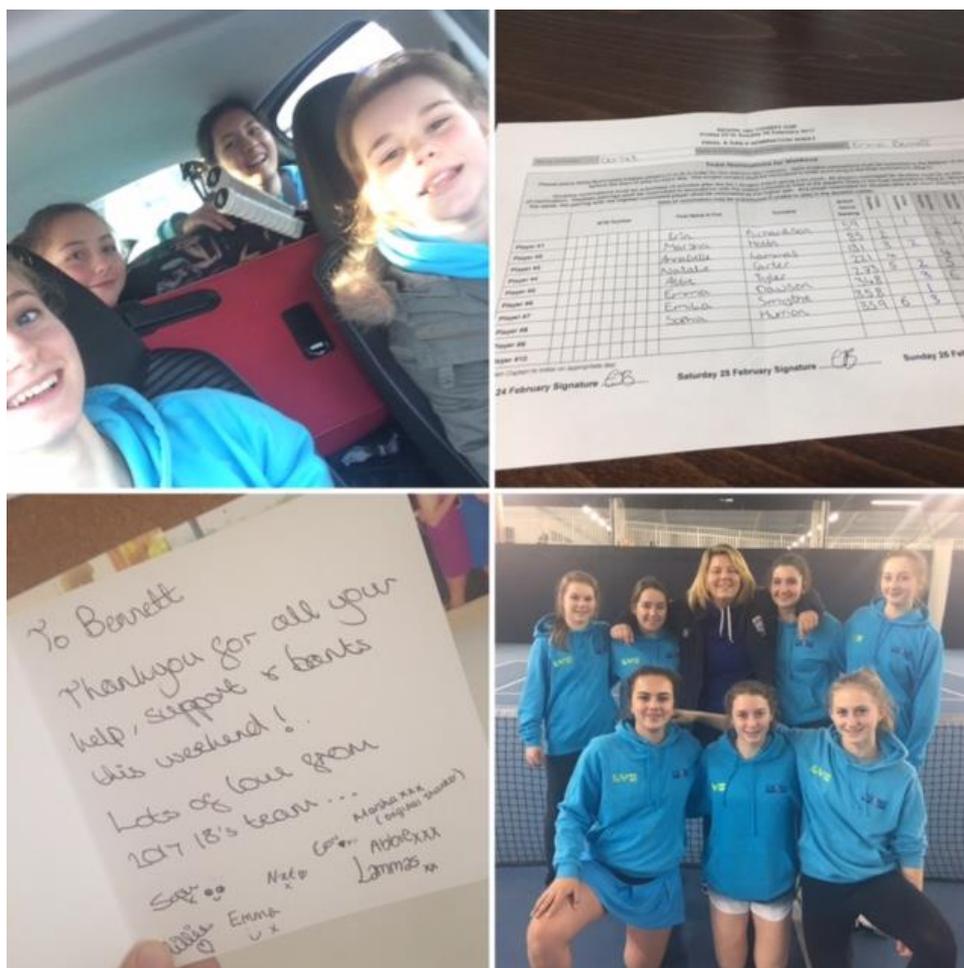


## 18U GIRLS COUNTY CUP 2017 REPORT by Emma Bennett

**Captain :** Emma Bennett

**The Team :** Natalie Carter, Emma Dawson, Marsha Hobbs, Sophia Hurrion, Annabelle Lammas, Erin Richardson, Millie Smythe, Abigail Tyler

**Venue :** David Lloyd Club, Southampton



This year our team consisted of Erin Richardson, Marsha Hobbs, Annie Lammas, Nat Cater, Millie Smythe, Abbie Tyler, Emma Dawson and Sophia Hurrion. All of these girls played a vital role in making the weekend a success and fun! Huge shout out to Kris Dymond the referee, one of the best I have ever encountered.

Without having to drive too far, we arrived ready to go at Southampton! Our first opponent was Norfolk who we came across a few years ago when we battled to be promoted. Singles proved to be an interesting rollercoaster ride, being up in singles that suddenly loss of focus and down again. The girls all did their best but unfortunately going done 4-2 to Norfolk. Over the past few years we have been 4-2 down and managed to win all 3 doubles to take the win. We won 2 from 3, meaning that Norfolk took the win. Disappointing day they could have taken the win, but critical chances not taken. Good level of tennis and positive attitude all day.

Saturday we played the mighty Sussex who on paper are the strongest here. They simply proved to be better than us! Great performances from Erin Richardson and Abbie Tyler. Erin was the only player that managed to get a win and ensured we got on the score board. With an early finish we voted for a trip to West Quay, with an hour of shopping and a lovely dinner.

Sunday – a must win day. Derbyshire were a young team that had a few 12 year olds laying at the lower end of the team. Nat Carter proved resilient in not going down in a great come back from their number 4. Annie Lammas produced a very calm first win of the weekend, her serving and forehand really peaking. 5-1 up into the singles, knowing we have stayed was a great relief and the girls enjoyed a very competitive doubles. Coming out with all 3, final score 8-1 Dorset.

One of my favourite weekends of the year, with a group of positive, respectful and hardworking young ladies. Ensuring everyone is watched and feels supported! Their biggest fear often when I'm sat on court with them, is that they are letting the team down. It's never the case, as they put their all in everything.

Thanks, Bennett

