

Week Commencing 2nd October 2006

The Warwickshire Junior and Cadet Trials were held in Leamington Spa early in September. This was to identify those to represent Warwickshire at both Cadet and Junior levels in the County Championships; and also to select up to five to represent the county in three age groups, Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15, at the Regional Trials to be held shortly. This year there are no Regional trials for the Under 18s.

For the second year running, Xiaoyang Ma won both the Cadet and Junior competitions. Still only 12, this youngster from Coventry will again be able to play for both the County Championships teams. However he is still not eligible to play nationally and so cannot progress to the Regional trials. Birmingham's Jack Williamson, again second in the cadet trial, will again go to the Under 15 Regional Trials. Rugby players took third and fourth places with Matthew Outhwaite gaining an Under 13 nomination and Jack Randle an Under 15 one. Rajinder Davsi (Birmingham) and Leamington's Alistair Nicholson also will go to the Under 15 regionals. Seventh to ninth needed countback to split them, with Ian Anson (Birmingham) succeeding at Under 13 and Leamington's Philip Blowey and Lawrence Sweeney at Under 15 and Under 13 respectively. Nuneaton's Salman Khan came 10th and Ryan Oldham (Leamington) 11th but are outside the regional trials places for their age groups. Under 11 places went however to Jesse Kendrick Hill (Rugby), Luke Spencer (Leamington) and Akbal Rhazak (Nuneaton). The last two Under 13 places were won by Ryan Lines (Rugby) and Scott Delday (Leamington).

Three Under 13 Girls took the top three places in the Cadet Girls competition, Sanika Karandikar (Birmingham), Jessica Burbeck (Nuneaton) and Holly Thompson (Leamington), followed by three Under 15 girls, Charlotte Spencer (Leamington), Adele Fisher and Hannah Chetwynd (Nuneaton). Two other Leamington girls also gained nomination, Hannah Saville for Under 15 and Elizabeth Hancock for Under 11.

The Junior Boys trial for places in the County team was won by Xiaoyang Ma, followed by three Birmingham boys, Alan Caffery, Jack Williamson and Ferhan Pektar. Edward Freeman from Leamington and Matthew Outhwaite from Rugby came 5th and 6th. The Junior Girls will be ranked with Nuneaton's Rachel Pilgrim as number 1 followed by the Cadet Girls in the order they finished in the Cadet trials.