

Oxfordshire Badminton Association Schools Tournament 2011

Badminton at the New Beaconsfield Hall (NBH) continues to thrive. Several of our players took part in the Oxfordshire Badminton Association Schools Tournament in January this year, when well over 100 children from across the county competed for glory.

Hat Trick for Emily!

Emily Day, representing Burford School and already selected for the County development squad, surpassed her



L-R: Molly Parker, Kirsty Plant, Tara Quirke-Leach, Emily Day, Zara Latter

performance last year to carry home three medals. She won Gold in the Under 15 Girls' Singles and Doubles with her partner Jenny, while Kirsty Plant and Tara Quirke-Leach repeated their 2010 success to win Silver for NBH and Burford.

Emily's third medal of the day was the Silver in the Under 15 mixed doubles, partnered by Guy Walker, a stalwart of NBH badminton, but it was our Molly Parker who took Gold in the Under 15 Mixed Doubles, partnered with Lewis Ashmore (Bartholomew).

Guy, with Lewis, also won Silver in the Under 15 Boys' Doubles.

But more was to follow - Louis Whitehouse and Isaac Woods are still



relatively new to the game, but they tamed any pre-match nerves they had to win Gold and Silver respectively for Wychwood Primary in the under 11 Boys' Singles. The big hugs they gave me as they showed me their medals will make me smile for a long time to come. The deciding game between them was in fact the first match they played on the day. Great serving and long rallies made the match a joy to watch and we have not heard the last of them!

We had a few disappointments on the day, in that David Kloos and Harry Nolan were ill and could not take part, but all credit to Bill Wallace and Zara Latter who played singles and mixed doubles in the Under 13 category.

Zara made the semi final of the girls' singles and was 'talent spotted' by the county selectors and invited to take part in match play the following weekend. BIG thanks to tournament organiser John Boyd and to Burford School who lent us the sports hall for the practice sessions so that the players could experience full court singles, the only thing we cannot quite manage in New Beaconsfield Hall.

Jean Kloos (Proud Coach)