

JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT (15 March 2009)

DIVISION ONE

This division's leaders, Bridgwater A, amassed another 15 points without conceding a single game over club-mates Bridgwater B, and then Saints. Their nearest rivals, Knowle & Brislington, although winning their three matches, unfortunately dropped some vital games today, with **Jess Coggins** losing unexpectedly to **Owain Joslin** (Full Circle A) in three sets (11-8, 7-11, 9-11), and then to club-mate **Jack Vaughan** (K&B B) (*see right*) in two straight (10-12, 7-11). The top two teams each have just two matches left to play to decide the title, but ironically they will meet in what will probably be the very last match of the season next weekend. Not only will the top two positions be decided, but also the best individual average for the prestigious **Colin Feltham Trophy** is up for grabs, with the showdown match between **Patrick MacFarlane** (K&B A) and **Jack Gillard** (Bridgwater A) definitely being the one to watch.



At the foot of the table, it seems to be a three-way battle to avoid relegation between the two Nailsea sides and Saints, with the latter having to play both Nailsea teams. The only other points of interest to note in this division were the "doodles" found on a couple of this division's completed match score-sheets (*shown left*). There were no such "embellishments" found on any of those returned from the "less-experienced, but better-behaved" players of divisions two and three! You know who you are!!

DIVISION TWO

Matt Gillard (Bridgwater C) (*see right*) and **Ross McClaren** (K&B C) extended their individual unbeaten runs this weekend, although Matt was taken to three sets by **Mark Attwood** (Thornbury) (11-4, 13-11, 5-11), who along with **Joe Constable**, are two players from Thornbury that are steadily strengthening their game every week. **Josh Laban** (K&B C) was another unbeaten player this weekend, with **Phillip Thomas** (Titans) only losing the one match, albeit very heavily against **Matt Gillard**, and being taken to a tense deciding set against the improving **James Ledger** (Almonds A) (11-9, 5-11, 11-9).



As regards the title, this could go to any one of three teams – Bridgwater C, Cleeve & Claverham B, or Knowle & Brislington C. All will be revealed next week.

DIVISION THREE

The most significant news in this division was that the highest overall individual game score in the whole Junior League this season set by **Amy Cleaveley** (Bridgwater A) in Division One, was today smashed by **Sam Cross** (Bridgwater D) in his defeat of **Tim Cherry** (Almonds B) (11-8, **21-19**). Sam, who was playing above himself today, also went on to claim four other scalps, which greatly improved his individual average. Another multi-game winner was **Jack Blake** (K&B E), who was also called upon to play six games in division two above as well. His team-mate, **Remi Fleming** (K&B E) also got off the mark this season, with his first four individual wins. Meanwhile, **Tom Clarke** (Nailsea C) continued his undefeated run this season with another four wins, but found himself without a partner today, and therefore unfortunately ended up on the losing side in both matches. Other players who did remarkably well today, included **Shane Jenkins** (Almonds B) who won six games out of

eight, **Marcus Czemerys** (K&B E) winning five out of six, and **Rory Morris** (K&B F) who won eight out of ten. As for the title, Knowle & Brislington E currently top the table, and only have one match left to play – against Nailsea C who themselves have three matches to play, as do Bridgwater D who are also in the frame, so next weekend’s matches will prove really crucial.

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Please note that the last round of Junior League matches is scheduled for next weekend (**Sunday 22 March February 2009**) at 9.00 am at the Filton WISE Academy as usual. It is also worth mentioning that the Avon County Championships are due to take place at the same venue on **Sunday 5 April 2009** – please visit their website if you are interested in entering and have not already picked up an entry form.

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