

Dorking Tennis Club - Press Release April 2009

New promoted into Surrey Division 2, the Dorking Tennis Club U16 Girls team opened their AEGON National Junior Club League campaign this weekend at home against Reigate. It was a long and closely fought match.

In the first singles Bethany Brookes of Reigate ran away with the first set 6-2 only for Dorking's Natahsa Watson to run through the second set 6-1 to take the match to a match tie-break. With Natasha Watson gradually edging ahead, she won the match tie-break to take the tie 10-6.

In the second singles. Dorking's Alex Hemsley and Reigate's Robina Bateson's fought for every point with Alex Hemsley finally gaining the key service break in each set and running out the winner of the closely fought tie 6-4, 6-4.

The doubles was then even closer with Dorking's girls running up a 5-2 lead in the first set only to be pegged back by Reigate to 5-5 before taking the set 7-5. The final set then went with serve as the match passed the three hour mark until Natasha Watson and Alex Hemsley made the final breakthrough with the evening light fading to take the final set 7-5.

Meanwhile Dorking Girls U12s played their second league match in Division 1 and bounced back from their defeat the previous week.

In their match against Woking, top seed Hannah Ferrett battled hard in her singles winning the first set 7-5 but lost the second set 4-6 and then the match tie-break 4-10.

Second and third seeds Caroline Watson and Rachel Stewart also battled hard and then Holly Pearce, making her debut for the team, won Dorking's first match in this elite division 6-4, 6-3.

The doubles saw further Dorking success with the sun breaking through the clouds, as Hannah Ferrett and Caroline Watson fought back to nearly take their match to a match tie-break and Rachel Stewart and Holly Pearce winning their match by the slimmest of margins in the match tie-break, 5-7, 6-2, 10-7.

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Picture: Dorking Girls U16s, Alex Hemsley (left) and Natasha Watson.