Table-tennis Report

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Lillington Free Church’s 13 year old Timmy Cooper opened his season last Saturday with a promising performance at the Milton Keynes 2-star. After easily winning his group in the under 15s Timmy lost to England number 27 (U15) Olly Tyndall and Gus Thomis but defeated England number 17 (U14) Artur Caltebiano to claim 5th place. The afternoon session went even better as Timmy again won his group in the under 16s, gained his revenge on Thomis 3-1, lost to Sam Liu but triumphed 3-2 against Matt Evans to claim 3rd place. Club mate Sam Weaving finished second in his under 16 group, to number one seed Tyndall, but then lost only once more in the group of runners-up to finish a highly creditable 8th out of 21 entrants.

A large Free Church party entered the Draycott 1-star on Sunday and came away with several trophies. Adam Cofler won the Junior Consolation against Ryan Mitchell and was runner-up in the Cadets (U15) Consolation. Olivia Fletcher won the Junior Girls’ Consolation, overcoming Molly Hancock England (U14) number16 , Katie Singleton was runner-up 1-3 to Aimee Evans, England cadet number 22, in the Girls Cadet Consolation, having defeated Rugby’s Millie Bradshaw in the semi-final; Lewis Singleton and Tom Fletcher both progressed to the Cadets Consolation semi-finals ,Fletcher losing to Cofler, and Eve Briscoe, in her first tournament, came through her group in the Junior Girls before falling to the highly rated Jessica Easter. With Jenny Singleton also posting a fine win over the highly thought of Bradshaw, it was a tremendous day for the group.

Leamington held its trials to frame teams for the Heart of England Cadet League on Monday. There was perhaps a surprise winner in Adam Cofler who showed that he can push, block or get in first, depending on what is required. Andrew McIlvaney took Cofler to 5 in securing second spot and Tom Harris emerged at number 3. Adam Pulman impressively won the runners-up group and, in all probability, secured a place in the A team. Tom Fletcher edged sister Olivia to steal 5th position, Jack Green finished 7th and Lewis Singleton 8th. With 5 of these players having at least two more seasons at Cadet level, Spa’s future looks bright.

The County trials took place in Rugby the previous week. Jesse Kendrick –Hill of Rugby proved an impressive winner of the Junior boys with the rapidly improving Sam Henderson of Colebridge taking second spot.

The Junior Girls was combined with the Cadet Girls and was won by Olivia Fletcher of Lillington Free Church. Lisa Rinnhofer of Colebridge was second and Free Church’s newest recruit, Emma Kilpatrick took third place despite being unable to complete her matches through injury. Free Church’s Katie Singleton finished a highly creditable fourth.

Full List:-

Junior Boys

1 Jesse K-Hill 2 Sam Henderson 3 Anshul Satsangi (Rugby) 4 Sam Coombes 5 Callum Anthrobus (Colebridge) 6 Sam Weaving (FC) 7 Adam Cofler (FC) 8 George Allison (Phoenix)

Junior/Cadet Girls

1 Olivia Fletcher 2 Lisa Rinnhofer 3 Emma Kilpatrick 4 Katie Singleton 5 Milly Bradshaw (Rugby) 6 Eve Briscoe (FC) 7 Jenny Singleton (FC)

Cadet Boys

1 Callum Anthrobus 2 Adam Cofler 3 James Morrow 4 George Allison (Phoenix)

5 Tom Fletcher (FC) 6 Josh Wyatt-Smith (FC) 7 Jack Green (FC) 8 Lewis Singleton (FC)

Under 13 Boys

1 Jack Green 2 Sam Cafearo 3 Oscar Dalrymple (FC) 4 Robbie Fitchford (FC)

Under 13 Girls

1 Ella Morrow 2 Sophie Rinnhofer (Colebridge) 3 Milly Green (FC)