

Here is my report for the first county junior day which was held at Knighton Park on Saturday.

### **County Junior day - 20th November 2021**

The County Juniors had a good start to their campaign after so many months without competitive table tennis. Many of the players were making their debuts at this level, namely Catherine Lv, Corey Lancaster, Zayd Mulla and Kalan Bhakta - congratulations to them.

The first match against Northamptonshire was won 6-4. We started with a 2 game advantage as Northants only had one girl. The wins came from Oscar Bentley (2), Roma Morjaria and Corey. Zayd battled well but found the competition too strong.

The second match against Cambridgeshire ended in a draw. Catherine, who is still a cadet, played consistently to win her first set as a county junior, this was combined with maximums from Oscar and Roma.

The third match against Bedfordshire saw Corey hold his nerve in a 5 game thriller to win 15-13. Roma Morjaria ended her day with one win and one loss, which was against a very awkward pimply bat player. Kalan Bhakta fought valiantly against his opposition and took a game off both of his opponents. Catherine also had a close 5 game. Well done to Oscar who won 2 and ended the day unbeaten. Unfortunately the match result was a 6-4 loss.

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