

## Bucks 12 Girls County Cup Report

### Team

Maisie Seedel  
Shravanti Venkatakrisnan  
Mia Krishnan  
Alisha Ndukwu  
Saoirse Farrell  
Mokshitha Chinthaparthi  
Tess Easterbrook  
Myra Vora



On a sunny Sunday in the middle of Nottinghamshire, six girls faces beamed with smiles as they exchanged elbow bumps. Despite just losing a tight tie versus Warwickshire, the Buckinghamshire Girls team were proud of their performances.

After three months waiting to get back on court, the energy, enthusiasm and joy was in full flow as the Bucks Swans took to the court on Saturday afternoon. The team huddled together (socially distant of course) and set out their team goals for the weekend.

1. To be competitive and fight for every point
2. Support each other through good times and bad
- 3 To focus on our strengths
4. Be kind to each other and respect our opponents.

The girls' team spirit was inspirational and saw both Oxfordshire and Nottinghamshire fall to 5-1 defeats despite boasting a number of higher rated players in the opposition ranks. Bucks enjoyed winning all eight singles rubbers without dropping a set.

Going into the final deciding tie against Warwickshire, confidence was high and Bucks tied the match 2-2 with Sharavanti and Alisha securing singles victories. In the other singles both Mia and Saoirse gave battling performances which made for some exciting tennis.

In two tight doubles matches the potential shootout looked like a possibility to decide the group. Warwickshire edged two tight second set tiebreaks to clinch the tie. The Bucks girls were disappointed but the weekend's motto of don't enjoy losing but don't fear losing was for all to see as the girls touched rackets and stayed to congratulate their opponents.

Over the weekend it was an amazing team atmosphere: from the video messages from the non-travelling teammates; the players giving each other pep talks and the positive encouragement from the parents, it made for a special occasion that we won't forget.

A wise man once said 'losing is not always the end, sometimes it becomes the beginning'. This is the beginning of a successful journey for these young Bucks players and I am very proud of their performances this weekend.

Steve Whelan  
12 Girls Captain