

The Junior County Squash Championships took place over the weekend at the East Gloucestershire Club and Cheltenham College. The Championships that were kindly sponsored by aroma home, Cheltenham Physiotherapy Clinic and Dunlop attracted a large entry of 116 juniors from all over the county.

Gloucestershire is currently one of the top counties in the country at junior squash level. With a host of international players to boast of, as well as the boys under 19 team and boys under 17 team both being the current Inter County Champions, it was no wonder that the County Championships were of a very high calibre. In the girls competitions young Carys Jones and sister Elin cruised to victory in the under 11 and under 13 categories respectively. Whilst the England No.3 Ellie Lake (last season's under 13 British Champion) was in a class of her own in the under 15s, she had some resistance in the under 17s from the England No.10 Kip Quiney, who took a game off her in the final. In the under 19 final England player Julianne Courtice (last season's under 17 British Champion) proved too strong for Sarah Barnes who is a newcomer to the county this season.

In the boys competitions there was a hard fought final in the under 11s with Aaron Woodward beating Liam O'Brien in five 7/11 11/8 11/6 7/11 11/6. In the under 13s Louis Penkett won his first county title without dropping a game, as did the Welsh player, Callum Davidson in the under 15 category who was also winning his first county title. However Tom Ford kept up his winning ways by winning a seventh consecutive county title by beating Scott Young in a tight final 8/11 11/5 11/6 11/6 to take the under 17 cup for the first time. The under 19 category saw last season's England under 17 captain Nathan Lake, a comfortable winner over Sam Cantle who was in his last junior county championship.

Alongside the singles a fun under 19 doubles is held where the strongest player is paired up with the weakest, this always provides a good spectacle and a bit of light relief. For the second year running 6' 4" Mark Broekman won, this year with new partner young 11 year old Elin Jones by beating Myles Williams and Joel Payne 3-0 in the final.

#### Results:

BU11 Aaron Woodward	bt	Liam O'Brien	7/11 11/8 11/6 7/11 11/6
BU13 Louis Penkett	bt	Ryan Wilson	11/6 11/7 11/6
BU13 Plate Morgan Willicott	bt	Ruben Keating	3-1
BU15 Callum Davidson	bt	Kyran Young	11/9 11/5 11/3
BU15 Plate winner		Krys Fishwick	
BU17 Tom Ford	bt	Scott Young	8/11 11/5 11/6 11/6
BU17 Plate Lewis Cameron	bt	Fred Peace	3-0
BU19 Nathan Lake	bt	Sam Cantle	11/4 11/4 11/2
BU19 Plate James Jeffrey	bt	George Neville	3-1
GU11 Carys Jones	bt	Georgia Schranz	3-0
GU13 Elin Jones	bt	Florie Smith	11/2 11/4 11/4
GU13 Plate Amber Peacey	bt	Beth Parker	3-0
GU15 Ellie Lake	bt	Ellie Hewer	12/10 9/11 8/11 11/7 11/5
GU15 Plate winner		Cathy Woods	
GU17 Ellie Lake	bt	Kip Quiney	11/6 11/8 9/11 11/9
GU19 Julianne Courtice	bt	Sarah Barnes	11/4 11/4 11/7
Doubles Mark Broekman/ Elin Jones	bt	Myles Williams/ Joel Payne	3-0

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