

PSUK v Guernsey

PSUK Badminton travelled to Rohais on Saturday 9th September 2023 to take on Guernsey Badminton Association in superb facilities.

Guernsey had recently hosted the 2023 Island games and had won the bronze medal in the team competition and 1 silver and 5 bronze medals in the individual event.

This was the 1st ever match between PSUK and Guernsey and PSUK were giving debuts to 3 new players – David Sexton (West Mids), Laura Richards (Surrey) and Klaudia Otoka (Surrey).



The match started with singles. PSUK won both men's singles with Tony Stephenson (PSNI) and David Sexton (West Mids) both winning in straight sets. Una Hunter (Police Scotland) faced a tough opponent who had recently won the bronze medal in the Island games and unfortunately lost with one of the games being extremely close at 21-19. Guernsey won the 2nd ladies singles against Klaudia Otoka (Surrey).

In the men's doubles, the PSUK number 1 pair Ashley Gibson (Lancs) and Graeme Smith (Police Scotland) played 3 different Guernsey pairs and won all matches in straight sets. The 2 PSUK men's singles players Tony Stephenson (PSNI) and David Sexton (West Mids) then paired up and played 2 Guernsey pairs and again won in straight sets.

The PSUK number 1 ladies pair Paula Wilson (Notts) and Una Hunter (Police Scotland) won both ladies games in straight sets. Laura Richards and Klaudia Otoka (both Surrey) won 1 ladies event and unfortunately lost the other against the number 1 Guernsey pair.

In the mixed doubles, PSUK won all 4 events in straight sets. Tony Stephenson (PSNI) and Klaudia Otoka (Surrey) won at 1st mixed, Ashley Gibson (Lancs) and Paula Wilson (Notts) won at 2nd mixed, Graeme Smith and Una Hunter (both Police Scotland) won at number 3rd mixed and David Sexton (West Mids) and Laura Richards (Surrey) won at 4th mixed.

Overall the match score was a 14 – 3 win for PSUK.

The venue and facilities were excellent and a massive thank you to Sarah Garbutt from Guernsey Badminton Association who organised the match.