

Surrey County Notes (April 2020) by Chris Andrews

Due to a string of excellent results Danielle Kelly has been picked to play in Kosovo for the Welsh Senior Women's team in the Euro Qualifiers of the European team Championships against Kosovo, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Malta and Ireland. She will be playing with Charlotte Carey, Chloe Thomas and Beth Richards. At the Safirs International Seniors tournament in Sweden she reached the last 16 of the event and also won 2 out of 3 matches in the group in the Swedish Open Juniors to qualify as the only UK girl through to the group stages. She had noticeable wins over Swedish No.2 Hannah Holgersson, Spanish No.2 Fiona Rad and Holland's No.2 Emma van der Zanden. Danielle represented Wales Senior Women in the Finland Open and finished 33 out of 74 the highest of all the other Welsh females. Danielle has now been selected for the Belgium Junior Open in April. Slowly she is becoming Wales's new golden girl.

At the English National Championships Surrey based Paul Drinkhall won the National Men's Doubles title with Liam Pitchford. It is the seventh National Doubles title that they have won together and the twelfth National Men's Doubles title that Paul has won. In the Men's Singles Paul reached the final and led 2-0 before Liam came back in a very tight match to win 4-2. Shaquille Webb-Dixon and Medha Verma played in the Men's and Women's Singles respectively but neither made it out of the group stages. In the last 16 of the Men's Singles a player who Ollie Maric-Murray beat earlier in the season took two games off Liam Pitchford to lose 4-2.

Danielle Kelly was a semi-finalist at the Welsh National Championships in the Women's Singles event and had a great win over Chloe Thomas. Danielle was the Runner-up in the Women's Singles under 21s. In the Junior Singles Danielle reached the semi-finals. The Junior Doubles which had both boys and girls completing in it. Danielle was a runner-up with Beth Richards as her playing partner.

At the Butterfly Schools team national Championships Ernest Bevin won the Norman Cup in the under-19's Boys event with a squad of Zion Boumpoutou, Nahom Goitom, Howard Onweng, Adam Banmohamed, Romanie Hilton and Kagethan Kunthakumar. Whitgift School came 3rd in this age group. Wallington came 3rd in the under-16's Boys event. Whitgift School won the T Austin Harris Cup by winning the under -13's Boys event with a squad of Ollie Maric-Murray, Jacky Lee, Kai Sun Yiu, David Aboagye and Thomas Sullivan Ferrarin.

Surrey's Cadets came a very respectable 3rd place in the Cadets County Premier Division with 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Well done to all the players, parents, coaches and Jane Barella for organisation, coaching and support over the weekend.

Phil Snelson is the top Surrey player in the British Veterans playing in Division 1 Group 2 playing for Bribar Failand TTC1. Both Graham Spicer 1 and Graham Spicer 2 finished 3rd in their Division 4 Groups with Graham Spicer 2 coming 3rd in the top half of Division 4A where Crusaders were 4th and Graham Spicer 1 coming 3rd in the top half of Division 4B. Carmen Vadji playing for MK Ladies in Division 1 of the Women's Veterans League was the top Surrey Veterans Lady. In the Senior Men's British League Darius Knight was the top Surrey player playing in the premier Division for Ormesby 1. Godalming Simply Lets 1 were 2nd in the National B Division group 2 and thus the top Surrey team. In the Women's British League Danielle Kelly was top Surrey player playing for Fusion1 in the Premier League with a 55% average and Fusion 1 finished the league as runners-up. Graham Spicer TTC 1 were the top

Surrey team and they played in Division 4. Fusion 1 were runner-up in the Premier Division of the Boys British league with Robert Pelc on 64% as the top Surrey player. In the Girls British League Danielle Kelly playing for Grantham College TTA Girls was the top Surrey Girl.

Horsham Spinners Roundup of their events Simon Kempton was Runner-up of the Horsham Spinners 1 star veterans tournament on the 8th March. Jay Chotai won the under-18's consolation event on the 1st March, where Adam Palmer came 4th in the main draw. George Noel was runner-up in the under 15's, where Krish Chotai came 3rd. Krish Chotai won the under 14's and George Noel came 4th. Daniyal Palmer came 3rd in the under-13's and he was runner-up in the under-12's. The 2nd February event saw David McKenzie win the under-19's event with Josh Amanor runner-up and Thevian Loganathan 3rd. David McKenzie Champion, Nahom Goitom was runner-up in the under 18-'s with Josh Amanor 3rd and Angus Norman was the under-18's consolation winner. Both Krish Chotai and Daniel Goitom were both finalists in the under 17's consolation. Nahom Goitom was runner-up in the under-17's with Howard Onweng 3rd. Ollie Maric Murray won the under16-s event with Krishna Nagarajan 4th.