

## Inter-Regional Finals – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Sixteen players represented the West Midlands Region in the Inter Regional Finals on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May (team event) and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May (individual event), with the competition taking place at Aldersley Leisure Village in Wolverhampton.

The players who represented the West Midlands Region were Will Hopkins, Wajid Wafiq, Rex Ho, Aarif Li, Agnes Liu, Sum Monica Chang, Hassan Damji, Adrian Liu, Toby John, Chuanyu Cheng, Hailey Lam, Kiko Dobson-Bailey, Nokulus Lam, Dean Tuan-Mu, Charlotte Wong and Hazel Lam.

### Team event

#### Cadet Boys: 1<sup>st</sup> place

Having won their group of 5 (beating Yorkshire, East, East Midlands, and London), the West Midlands team went on to beat the North East 3-0 in a close final, with Will Hopkins and Wajid Wafiq winning their singles matches, and teaming up to win the doubles. Rex Ho won his singles and doubles matches in the group stages.



L to R: Rex Ho, Ian Scott (NPC), Will Hopkins & Wajid Wafiq. Unfortunately, due to illness, Aarif Li was unable to play in the team event on the Saturday.

### **Cadet Girls: 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

In the group stages, West Midlands girls beat East Region 5-0, and South East 4-1, however, lost in a close 2-3 match to Yorkshire. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> play off match, West Midlands played East Midlands. This was also a very close fixture, with all matches going to 5 sets. Agnes beat Nerys Jones 3-2, whilst Monica lost 2-3 to Millie Noble. The doubles was crucial and went in favour of West Midlands, again 3-2. Agnes battled to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with a 3-2 win against Millie.



L to R: Agnes Liu and Sum Monica Chang.

### **Under 13 Boys: 6<sup>th</sup> place**

In the group stages, the West Midlands under 13 boys, won two matches and lost two matches. A great 3-0 win against East Midlands, with all boys (Hassan Damji, Adrian Liu and Toby John), contributing to the win. In the play off match, West Midlands lost 0-3 to South East, finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 9 regions.



L to R: Kirsty Maul (NPC), Hassan Damji, Adrian Liu and Toby John.

### **Under 13 Girls: 5<sup>th</sup> place**

The under 13 girls' team, Chuanyu Cheng, Hailey Lam and Kiko Dobson-Bailey, won one match 3-2 against East Midlands, however, lost 1-3 to London in the group stages. East Midlands went on to beat London, also 3-2. Unfortunately, West Midlands finished the group stages in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on countback.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> play-off match, the West Midlands girls beat the North West 3-1. Chuanyu remained unbeaten throughout the team event.



L to R: Helen Lower (NPC), Kiko Dobson-Bailey, Chuanyu Cheng and Hailey Lam.

### **Under 11 Boys: 8<sup>th</sup> place**

Nokulus Lam and Dean Tuan-Mu were the under 11 representatives for West Midlands. This was the boys first National competition and excellent experience for them. In their group they had some close matches, including losing 2-3 to East Midlands. In the play off fixture, Nokulus and Dean lost 2-3 to South East, finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place.



L to R: Nokulus Lam & Dean Tuan-Mu

### **Under 11 Girls: 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

The under 11 girls' team of Charlotte Wong and Hazel Lam dominated their group matches, with 3-0 wins against North West, London and Southern. This set up a final against number 1 seeds East (a team which comprised of Hannah Saunders and Amber Lemmon). Charlotte had an excellent 3-0 against Hannah in the first match. Hazel lost to Amber, and despite a great effort the girls lost the doubles 1-3. Charlotte fought back from 0-2 down to beat Amber to level the match at 2-2. Hazel lost out to Hannah, but it was a great experience for her against the top two under 11 girls in England.



L to R: Hazel Lam, Charlotte Wong and Kate Hughes (NPC).

**Singles event:**

**Cadet Boys**



L to R: Richie Venner (TTE Board Member) and Wajid Wafiq.

Wajid Wafiq  
Will Hopkins  
Aarif Li  
Rex Ho

Winner  
Quarter finals  
Quarter finals  
Last 16

## Cadet Girls



L to R: Richie Venner, Gene Lam (Southern) and Agnes Liu.

Agnes Liu  
Sum Monica Chang

Semi-finals  
Quarter finals

## Under 13 Boys

Hassan Damji  
Adrian Liu

Last 16  
Group stages

### Under 13 Girls



L to R: Richie Venner with Chuanyu Cheng.

Chuanyu Cheng  
Hailie Lam  
Kiko Dobson-Bailey

Winner  
Group stages  
Group stages

### Under 11 Boys

Nokulus Lam  
Dean Tuan-Mu

Last 16  
Group stages

## Under 11 Girls



L to R: Richie Venner, Cindy Xiao (East) and Charlotte Wong.

Charlotte Wong  
Hazel Lam

Semi-finals  
Group stages

I would like to say a big thank you to the following non-playing captains who coached the players throughout the competition: Ian Scott, Craig Allen, Helen Lower, Kirsty Maull and Kate Hughes. Also, thank you to Martin Clayton, the West Midlands Regional Chair; and all the parents for their support over the weekend.

West Midlands finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place (behind London in 2<sup>nd</sup> and East in 1<sup>st</sup>), out of a total of 10 regions. The team were delighted with their success.

Kate Hughes  
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