

SOUTHERN REGION CADET WINTON TEAM 2022

What is the Cadet Winton?

The Cadet Winton is a two-day inter-regional team event held every December at Millfield School, Street, Somerset. It was established in 1988 by Professor Norman Golding in honour of Sir Nicholas Winton MBE. The event brings together teams of young fencers from the regions of England and Wales. The event starts on Saturday morning and continues through to Sunday afternoon. Overnight team accommodation is provided in one of the school boarding houses. The team is accompanied and supported by the Team Manager, Weapons Coaches and Referees.

The delay in receiving information from the organisers set a challenge this year however the core of the team had been contacted in anticipation. This year Southern entered five weapon teams, unfortunately we were unable to field a woman's sabre. It was good to see that the fencers were selected from many different schools and clubs from across the region.

LADIES FOIL	MENS FOIL
Ella Rudman-Bromley <i>Sarum Swords</i> Brigitte Bacchus <i>Club Escrime Winchester</i> Natasha Begbour <i>Club Escrime Winchester</i>	Adekunle Taiwo <i>Sarum Swords</i> Alexander Talbot <i>Club Escrime Winchester</i> Derrick Lam <i>Oxford Fencing Club</i>
LADIES EPEE	MENS EPEE
Charlotte Jordan <i>Marlborough College</i> Isabeau Botha <i>Aldershot Fencing Club</i> Ava Tester <i>Oxford Fencing Club</i>	Charlie Lutyens Humfrey <i>Knightsbridge FC, Eton College</i> William Peach: <i>Bath Sword</i> Fin Bennett <i>Abingdon Vale FC</i> Jack Zino <i>Dauntsey's School</i>
LADIES SABRE	MENS SABRE
No Team	Benjamin Kirby <i>Royal Grammar School High Wycombe</i> Alexander Stewart <i>Royal Grammar School High Wycombe</i> Tom Masfield <i>Eton College</i> Issac Lai <i>Romsey Fencing Club</i>

For many of the fencers it was the first time that they had experienced the normal Cadet Winton two-day format which provided the opportunity for all weapon teams and regions to get to know each other. The fencers were all very enthusiastic and worked well together as a team, supporting each other in many ways throughout the weekend. I think all the officials would agree with me that it was a pleasure to be part of such a polite and well behaved and team.

RESULTS

Overall Southern Team position 5th

Epee once again proved to be our strongest weapon, the men's team had a great run throughout both days and won the overall Men's Epee for the second year under the excellent leadership of their captain Will Peach. The team deserved their win and demonstrated team strategies and tactics against their opponents throughout.

The men's Foil team not to be outmatched by the men epee, nearly achieved the same, coming second overall in the men's foil. This was a great achievement as they were a young and newly established three-person team.

This year we have to say farewell to Brigitte, Knule and Will, Issac and Tom. This was their last year at representing the region at the Cadet Winton. We wish them luck and hope that in the future they will get the opportunity to represent the region again in the Senior Winton team.

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Next year's selection process has already started. Following the publicity at the Regional Qualifiers I am please to say that many fencers have expressed an interest already. I am hoping that we will be able to field all six weapons. The organisers confirmed that the 2023 Cadet Winton will be held at Millfield School on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th December. More information will be sent out in September once the organisers have confirmed costings etc

CADET WINTON SUPPORT TEAM

Organising the Cadet Winton can be a challenge. Every year the region strives to enter a team as it is seen as an amazing and valuable experience for our young fencers. However, without the hard work of the volunteer support team it would not happen. I would like to thank Allen Cooke for his coaching support and Marcus Messer and James Kwan for valiantly taking responsibility of the refereeing. Finally, I would like to thank the clubs, coaches and parents for their support throughout.

If you would like to be part of the support team, please contact me. The team usually comprises of

Team Manager

Head Coach

Coaches/Referees/Chaperones

*We are required by the organisers to have at least two females and two males who have an Enhanced DBS check to accompany the team.