

Guernsey Badminton Association

U18 inter-insular

Saturday 8 November 2014 in Jersey

The island's U18 team travelled to Jersey for the junior inter-insular. Captained by Jordan Trebert in his last season at this age group, it was always going to be a tough ask for this young team to hold on to the trophy they won last season.

The first round of the level doubles ended 3-3 with the more experienced Guernsey pairs winning their matches comfortably. The second boy's pairing of Nazri Rouillard and Nic Girauld started well against Jersey's third pair just losing the first set 21-16. They could not improve on this and lost the second set 21-7. Ben Duddy and Greg Male were playing in their first U18 match, both of them have represented the island in younger age groups, but they found the step up a little tough. The experience of playing at this level will prepare them well for the future.

The established pairing of Emily Green and Chloe Gill who were also playing in their last junior match, easily beat the Jersey second and third pairs. However they came unstuck against Elise Dixon and Livey Kershaw in the top match. After losing the first set 13-21 they came back to win the second 21-18. Unfortunately they couldn't hold on to their winning way and lost the third set 21-14. Guernsey's second pair of Chloe le Tissier and Eden Fabbri comfortably beat Jersey's first and third pairings. They also beat the second pair but were made to play three sets to do so. They narrowly lost the first set 21-19, then stormed back to take the second game 21-10. The third game was a little closer with the Guernsey girls winning 21-16.

The third Guernsey pair was Annie le Prevost and 12 year old Carys Batiste who was playing in her first island match at this age group. Carys was not daunted by the task and both she and Annie played really well to beat Jersey' third pairing Robyn Pestana and Sophie Lewis in three sets 14-21, 21-14 and 21-11.

At the end of the level doubles matches the score was 9-9 and all to play for in the mixed doubles which is split into three groups of two pairs. In the third group, Greg Male and Annie le Prevost won both their matches, the first in a close two set match and the second in an even closer three sets. Ben Duddy and Carys Batiste played well but were unable to win a match. This mixed section was drawn 2-2.

The second group was won by Jersey 4-0. Nazri Rouillard and Chloe Gill were unlucky not to take both of the Jersey pairs to three sets they lost both their matches 21-13 and 21-18.

A turning point in the match happened in the first round of the top mixed group. Luke Archard and Emily Green were trailing 14-17 against Cameron Hunt and Elise Dixon when Emily was hit in the eye with the shuttle. Unable to carry on, the Guernsey pair had to give a walkover in this tie and the subsequent match that they were due to play in.

Guernsey's top mixed pair of Jordan Trebert and Chloe le Tissier were pushed in their match against Jersey's first pair of Hunt and Dixon. In the first set they made a lot of unforced errors and just managed to win it 25-23. They settled a lot better in the second set taking control of the game and cutting out the errors winning it 21-13. This section of mixed games were drawn 2-2.

The final match score was 17-13 to Jersey. All the Guernsey team acquitted themselves well and with many of them under 16 years old they will have gained much experience for years to come at this age group.

There was some success for Guernsey as there were two players who won all their matches during the day, Chloe le Tissier and Jordan Trebert. It was Jordan who won the individual trophy for the third year in succession, as he won all his games without dropping a set.