

Closed Championships 2024- report on Cadet events

Dull admin stuff

The U11/13/15 events were held at Leicester Grammar School on Saturday 10 February 2024; a total of 36 players (28 last year) took part, with 5 of the 6 clubs from the LJL represented.

Play took place initially in groups, progressing to further/knockout stages and finals for all but the U11s.

Many thanks to those who helped in the smooth running of this event: especially Tim Cawston and Mike Smith; to Shirley Pickering and Andy Wright for helping out with the umpiring in the latter stages of the U13/15 events; and to George's Mum and Archie's Grandad for helping with the running of the U11 group. .

The actual play

There were 5 players (2 last year) in the U11s so they played a round robin group. Rex Pooley (Sport in Desford) won all his matches to top the group. Alisa Ma (KP) and George Thompson (Sport in Desford) were second equal. Archie Gough was fourth and Karly Cheng fifth.

There were 13 players (12 last year) in the U13 event; the top two from each of the 4 groups progressed to the q/finals, with the remaining players competing in a further round-robin group. Final placings were as follows:

-13= Dishan Solanki

-12= Tanish Patel

-11= Neil Fernandez

-10= Isaac Ali

-9= Mohammed Mehdi

-5= (losing q/f) Muhammad Osman/Ralf Pooley/Lennon Devlin/Neel Deshpande

The results of the semi-finals were as follows:

-Charles Rowell beat Harry Rowell (both Mkt Bosworth); and

-Oliver Moores (WW) beat Adam Kocsis (KP).

Charles beat Oliver in the final; 11-8, 11-5, 11-6.

There were 18 players (14 last year) in the U15 event, so these were put into 4 groups initially with the top two from each group progressing to the knockout stages, with the remaining players competing in further round-robin groups. Placings were:

-17= Harvi Sangha/Ethan Li (over age)

-16= Filip Navrot

-15= Sam Gittus

-13= Arthur Jeffers/Joseph Millard

-11= Tanveer Solanki/Andrei Zamfir

-9= Pranav Savjani/Kynan Patel

-5= (losing q/f) James Hall/Joseph Herbert/Niam Kotecha/Joel Moulder

In the semi-finals:

-Anshh Dhagia beat Wai-Fung Mak (both KP); and

-Aiden Cheng beat Dylan Mahtani (both KP).

Anshh beat Aiden in the final: 8-11, 12-10, 5-11, 11-9, 11-5.

With thanks again to all who played and helped...

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