

TENNIS

VOLLEYS

Richard top of ratings

● **EDGBASTON** Archery's Richard Broadhead has finally won the LTA Summer Series Ratings Men's Singles Championship for the first time - after trying for 20 years.

Broadhead had taken part in the tournament every year at the Archery club for the past 20 years without success, coming close last year as runner-up.

He became champion for the first time by defeating Archery club colleague Joe McCardie 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 in the final. Isabelle Wild of Nottingham won the ladies' top title in the same tournament for the third successive year by beating Anoushka Lobato of Edgbaston Archery 6-0, 6-0 in the final.

The championships were hailed a success for organiser and Archery coach Malcolm Sidwell because 48 women took part, the highest number on record.

■ **SOLIHULL** Arden have won the Helen Cole Winter League Ladies' Doubles Championships for the fourth successive year, with the help of a weakened Edgbaston Priory team.

Priory were unable to field a full-strength force for the final at Billesley Common Tennis Centre and paid the penalty by losing 6-2. But the Priory first pair of Tricia Sadiq and Beverley Morris put up a strong fight.

Beechwood was another club below strength in the Mixed Doubles Winter League final against Four Oaks. County player Richard Macey and Judy Hanley and Nigel Lloyd and Kate Bell had an easy 8-0 sets victory against Beechwood with 48 games to 18.

Beechwood found consolation, however, in the Challenge Cup Mixed Doubles event with singles champion Lynda Flynn who is a top coach and tennis partner Clive Stallan beating Streety's Joanne Jennings and David Lloyd 6-1, 6-1 in the final.

Blossomfield became the Winter League Men's Doubles champions against Edgbaston Archery.

▲ **ORGANISERS** of the Warwickshire Restricted Tournament have appealed for more entries, particularly in the open men's and ladies' singles. The closing date for entries is next Sunday (May 1) and the contact is Isabel Cille on 01926 551 235.

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