



Leicestershire TTA: Syston deny Knighton Park clean sweep

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The final two Leicester League cup finals have been completed with Knighton Park continuing to press for a clean sweep in all five competitions when they beat Electricity 5-2 in the **Frith Trophy** for players graded below 140, having got off to an absolute flyer.

Chris Parmar-Saville began by beating Daniel Woolman before Rayan Kotecha followed up with success against Dave Bray and then Martin Pember defeated Dave Cox for a decisive 3-0 lead. This became 4-0 when Kotecha beat Woolman.

The Sparks fought back with Cox gaining a good win over Parmar-Saville and then Bray did the same against Pember to give their team some hope at 4-2. Kotecha has had a good season in Division Two and this showed when he powered Knighton Park home with a well constructed win over Cox, despite the latter battling all the way, 5-2 being the final score.

So could Knighton Park make it five from five in the **Saracen Cup** for those graded below 170?

This was soon answered by a defiant Syston Casuals team who certainly had strength in depth with Paul Weston and Clive Stretton both playing very well to win two from two while Bob Whitaker won one after finding the Park's cadet, Kinar Sheth, too tenacious in gaining her team's only success.

Robert Geary fought hard against both Stretton and Whitaker before going down while Steve Bessant did the same in his two without success for Syston to blot the Park's copybook.

After battling through local heats team, captain Shirley Pickering took eight young players to the finals of the **English Schools TT Association's** individual championships held at Aldersley Sport Village, Wolverhampton. All events were played in 5/6 player round-robin groups, giving ideal experience to some of the newer contenders.

Kelsey Andrews (girls U19), Aman Rashid (boys' U19), Jack Rogers (boys' U16), Ella Parmar-Saville (girls' U13) and

Edward Brown (boys' U11) all did well in their respective group without being able to make progress, particularly Brown as the other four all play in the Leicester senior league while he is still in the development league ranks.

Getting through to the overall play-offs were Kinar Sheth (girls' U16), Jinious Sheth (boys' U13) and Alana Richardson (girls U11). All made their presence very much felt without quite making it onto the podium, but all were up against some of the best juniors in the country with a great deal more experience, this will do the Leicestershire players a great deal of good.

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