

## JUNIORS UP FOR THE CHALLENGE AT HERTSWOOD

Twelve young squash newbie's descended upon the Hertswood Centre on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2011, to battle it out against each other in a Court Challenge Series competition, promoting squash by ESR England Squash & Racketball.

Court Challenge Series is an opportunity to take on your nearest rivals in a local facility. It allows you to pit your wits in a variety of events, suited to your ability in either squash or racketball! However it is predominantly a competition for those to try squash and racketball for the first time in a friendly competitive environment with players of the same ability.

The 12 juniors were divided into 2 groups of 6, Intermediate and Beginners. Round Robin was the format of the day with 2 boys showing promise in each category progressing through the rounds without dropping a single game making for a good final in each.

In the Intermediate final, Aaron Salinger and Allan Hickson (Mill Hill) came head to head where one of them was going to lose their 100% record. Fortunately for Allan, it was not to be him, however Aaron didn't go down without a fight with Allan just pipping it 2-1.

The Beginners final followed in similar fashion, with both Ben Pearson (Woodside) and Brendan Prior (Mill Hill) heading into it in confident mood. Ben triumphed in an exhilarating final that went right to the wire winning 2-1.

The day was a success for squash as all those that took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Let's hope they all caught the squash bug and will be seen around the courts in the near future.

The youngsters came from Mill Hill, Woodside Watford and Hertswood Sports Centre who hosted the event. See further info at the ESR England Squash & Racketball website <http://www.englishsquashandracketball.com/news/juniors-up-for-the-challenge-at-hertswood>

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**Mill Hill juniors are interested in playing some friendly games, so contact Derek Thorpe if you are interested.**

