

British Badminton star Heather helps Sussex to victory

SUSSEX County Badminton fielded a strong first team to play against Berkshire in division one of the Inter County Championships.

Jeanette Powell, team manager welcomed top England and Eastbourne player, Heather Olver, to the team.

Heather joined former top England stars Dean George and Tanya Woodward together with other team members Will Hilton-Jackson, Luke Jones, Chris Spice and youngsters Steph Pound and Lydia Powell.

Sussex won an impressive victory, beating a strong Berkshire team 10-5 to gain a further three points in their bid to top their division this season.

First place would lead

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to a return to Premier County status and is a clear incentive for this ambitious and talented group of players.

Sussex have four teams competing in the Championships this year, for the first time in the known history of the County.

This reflects the continuing development of the training structure at Senior level, which attracts experienced players as well as providing match play opportunities for emerging talent from the Junior Section of the County.

Senior players receive coaching from another former England star Karen



Chapman and Tanya Woodward, Dean George, Will Hilton-Jackson and Chris Spice are all involved in coaching young players.

Sussex Third Team were also in action at the Brighton University Sports Hall, playing against Devon

two in Division four.

They had a comfortable win 14 games to 1, displaying depth of talent in the Sussex Squad which is laying the foundations for sustainable progress in the County competitions.

Third Team Players were

Peter Fuller (Captain), Chris Burton, Matt Hodgson, Jack Newall, Patrick Muhl, Jenny Cross, Ella Harry, Amber Roberts, Rhiannon Turner-Noakes – a strong mix of age and experience, with three new caps for Patrick, Rhiannon and Chris.