

## Match Report from Packwood School LPJS Epee 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2010

The club had a team of junior epeeists compete in the Leon Paul Junior Series at Packwood School near Shrewsbury on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> November.

In the under 11 boys competition, Joe Crowther fenced with great control and technique through the pools to finish mid-table.

As one of the younger members of the age group he was unlucky to come up against a considerably taller boy in his first DE round.

Again Joe fenced very neatly and was only narrowly beaten by his opponents greater reach. Joe finished a creditable 14<sup>th</sup> of a field of 24.

The Crowthers made it a family day out, giving great support to Joe and the rest of the team.

In the boys under 15 group, Dan Johnson and Reubin Wiltshire were joint bronze medal winners. A fantastic result both for them and the club.

Dan sets high standards for himself and was disappointed with his results from the pools. However he showed great determination and fenced beautifully to reach the semi-finals. Dan's father, Carl, could hardly watch the semi. This was a skillful, hard fought battle between two accomplished fencers with Dan losing out by a mere two points.

Reubin was one of the younger fencers in the group. If anybody underestimated him because of this they soon learnt and were talking about him. He fenced with great technique and dynamism to win through against many fencers with a far superior reach advantage, only being beaten in his semi by the eventual tournament champion.

In the girls under 15 event Sarah Gulley won the gold medal.

Fencing with controlled aggression she swept through much of the opposition to be ranked top after the pools.

She then proceeded to win comfortably through to the final.

In the final Sarah had a game plan and refused to be drawn out of it by a competitive opponent.

Scores stayed fairly level for the first half of the match but then Sarah started to ease ahead. Not being troubled by changes of tactics by her opponent, Sarah made a clean counter attack to her opponents arm to win the top prize.

Congratulations to all our fencers. They can be proud of both their performances and their conduct throughout the tournament.

Thanks also to Reubin's mother, Sue Wiltshire, who came with us as a second adult on the team bus.

A great day was had by all.

Roger Simmonds

Junior welfare officer.