

## **BOYS U12 County Cup Report**

**16th/ 17th September 2023.**

Last weekend Norfolk U12 boys competed in division 2a their annual county cup. The boys were playing at a home venue of Easton College on the clay courts. U12 Captains were Ben COLLINGWOOD and Alex Watkinson

The counties in group 2a were; Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Bedfordshire. After a good run at Lionel Cox event back in April the boys were keen to build on their momentum as most will be moving up to U14s age group in the new year.

First up Norfolk were scheduled against Oxfordshire, wins from Oscar and Elliott at positions 3+4 put Norfolk 2-0 up in the match, however Finlay and Noah Norfolks 1 + 2 players lost out in two close 3rd set tie breaks. Finlay and Oscar got the first win of the weekend on the doubles court but Noah and Elliott lost out in a 3rd set, meaning the match went to 3-3 and a deciding doubles shootout was played. Noah and Oscar stepped up and won 12-10 in the tiebreak to decide it.

The next match was against Berkshire, although the score ended 0-6 to Berks, the boys unfortunately found themselves on the receiving end of multiple tiebreak sets that didn't go Norfolks way. However, we had a Norfolk debut at U12 for Sam and George who stepped up in the doubles and competed with great energy and team spirit.

After a team mini golf and meal out on Saturday evening, Norfolk were ready to go again early on Sunday against Cambridgeshire, a straight sets win for Oscar and Noah lost out in a close 3 set match at number two, Norfolk ended 1-3 down to Cambridgeshire.

Norfolks final match was against Bedfordshire, Wins for Elliott and Oscar in straight sets in the singles at 3 and 4, Noah (again) battling hard in a 3rd set tie break at 2 and winning 12-10 to put Norfolk 3-0 up, Finlay showed great competitive traits in his match against a strong number 1 player from Beds, taking him to a set tiebreak. Norfolk finishing on top the singles at 3-1.

Due to limited time no doubles were played on the second day so the matches were concluded after the singles, Norfolk recorded wins against Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire and losses against Cambridgeshire and Berkshire. A good weekend with lots of development shown by all players, its clear that lots of work is being put in by coaching teams in Norfolk to keep raising the standard of players in Norfolk, well done all.

Link to results: <https://competitions.lta.org.uk/sport/team.aspx?id=61FE836B-9ABA-4040-A4AC-271960409A8A&team=6>