

Week Commencing 12th December 2005

At the Regional Trials held at Wednesbury on 3/4 December, Leamington league players performed extremely well with Holly Thompson and Matthew Outhwaite both ending up qualifying for the Under 11 National Trials and Navinder Matharu for the Under 18 Trials. From the rest of Warwickshire, Jack Williamson, Sanika Karandikar and Jessica Birbeck all qualified at Under 13, Charlotte Caffery succeeded at Under 15 level and Rachel Pilgrim at Under 18 to pick up places for the National trials, as all finished in the top three places. Holly Thompson, a very good prospect from Free Church, played well to come second in the Under 11 girls contest, winning 4 out of her 5 matches and only losing to the Worcestershire winner, Ella Parry-Reece. In particular, Holly had an especially difficult match to win against the third placed girl which went to 17/15 in the fifth! Liz Hancock, from Eathorpe, was 5th. Matthew Outhwaite, from Rugby, remained undefeated in the Under 11 Boys. In the Junior Boys, the final 8 places came down to consistency and player focus as 14 of their matches went to 5 games. However it was Navinder Matharu of Colebridge who finished in second place, having lost only to the top player Luke Moffat from Worcestershire. Tom Hearne, also from Birmingham, was unlucky in his match to decide his final placing when he came back from 2 games down but eventually lost, -9,-9,12,6,-12 to finish 5th. Coventry's Rachel Pilgrim just beat Emily Pinnell, Staffordshire, -9,5,7,-9,10 to finish 1st in the Junior Girls. A small entry in the Under 15 Girls still gave first place to Birmingham's Charlotte Caffery. The Under 13 Girls was fiercely contested with Natalie Slater, Staffordshire, emerging undefeated ahead of Sanika Karandikar (Birmingham) and Jessica Birbeck (Nuneaton), Sanika finishing 2nd with a close 5 game win 10,-7,7,-10,5 over Jessica. Abbie Evans, Birmingham, was unlucky to miss out on selection, in 4th place. The Cadet Boys was even closer, with players tying for 1st 4th and 6th places and all but 2 players winning at least one match. Joel Goddard from Nuneaton finished in sixth place. James Ward, Staffordshire, emerged from the Under 13 Boys event undefeated, although he had some very close matches. Jack Williamson of Birmingham tied for 2nd spot but gets the runner-up spot due to his earlier win. Jack had earlier just lost out to James Ward, who came back from 2 games down to win, -9,-10,8,7,7. Jack Randle was 5th, although tying with Ben Meakin, both of Rugby, due to Jack having beaten Ben 7,-8,-6,8,4.

In Division C a series of Free Church derbies first saw the N side squeeze past the L's 3-2 when Lindy and Roald Myers added the doubles to their singles. Scott Delday kept two for the L's. Free Church Q whitewashed Church M 5-0, Holly Thompson and James Payne taking singles, Ashley Edwards and James Payne the doubles. Two more Church teams in battle saw J defeat O 4-1 with Russell Spencer taking two singles, Luke Spencer one and the doubles together. Stuart Thompson kept one for the O's. Eathorpe H beat Free Church P 4-1 with William Henry taking his two, Robert Young one and the doubles together. Henry Carpenter kept one for Church. Another local derby, this one won comfortably 5-0 by the currently very successful Eathorpe J team of Ryan Oldham and James Matharu both in their first league season taking singles and doubles against Eathorpe I. James and Ryan went on to roll over Free Church Q 5-0 and then Free Church N 5-0. Tighter for Eathorpe I against Free Church M, which finished at 3-2 with dad and daughter Mark and Liz Hancock picking up one each and the doubles for Eathorpe and the match, whilst Geoff Scholes held his two singles for Church M. Meanwhile Free Church Q beat their P colleagues 4-1, James Payne two, Ashley Edwards's first league win plus the doubles with Holly Thompson for Q, Henry Carpenter one for P.

In Division B Eathorpe G rolled over LCP Groovers 5-0, Tom Jamie and Chris Long taking singles and doubles, though the match was not as one-sided as the score suggests with LCP putting up a strong battle. Eathorpe G now look set for promotion in the New Year. A closer match for LCP Inkers against Free Church I which the Inkers won at 3-2 with Nicky Barrett winning her two and the doubles in the fifth with Tom Moseley. Anthony Reeve and Philip Booth kept one each for Church.

In Division A FISSC B took the doubles for the match at 3-2 against Eathorpe E. Mark Kingham and George Mudie picked up a single each and Mark partnered Brian Marston for the winning doubles, whilst Charles Wragg took his two singles for Eathorpe. Philip Morby and Steven Johnson took singles and the doubles in 5 sets to give St. Georges F the 5-0 victory over LCP Packers. FISSC B overcame Free Church F 4-1 with John Hunt's two, Brian Marston's one and the doubles. Keith Knott held onto one for Church. LCP Dreamers were unfortunate to go down 5-0 to Eathorpe E (Peter Nicholson and Charles Wragg) and Eathorpe D (Eric Smith and Richard Freeman). Tigher for St. Georges E against Riverhouse Henley B where Saints won 3-2, Paul Nason winning his two and the doubles with Lawrence Sweeney. Nathan Lee and John Averiss held onto one each for Riverhouse.