

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – Catherine Holland (blue shirt) v Alexander Rowntree (orange shirt)

Game 1. In her first final of the day Catherine was up against Alexander Rowntree. Catherine won the spin and the first point of the match with a crosscourt off the service return. Alex responded winning the next two points to get into the game. Catherine pushed through the next 7 points with Alex finding the pressure of good deep serves and tight drives too hot to handle as Catherine moved to 8-2. A tin from Catherine and Alex found a good serve; a good drop and a winning nick, Alex recovered three points. Catherine regained the serve and moved to game point with a deep crosscourt lob. Catherine found the tin again before closing out the first game 11-6.

Game 2. The second game started with some scrappy play and errors from both players as the game moved to 2 all. Catherine steadied the ship and took the next 5 points with some clinical drives, good length and pace to move into a 7-2 lead. Alex held the next two points to stop the run of points, before Catherine found a couple of aces and then closed out the second game at 11-4, now in a 2-0 lead.

Game 3. Alexander now had it all to do at 2-0 down and found himself on the losing end of some good rallies. Alexander playing with some real intent and produced some of his best squash in the match, however this is where squash can be cruel and the points do not always reflect the effort in playing the rallies. Alexander is still learning when the right time to play certain shots is and when to take advantage of openings he creates. Despite Alex's better rallying Catherine moved on to lead 7-2. Alex then found three points to close the gap at 5-7. Catherine then showed her experience and regained the three points to go to match ball. Alex saved the first match point, but was unable to stop Catherine, who then closed out the game 11-6 and the match 3-0.

Catherine Holland Won 3-0: 11-6, 11-4, 11-6

