## <u>14&U Girls County Cup Report</u> <u>May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd</u>

Group D: Sutton Tennis & Squash Club Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey, Dorset

Players: Caitlin Jarvis (Stony Stratford), Georgia Mackay (Halton), Emily Marshall (Stony Stratford), Millie Salloux (Chesham Bois, Halton), Annika Shenoy (High Wycombe, Living Tennis), Robyn Went (Beaconsfield, Halton), Maisie Seedel (Living Tennis). Captain Jemima King

Lost Surrey 0-6 Beat Berkshire 5-1 Beat Dorset 4-2



The county cup competitions are normally a highlight in a players year and this weekend was no exception. The girls county training squad has trained consistently together since coming out of lockdown and this support and teamship continued into the county cup event with incredible support on and off the court. An enjoyable weekend for the girls with all team members contributing with a win over the weekend.

The loss to an extremely strong Surrey team didn't dampen the Bucks girls spirit who got stuck in against them with Milly taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> set to a tie break in her singles match. In the next match the girls showed determination, commitment, resilience and courage to take the lead versus Berkshire 4-0 winning three out of the four singles matches in 3<sup>rd</sup> set tie breaks with Robyn and Georgia coming from a set down in their singles ties. It was a tense afternoon with incredible support from teammates and parents on the side lines. The girls continued the momentum in the doubles the following day and beat Berkshire 5-1 with a fantastic ruthless performance from Aneka and Caitlin at 2<sup>nd</sup> pair.

We were then in a play-off versus Dorset for the silver medal. Having split the singles after two gutsy performance from Bucks players Georgia and Maisie who won in 3<sup>rd</sup> set breakers from being a set down, with Maisie playing the longest match at the event and saving 5 match points on the way to a 17-15 win. The county practices leading up to the event helped sharpen the girls doubles tactics and Emily and Caitlin performance on the doubles court grew stronger as the match went on and came from behind in the match tie break to take a big win at number 1 pair. Georgia and Robyn sealed the victory with another tie break win.

The girls backed themselves all weekend and were a joy to captain. The girls stuck to their team goals and I couldn't have been prouder of them. A big thank you to the parents who supported us throughout the weekend and for the girls continuing to demonstrate the Bucks values humility, teamwork and resilience. We had a very young team this year with all players eligible for 14s next year with more girls coming up from the 12s age group. Exciting times ahead for the 14s girls in 2022.

Jemima King 14 Girls Captain