

40 Sheffield schools in Drax Cup

CRICKET

More than 40 primary and junior schools from Sheffield begin their challenge for the 2014 Drax Cup next week.

The first group stage involves 13 teams from the Links and Arches School Sports partnerships who will compete at Shiregreen CC on Wednesday June 18. A further 11 schools from these SSPs will play their fixtures at Oughtibridge CC on Thursday June 26.

A total of 19 schools in the Forge & Point SSPs will play at Hollinsend CC on Wednesday June 25.

Play in all fixtures is scheduled from 9.30am-3pm with the Drax Cup being held as part of the Sheffield School Games competition calendar.

The Sheffield schools are aiming to join Shawlands and High View from Barnsley and Thornhill from Rotherham who are already through to the South area final on July 1.

The Drax Cup is the biggest Under-9s cricket competition in the UK and is open to schools from across Yorkshire and Teesside. Teams play in a series of events to produce four area winners from the North, South, East and West. These four teams will then play the 2014 Drax Cup Finals at Headingley Cricket Ground on Wednesday 2 July.

The competition is sponsored by Drax and organised by The Yorkshire County Cricket Club in conjunction with Yorkshire Cricket Board, Yorkshire Schools' Cricket Association and The Yorkshire Cricket Foundation.

For full details and competition rules visit www.thedraxcup.co.uk.

SQUASH

Fearn doubles up in Nottingham

Chesterfield Squash & Racketball coach Jason Fearn has won the East Midlands Regional Racketball Over-45 Championships in Nottingham. In the final he beat Nigel Millington of the David Lloyd Club in Derby 2-0. Nigel also contested & won the Over-55's event. Jason is Head Coach at the former Brampton Manor Club, now under new management and running as "Princes Sports Club @ The Manor

GREEN 'UN/DAIWA CLUB ANGLERS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL



No stopping Roger as he triumphs in his first final

FINAL VERDICT

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Heavy rain in the 24 hours leading up to the Daiwa Sponsored Green Un Club Match Angler Championship final ruined any chance of consistent action.

And it was mainly the pegs benefitting from a southerly wind at Sykehouse Fisheries Stock Pond that provided anything like consistent sport and much of this only materi-

alised in the later stages.

However there was to be no stopping Roger Hill who hammered out 163lb 9oz of carp fishing just over the marginal rushes of Peg 2.

He had learned from practise sessions that it was important to present a large bait to avoid interference from the prolific head of small fish so he opted to hair rig an 11mm pellet.

The modest Hill, appearing in his first ever final, told me: "To be fair, I would have expected anyone in this match who drew my peg to have won. On the day it was unbeatable."



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Hill has qualified for five consecutive semi-finals, even finishing in the frame on one occasion, but had never managed the section win that would give him a shot at the big one.

That changed at Lodge Farm and the 46-year-old computer programmer from

Hillsborough took his chance brilliantly. It was a tough pill for Rob Burgin to swallow as the Houghton Main man finished runner-up for the second time in three years.

One of the more notable performances was put in by Steve Billups who, having drawn at the sheltered end of the lake where very few carp were showing, decided to fish for roach and small skimmers on chopped worm in the margins.

He claimed a section win with 37lb 15oz of small fish. A brilliant performance from such an un-fancied area.

■ **Result:** 1. Roger Hill 163-9

(£700 tackle plus £300 cash); 2. Rob Burgin 85-11 (£550 tackle plus £200 cash); 3. Gary Brookes 69-10 (£500 tackle plus £150 cash); 4. Richard Ward 57-13 (£450 tackle); 5. Richard Clement 50-10 (£300 tackle).

■ **Sections:** Craig Parsissons; Greg Proffitt; Steve Billups; Neil Stones (£50 tackle).

Special thanks go to Daiwa Sports for supplying £3,000 worth of tackle sponsorship, to Ray Lane for allowing us the use of the fabulous Sykehouse Fisheries and to Pauline and Geoff Hurt who turned out for the 17th year in a row to organise and run the match.

Exciting prospects on the rivers

ANGLING

Anglers the length and breadth of the country will be celebrating the start of a new river season this coming Monday.

And the wet spring has maintained good levels and plenty of oxygen so sport could be spectacular.

Expect the Trent to be very busy with barbel anglers heading for the streamer water below weirs.

The Don looks to be in superb nick but beware, it can be a slow starter.

Expect a few bumper bags of bream to show on the Witham, Welland and Fenland drains, too.

The Yorkshire rivers will have the potential to produce spectacular early season catches but such is their spate nature that it will only take a shower in the hills to create a little havoc.

SNOOKER

Carty's record junior break



Award winners presented at Sheffield and District Snooker League junior presentation:
Century breaks: Ashley Carty 134, above (record century for junior events); Sean Reynolds; Danny Riley; Dom Crookes; Josh Mowbray; Ashley Carty; Keiran Costello; Danny Tramontano; Daniel Bagley; Sean Havenhand; Matt Bagley; Conner Bradshaw; Mitchell Gostolo; Will Lemons.
Most improved player: Keiran Costello; **most sporting:** Mitchell Gostolo.
Sheffield Junior Championship, highest break: Ashley Carty 96; **semi-finalist:** Sean Havenhand; Ashley Carty; **runner-up:** Sean Reynolds; **winner:** Daniel Bagley.