

## Warwickshire Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships 2023

The Warwickshire Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships took place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Meon Vale Leisure Centre in Stratford. There were 61 competitors taking part across seven events.

### Under 11 Girls:

**Charlotte Wong** (Widney Junior School) retained her Under 11 Girls title from 2022, beating **Poppy Hinton**, Stevie-Jayne Mason and Joanna Simpson in a round-robin competition. Poppy finished in runner-up position. This competition was the first tournament that Poppy, Stevie-Jayne and Joanna had taken part in following the completion of their TT Kidz programme, so a big well done to all the girls.



Under 11 girls (L to R): Charlotte Wong (winner); Stevie-Jayne Mason, Poppy Hinton (runner up); Joanna Simpson.

### Under 11 Boys:

**Nokulus Lam Chun Nok** (Widney Junior School) won the under 11 boys competition, beating Leon Burdett in the semi-finals, and **Lee Chun Ming Rex** in the final 3-0. Rex beat Dean Tuan-Mu in the second semi-final 3-1. A total of eight boys took part in the under 11 boys event, several of whom were competing in their first table tennis competition.



Under 11 Boys (L to R): Nokulus Lam Chun Nok (winner) and Lee Chun Ming Rex (runner up).

**Under 13 Girls:**

The under 13 girls had a brilliant entry with six girls taking part. **Hazel Lam** won the round-robin competition winning all of her matches, including beating her older sister **Hailey Lam** into second place. Similar to the under 11 girls and boys events, five of the players were taking part in their first table tennis competition.



Under 13 Girls: Hazel Lam (winner) and Hailey Lam (runner up) in the centre.

**Under 13 Boys:**

The under 13 boys final was a repeat of last years under 11 boys final, between Aarif Li and Rex Ho (both from Tudor Grange Academy). **Aarif Li** was once again the champion, beating **Rex Ho** in a five-set battle (11-3, 6-11, 11-7, 12-14, 11-6). Aarif had beaten Toby John 3-0 in the semi-finals, whereas Rex had beaten Ollie Endersby in the second semi-finals.



Under 13 Boys (L to R); Toby John, Ollie Endersby, Rex Ho (runner up) and Aarif Li (winner).

### **Under 16 Girls:**

**Esther Lam** (Myton School) beat Man Nga Chan Mia (King's High School) in the final 3-0, having beaten Anya Sompura (Rugby High School) in the semi-finals. Mia had beaten Susie Swan (Myton School) in the second semi-finals. Once again it was great to see eight girls participating in the under 16 girls competition.



Under 16 girls (L to R): Man Nga Chan Mia (runner up) and Esther Lam (winner).

### **Under 16 Boys:**

There was an exceptionally strong field of 15 players in the under 16 boys event, who competed in three groups of five players, with the top two players progressing to the knock out stages, and several five-set matches determined who progressed. Starry Sheung (Warwick School), won group one, with Yin Ching Ng (Jaymas) (Tudor Grange Academy) finishing in second place, just ahead of Hong Kit Ng (Harold). In group 2, **Rex Wong** (Warwick School) finished in first place, with Jun Chung (Alcester Academy) second, and Alex Setchell third. In group 3, Daniel Stone (North Leamington School) finished in top position, having beaten Angus Li (Tudor Grange Academy) and Hong Wing Ng (Bertie) in five-sets who finished second and third respectively.

In the quarter finals, Daniel beat Jaymas 3-2, whilst Angus beat Jun 3-1. In the semi-finals Starry beat Angus 3-0, whilst Rex beat Daniel 3-0. The final was a close encounter between Starry and Rex, with **Starry Sheung** coming through 3-2 (9-11, 11-7, 8-11, 11-9, 11-7).



Under 16 Boys (L to R): Angus Li, Stary Sheung (winner), Rex Wong (runner up), and Daniel Stone.

### Under 19 Girls:

Hanne Pui Yu Chui was the only player who entered the under 19 girls competition, therefore she has received a direct entry to the National Schools Individual Finals.

### Under 19 Boys:

A round-robin of four players took place for the under 19 boys. **Christopher Ho** (KES Stratford) finished in first place, ahead of **Sheung Yin Sean Lee** (Tudor Grange Academy). Jack Mobberley (also Tudor Grange) finished in third place, ahead of Michael Khovanov (also KES Stratford).



Under 19 Boys (L to R): Sheung Yin Sean Lee (runner up) and Christopher Ho (winner).

All winners in each event have been invited to represent Warwickshire Schools in the Butterfly Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships – National Finals on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Aldersley Leisure Village in Wolverhampton. More than 350 players representing 50 counties will gather for the National Finals, which is the biggest one-day table tennis competition in the country.

### **Volunteers:**

I would like to say a big thank you to the following people who volunteered to help support the event on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Michael and Nicola Rinnhofer, Ian Scott, Debbie and Pete Barrow, Caroline Williams, Sam Setchell, Jack and Leigh Ganderton, Kevin Taylor (who also secured the excellent venue at Meon Vale Leisure Centre), and to the members of Stratford TTC who assisted with the setting up of the equipment.

Finally... thank you to the support of parents, coaches, school teachers who encouraged so many children to participate and enjoy the table tennis competition!

I look forward to seeing you all next year.

**Kate Hughes**  
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