

Week Commencing 19th December 2005

The first day of competition for Division 1A of the County Cadet Championships were held last Saturday at Sydenham Sports Centre, Leamington when Warwickshire played Nottingham, Leicester and Shropshire to finish with a useful 6 points from 3 wins. Their other matches against Cheshire, Lancashire and South Yorkshire will be played in the new year. The team of players from around the County beat Nottingham 6-4, Leicestershire 9-1 and Shropshire 10-0. In an impressive display Coventry's Xiaoyang Ma won 6 out of 6, Jack Williamson (Birmingham) 5 from 6 and Jack Randle (Rugby) 4 from 6. For the girls Sanika Karandikar (Birmingham) took 4 from 4, Jessica Birbeck (Nuneaton) and Charlotte Caffery (Birmingham) 3 from 4.

The Warwickshire Closed Championships will be held on Sunday 15th January at St. Nicholas Park Leisure Centre, Warwick. Events held range in age from Under 13 to Juniors, Mens and Ladies as well as Veterans, Over 50s and Over 60s. There are restricted events for Juniors as well as Adults plus doubles including a Mixed Doubles. Entries close on Friday 30th December.

Leamington League Division 1 title contenders County Council A surged to an impressive 8-2 victory over visitors Free Church A thanks to an excellent treble from Matthew Hobday and braces from Phil Paine and Clive Irwin, with Hobday/Irwin also adding the doubles. Gary Webb replied for Free Church with two fine wins. Council won the only two five set contests of the night early on in the match to take a 3-1 lead with Hobday overcoming Webb 11-9 in the fifth in a pulsating encounter, whilst Paine came from 2 sets to 1 down to beat Alan Jones 11-7 in the deciding set. County Council A also defeated St. Georges B 6-4 with Pat McCabe three, Phil Paine two and critically the doubles together. Ron Vose held onto two for Saints, Jimmy Pittaway and Rob Warnes one each. Two tight 5-5 draws recently, firstly Wellesbourne played County Council B, when Gary Stewart took two and the doubles with Jim Betts and Michael Wilkins also took a brace for Wellesbourne's points. Simon Griew held onto his three for Council, Nilton Green and Derek Harwood one each. Flavels against BGN also ended at 5-5, because BGN were a man short, giving three away to Flavels for whom Roger Potts picked up one and the doubles with Damon Fenton. For BGN Gary Jackson three, Malcolm Macfarlane two. Colebridge B slaughtered RNA C 10-0, Michael Rinnhofer, Neil Wheatley and Navinder Matharu taking singles, Rinnhofer and Matharu the doubles. Free Church A were unlucky to lose 6-4 when playing Colebridge A but one of Church's players had to withdraw injured, giving away two crucial games. Gary Webb took his three for Church and the doubles with Alan Jones. For Colebridge, John Chandler and Graham Hoskin one each, and Bob Brown two. St. Georges A squashed Flavels 10-0 Ian Packford, Earl Sweeney and Mike Bishop taking singles, Packford and Sweeney the doubles. Saints kept up their unbroken winning streak to edge past Whitnash A 6-4, Ian Packford took his three, Mike Bishop two and Earl Sweeney one for the match. Jon Williams kept two for 'Nash, Alan Hewitt one and the doubles together.

A good result for unbeaten St. Georges C in Division 2, who saw off Riverhouse Henley A 8-2. Alf Chapman three, Gary Edwards two and the doubles together plus two more singles from Andy Caine for Saints, Richard Lancucki and Steven Shaw one each for Riverhouse. Better for Riverhouse Henley A against Rugby Town which finished with a 5-5 draw after Richard Lancucki and Steven Shaw gave two each to 'House and Inky Moss one. Ian Randle kept his three for Rugby, son Jack one and the doubles together. Then Riverhouse defeated County Council C 7-3, Steve Proctor, Steven Shaw and Richard Lancucki all two each and a Proctor / Lancucki doubles. Reg Warnes kept two for Council, Graham Roberts one. Another 5-5 draw, this one from Copsewood (Coventry) against Eathorpe A. Steve Smith and Dennis Mockford two each and the doubles for Copsewood, Allan Stockham and Matthew Cooper two each and Chris Atkins one for Eathorpe. AP A beat Copsewood 7-3, Samantha Apostol three, brother Andrew Meredith and Stephanie Hawkins two. For Copsewood, Roy Joiner and Gordon Tucker one each and the doubles. Eathorpe A went onto beat Rugby Town 8-2

Allan Stockham and Matthew Cooper taking singles and doubles plus a single from Chris Atkins. Consolation points for Rugby by Alan Chan and Jack Randle. Copewood eased past Whitnash B 6-4 with Gordon Tucker, Dennis Mockford and Roy Joiner all taking braces. Paul Ryman kept his three for 'Nash and the doubles with Dennis Woodhead. A 5-5 draw for RNA A against St. Georges C, both teams specialising this season on draws. Tony Thomas three and Ken Southwell two for the navy, Brian Aston two, Andy Caine and Gary Edwards one each for Saints and Edwards / Aston crucially the doubles. RNA A then drew 5-5 with Free Church B, Ken Southwell two and the doubles with Tony Thomas, who picked up one as did Ian Stevens. Chris Mulligan took a treble for Church, Tom Brocklehurst a brace.

In Division 3 Free Church E edged out Ashorne 6-4 with brothers Chris and Philip Blowey and Tom Hunt all taking Church braces. For Ashorne Roger Kelley held his three and the doubles with Chris Bowles. Church E went on to roll over FISSC A 9-1, Chris Blowey and Luke Hobbins taking singles and doubles, Philip Blowey two. John Hunt salvaged the Farmers with his solitary win. AP B whitewashed Standard Photo 10-0, Tony Williams, Stephanie Hawkins and Charlotte Freeman picking up singles and Williams and Hawkins the doubles. RNA D did almost as well with a 9-1 success over Eathorpe B, who struggled to perform against the sound performances from Albert McKay and Robin Fox-Strangways, three each and the doubles, and Pam Beedham two. Michael Rossington secured a consolation point for Eathorpe.