

JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT (22 March 2009)

DIVISION ONE

On the final day of the Junior League season, all eyes in this division were on Bridgwater A and Knowle & Brislington A, and with just the final two matches each to play, either one would be claiming the title. Bridgwater were set to play Nailsea A, knowing that a straight sets win would almost see them home, and if Knowle & Brislington A also were to match that feat against Bridgwater B, it would all come down to the final confrontation between the top



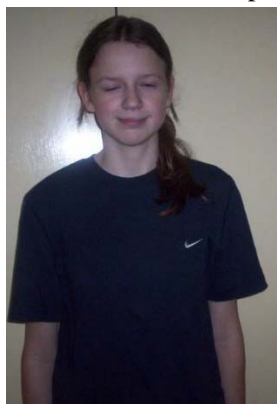
two teams. However, even though Bridgwater comfortably dispensed with Nailsea A in double-quick time, it was not to be the case for Knowle & Brislington A. With **Ryan Moore's** (Bridgwater B) defeat of **Jess Coggins** (K&B A) in just the second game in three sets, it meant that the title would definitely go to Bridgwater A, and even though almost every game was nevertheless exciting to watch, especially so in the doubles which went to Patrick and Jess 19-17 in the third, the title went to Bridgwater A. As regards individual averages, **Patrick MacFarlane** (*see left*) retained his 100% record today with two straight sets wins over both **Rebecca Seal** and **Matt Gillard**, and will therefore become the third recipient of

the coveted **Colin Feltham Trophy**. As for the Best Girl award, this has gone to Rebecca (*see right*) once again, who had a great season, only losing twice in eighteen matches. Other players in this division who also did well today included **Clare Sykes** (Saints) who won all of her six matches, and **Josh Kashdan** (K&B B) who won both of his, and ended up losing only one game all season, having stepped up from Division Two last season where he was unbeaten.



DIVISION TWO

This division was a much tighter affair, with anyone of five clubs in with a chance of the title. As it turned out, Cleve & Claverham B, who headed the division at the start of the day, ended up staying there by just one point ahead of Knowle & Brislington C, who themselves finished one point ahead of Bridgwater C. The pairing of **Callam Parkins** and **Warren Taylor** for C&C B, although only both finishing the season with individual percentages in the sixties, nevertheless proved that consistency does pay. If Bridgwater C's **Matt Gillard** had



not lost his only match of the season to **Phillip Thomas** (Civil Service Titans) in an uncompleted match from back in November that was finished today, it may have been a different outcome. The other new team this season, Thornbury, also fared well towards the end, and their players should do much better next season. It was just unfortunate, however, that Knowle & Brislington D were unable to eventually complete their season's fixtures, and ended up granting a succession of walkovers today. As regards individual averages, the Best Boy award has ended up with **Ross McClaren** (K&B C) who remained unbeaten throughout, and the Best Girl award goes to **Jade Cope** (C&C A) (*see left*), who was another player stepping up a division this season and doing really well.

DIVISION THREE

Bridgwater D finished their season today with three match wins for the loss of only one set, and therefore claimed this division's title by two points over their nearest rivals, Knowle & Brislington E. Nailsea C ended up in third spot, but their number one player, **Tom Clarke**, despite losing to **Jack Blake** (K&B E), still ended up with the Best Boy award losing just that one game all season out of his sixteen. For the girls, it was **Hannah Cope** (C&C C)(*see right*) who wins the award in her very first season of play, and both she and her partner, **Katy Groom** should do even better next year. For **Latifa Salawu** of Full Circle B, however, it was unfortunate that she did not have the support from her colleagues on the final day, and had to play all of her team's matches on her own. Other players who have done really well this season include **Marcus Czemerys** (K&B E), who only lost four matches out of twenty five, team-mate **Jack Blake** who lost two, and **Glenn Daly** and **Jack Cross** (Bridgwater D) who only lost the one each. Next season bodes very well indeed for all of those, and presumably so in a higher division.



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Anyway, a final thank you to **ALL** of you for your participation this year, and we hope that you will all look forward to resuming your "friendly" rivalries in the 2009/2010 season. Please look out for further notices in that respect on this website in due course or directly from your own club coaches. Thank you.

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Please note that the **Avon County Championships** are due to take place at the Filton WISE Academy on **Sunday 5 April 2009** – good luck to all of you who have entered.

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