essex Junior Season Summary 2012/13**

### **Under 17s**

The renamed ICC was played at Nottingham (formally ICT) in April and after some strong performances from the players the team was placed 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Andrew Brunning, Emma Skinsley, Steve Bish and Phil Turrell who managed and coached the team over the 4 days

In the Shires League the Under 17 team was placed 6<sup>th</sup> after their Regional matches (Won 5 and Lost 1- to Surrey) were due to play Surrey again in play off for the finals but unfortunately Essex were not able to field a team on the specified date.

### **Under 15s**

After the Regional matches the Under 15 team were placed 15<sup>th</sup> in the Shires League, narrowly missing a place in the playoffs for the National Finals. They won 4 and lost 2 to Kent and Surrey.

### **Under 13s**

In the Shires League, the Under 13 team came 13<sup>th</sup>, narrowly missing the playoffs. They won 3, drew 1 to Herts and lost 1 to Sussex and one match was cancelled due to the bad weather.

### **Eastern Region Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16.**

The U12 Eastern Region team event was hosted by Cambridgeshire, unfortunately the results have not been circulated.

In the U14 event hosted by Hertfordshire – the Essex team came 5<sup>th</sup>. This didn't include our strongest two boys at this age group.

In the U16 event Essex fielded 2 teams. The 1<sup>st</sup> team were placed 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Eastern Region Single Sex Event**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April over 100 players arrived at the SportsDock, University of East London for the annual Eastern Region Single Sex event. As usual there were some very closely fought matches throughout the day for teams of either 2 boys or 2 girls over the 3 age groups.

## **County Squad player gradings at the end of the season**

### **Under 17**

4 grade Ds      Reece Wiggins, Raymond Tang, Viknesh Rajendran and Jack Hillsden  
4 grade Es      James Smith, Riya Amin , Anna Richardson and Abbie Wallis  
9 grade Fs      Robbie Hall, Kusa Shah, Connor Taylor, Zach Pallier, Oliver Phillips, Chris Wood, Beth Law, Emily Parmenter and Coco Zhang

8 players were upgraded during the season

### **Under 15**

2 grade Es      Jonathan Tang and Rosemary Allen  
2 grade Fs      Brandon Ngooi and Josh Foot  
5 grade Gs      Alex Forum-Jensen, Dillon Malde, Ryan Harman, Rehaan Khan and Prashan Clare

2 players were upgraded during the season

### **Under 13**

0 grade Fs  
0 grade Gs  
9 grade Hs      Zaman Khan, Patrick Arundel, Brandon Yap, Jack Lau, Akhil Pillai,  
Raymon Ramakrishnan, Holly Smith, Vidhi Garg and Shreeya Mehta

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### **Player Incentive Scheme**

This season we have introduced a player incentive scheme to reward those players who are playing regularly in the Badminton England sanctioned tournaments and those who have been successful and been upgraded. The scheme is funded by profits generated from running tournaments this season. Essex will continue with this scheme next season and will be encouraging more players to enter tournaments and apply for these incentives

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