

## **Essex Junior Squad Report 2016**

### **Shires League Fixtures**

The junior's achieved mixed results in this season's Shires League

U13s – Finished in 13<sup>th</sup> position. This was a very creditable result as the majority of the team were very inexperienced. The team manager, Kevin Purton did a great job in giving all the squad experience of representing the county.

U15s – Qualified directly for the finals by finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the League. In the finals played at Stoke Mandeville finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Surrey. Thank you to team manager Jenny Chu.

U17s – Finished in 22<sup>nd</sup> position. Once again it was difficult to field the strongest team for every match.

### **ICT – 31<sup>st</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016**

This year's ICT team members were:

Brandon Ngooi, Prashan Clare, Raymon Ramakrishnan, Akhil Pillai, Kaushik Rajesh

Chandana Nagaraj, Vidhi Garg, Chloe Yong, Alicia Chu, Shreeya Mehta

Coached by Steve Bish and Emma Skingsley

The team finished in 19<sup>th</sup> place out of 35 counties who entered. This was a very creditable performance considering that 2 of the boys and 3 of the girls were from the U15 age group.

### **Training sessions.**

The county ran a series of training sessions led by Steve Bish and Rebecca Terry for all age groups in the October half term break at William Edwards. These were well attended in the younger age groups, although some of the older players found it difficult to get to the sessions. A one day camp for U13s and a half day session for U11s were held in the February half term these were very well attended and enjoyed by all participants.

### **Tournaments**

Essex CBA ran numerous junior tournaments this season in all age groups at Redbridge, with all events making moderate profits. Badminton England has granted us Tournament Sanction to run a similar number of events again next season.

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