

Cornwall U19s Inter County (South West)

This was a great opportunity for three Cornish players, who have grown up playing squash together, to play team squash and represent Cornwall at Inter Counties. The tie was played at Cheltenham College in Gloucester.

With Jack Mahon still injured (we are all hoping for his speedy recovery), the team was Louis Murray, Owen London and Fin Irish.

The team travelled up to Bristol the night before and then made the short trip to Cheltenham on the Sunday morning. Cornwall had four matches to play during the day (best-of-3), with Hampshire A (potentially the most difficult) as the last match of the day. The boys played superbly. There was a great team spirit, all helping each other and all doing everything they could to make sure we won our matches. In the first three matches, Cornwall won every match (dropping only one game) against Avon, Hampshire B and Gloucestershire.

Nom	Avon	Nom	Cornwall	Result	Games
1-1	Marcus Wales	1-1	Louis Murray	0 2	3/11 1/11
1-2	Mackenzie Dutton	1-3	Owen London	0 2	5/11 3/11
1-3	Tejas Ramanan	1-4	Fin Irish	1 2	3/11 11/9 4/11
		Result:		1 11	

Nom	Cornwall	Nom	Hampshire B	Result	Games
1-1	Louis Murray	2-1	Oliver Coulcher-Porter	2 0	11/8 11/5
1-3	Owen London	2-2	Sam Hartley	2 0	11/5 11/2
1-4	Fin Irish	2-3	Oscar Fry	2 0	11/5 11/8
		Result:		11 0	

Nom	Gloucestershire	Nom	Cornwall	Result	Games
1-1	Billy Bedwell	1-1	Louis Murray	0 2	8/11 4/11
1-3	Samuel Stafrace	1-3	Owen London	0 2	3/11 4/11
1-4	Kai Hamer	1-4	Fin Irish	0 2	3/11 4/11
		Result:		0 11	

Last match was against the other unbeaten team, Hampshire A. Fin Irish (string 3) was up first. After going one down, Fin gave everything to pull it level. Going into the last game, the Hampshire player went ahead, but somehow Fin managed to pull it back to 9-10. Fin just lost out on the win. He played superbly and gave absolutely everything and played with great maturity.

Next up was Louis Murray (string 1). Louis had continued his superb recent form into his Inter Counties matches. Although still only 16, he led from the front and played a great match against Joe Pannell. Both players were playing great squash, brilliant rallies, but Louis was too strong.

With the tie standing at 1-1, Owen London (string 2) had a difficult game against a very good Hampshire player. Owen took the first game with superb attacking squash. The match was of the highest quality, and although Owen gave everything, he just lost out 2-1.

Nom	Hampshire A	Nom	Cornwall	Result	Games
1-1	Joe Pannell	1-1	Louis Murray	0 2	4/11 5/11
1-2	Tom Johnson	1-3	Owen London	2 1	8/11 11/7 11/7
1-3	Harry Thomas	1-4	Fin Irish	2 1	11/5 8/11 11/9
		Result:		9 4	

So, a great day was had by all. Superb squash, great team spirit and as Cornwall finished in the top two in the region, we are through to the finals to be played on 15th of January 2022.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Total
Hampshire A	4	4	0	0	39	8	39
Cornwall	4	3	1	0	37	10	37
Hampshire B	4	1	3	0	16	32	16
Gloucestershire	4	1	3	0	13	33	13
Avon	4	1	3	0	13	35	13

The other counties through to the finals are:

(North Section) – Yorkshire, North Wales

(Midlands) – Warwickshire, Cambridgeshire

(South East) – Kent, Sussex.



