

BOYS/GIRLS U/8 COUNTY CUP REPORT 2023

Sunday 5th November

Venue: Huntingdon, Cambridge

Our Norfolk boys and girls U8's teams travelled to Cambridgeshire to compete in the recent round of the LTA's county cup red events.

The boys team was Henry, Oliver, Joshua and Barnaby.

For our first match we came up against Cambridge A drawing against them 2-2 with wins for Barnaby and Oliver. Next up was Beds A and B beat both teams 4-0 with first wins coming for Henry and Joshua on the day. Suffolk B were our next opponents and after some brilliant battling in tough games from Barnaby, Josh and Oliver we led 2-1 going into the final game of the Rubber which Henry won for us to take a 3-1 win against Suffolk B. We then faced the Suffolk A team, where Barnaby got us off to a good start with a great win with Oliver coming from behind to get the second win. However, Henry and Josh lost out in some really close match to draw 2-2. Lastly was Cambridge B and with a big last effort from all the boys we managed to secure a 3-1 win and finish in 2nd place!!

The girls team was Alice, Anastasia, Ioanna and Sienna.

First up was a strong Suffolk B team. The girls all battled fantastically with Anastasia and Sienna narrowly missing out, we lost 3-1 with Alice managing to get herself a win. Suffolk A showed they were the stronger team in the second round and we lost 0-4. Against Bedfordshire, Alice managed to get her second win of the day, followed up by Anastasia. Ioanna narrowly lost out 10-7 as well as Sienna making it 2-2. We finished with two hotly contested affairs against Cambridge A's and B's with us losing out 3-1 to Cambridge A and drawing 2-2 against Cambridge B. After this we went in to some doubles play offs against Suffolk B which after some great winners and volleys from Sienna and Ioanna in their match and a close 10-8 from Alice and Anastasia we lost out to Suffolk B. We then headed into a 5th/6th play off against Beds, and again with some great play from Ioanna and Sienna the girls closely lost out on a win but Alice and Anastasia won making it 1-1 with Norfolk claiming 5th spot overall.

A great effort from all players involved on the day, a big thank you to the parents who brought them and a very big thank you to all those who helped score on the day as well.