

10U Girls LTA County Cup Final 2024 – Southampton

Captains: Pete Evans and Ollie Bendall

Team: Zoe, Ava, Joanna, Anqi, Rebeka

Day 1:

Middlesex 1-5

Ava managed to stay focused against a powerful player who was tricky and expressive. And won the match 2 in sets.

The rest of the group battled and showed their RESILIENCE (word of the day) but didn't come up with any more wins.

For the doubles we had a good plan, trying to set up patterns and scenarios. It was tighter than the singles at least.

Hampshire & IOW 1-5

Hampshire in the singles they were very strong, loads of power.

The doubles we had opportunities.

Zoe and Joanna both played smart again. They wanted to play more forward but the power from Hampshire meant they stayed back.

Using clever combos and even though they lost, they gave themselves a fighting chance.

Ava and Anqi won 4-1, 4-0 with great team work, awesome communication and 'damaging net play'. Great win to end the day on a positive.

Now time for a big meal with the whole team.

Day 2:

Berkshire 1-5

Both Zoe and Anqi pushing their opponents into third set tiebreaks, some great points and some awesome tennis but we couldn't come up with the goods.

Ava grabbing us another singles win! With nothing to lose in the doubles we tried to experiment with different formations. Didn't work but we had fun!

Essex 2-4

Girls were extremely tired as this point. Ava wins her singles again and Zoe & Ava grab a very convincing doubles win with great teamwork and amazing hand skills at the net.

What a great weekend at Southampton, experiencing some top level tennis and getting some wins, making friends and enjoying themselves. The journey continues.



10U Girls Qualifying

Day 1:

Cornwall 6-0

Zoe, Ava, Joanna & Anqi dominating the singles, only losing one game across all singles. Strong doubles winning both in 2 sets as Anqi took the chance to rest as the win was in the bag.

Somerset 6-0

Rebeka jumped in for the singles, a rocky first set but closed it out, then played aggressive to secure the 2nd set pretty convincingly.

More singles wins and sound doubles meant we returned for day two for a head to head for a place in the finals vs Devon...

Day 2:

Devon 6-0

Steady singles, winning comfortably, however there were some challenging points and games.

Doubles, different story. Rebeka & Ava, Joanna & Anqi paired together.

A very up and end match for both rubbers.

Rebeka & Ava coming back from a set down and fighting back to take the win.

Playing stubborn tennis but playing tennis their way. Refusing to back off and keep to the plan, tidying some areas on the way to the win.

Joanna & Anqi, started well but dropped their intensity which unfortunately led to a fight back from Devon.

Refocused, the girls went into the third set with a higher intensity and closed it out 10-7.

Through to the finals, Southampton here we come!!!