

## MOTOR SPORT

## New team target sponsor boost

NEW racing team Colt Motorsport are looking for potential sponsors to help get their cars on the starting grid.

The local team, formed only in December, are hoping to compete in some high profile races such as the Ginetta Racing series and already have one driver confirmed in the Renault Clio Cup.

Team principle John Venman says the main aim is to compete in the British Touring Car Racing Championships.

"We are looking for at least two more drivers so we can compete in the Ginetta G55 and the Ginetta Junior G40."

"Without a partner we can't put our cars on the grid."

In Nick Moore they have a talented driver. At just 21 years of age he already has experience of driving in the Ginetta series, and with financial backing from Venman knows the team can succeed.

"Nick is the complete driver, he knows our car and learns different tracks so quickly. He actually missed our first advertisement for drivers, we are so glad he is onboard now."

The team, run by only five people, hope to promote their cars and get involved within the local community.

"We want to be able to go into schools, into the town centre and show off the cars and get people involved. Businesses can use it as a promotional tool," said Venman.

## TABLE TENNIS



Bethany Farnworth in action.

## Bethany on form in Masters event

**BETHANY** Farnworth proved she is one of the top table tennis players in the country at the recent Junior Masters tournament.

The 16-year-old finished sixth in the tournament which saw her come up against the other 11 other top-ranked girls in England.

She won six of her 11 matches, beating the number four ranked player in the country, Denise Patel, 3-1 for her best result.

She said: "I thought I played quite well. I didn't lose too badly against the top players and I had a good win over Denise in my first match."

Each competitor met each other once in a round-robin format, and Thorleigh School pupil Farnworth was seventh seed for the event in Harlow.

The event was won by national junior champion Maria Tsatsinos, who managed to win all 11 matches without dropping a set.

## RUGBY UNION

## Bo Iton make it four in six wins with difficult victory

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BOLTON ground out a hard-fought 6-0 victory at home to Vale of Lune to boost their chances of remaining in the North One West division.

A match that was nearly called off due to a snow-covered pitch was settled by two penalties from Bolton kicker Mark Doherty.

The Cherry and Whites have now won four of their last six games while their opponents have lost six on the bounce.

Bolton's valuable win leaves them 11th -fourth bottom - in the table, seven points ahead of 12th-placed Eccles and two points behind Carisbrook in 11th place above.

Chairman Jon-Paul Hardman feels getting back to winning ways at home is key.

"We knew going into the game we stood a good chance," he said.

"The Avenue used to be a fortress but this season obviously it hasn't been the same."

"We've got a few wins on the bounce now and hopefully we can get it back to how it used to be."

Despite the struggles this season Hardman believes the team has never doubted they could get themselves out of trouble.

"We never lost confidence as a team; we knew what we were capable of because of what we have done in the past."

"It has taken time but the results now are starting to show."

"The teams around us are capable of picking up points and going on runs, like Eccles have shown, so we're not getting

ting ahead of ourselves yet."

The away team came out of the blocks quickest on Saturday switching the ball from wing to wing with the back line looking dangerous.

Bolton defended well and grew in confidence as the game progressed with captain Ashley Cooper and fly half Mike Mills producing some important tackles for their team.

In the 20th minute Bolton were dealt a blow when Gaz and Rhys Pritchard were forced off with injuries, meaning Spencer Pettit coming on in the back line and Tony McLaughlin joining the second row.

Doherty again scored, giving Bolton a six-point advantage to hold on to, which they did.

After missing a penalty earlier on Doherty gave the Cherry and Whites the lead with his second penalty attempt just after half-time when Nick Smith produced a surging run.

Bolton were dealt another blow when replacement McLaughlin had to go off with an injured knee.

After gaining the lead, the home team stayed on top and were rewarded for their pressure when they were awarded a third penalty of the day after James Brodie had broken away through the middle.

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ON TARGET: Mark Doherty scored all Bolton's points with two penalties

## BADMINTON

## Forrest and BLGC impress against lofty opponents

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BOLTON Lads and Girls Club pulled off an impressive 11-7 victory over Deane A in B Section.

BLGC are ninth in the section and Deane three places above them. But for most always had their noses in front and finished strongly to deny their opponents a draw.

BLGC's first couple, Meyuni Algama and Chris Saunders, won their first game against Jean Smith and Suresh Patel 21-16 with the latter pair hitting back in a tight second 24-22.

Emma Dean and Prana Lad put BLGC ahead in the match with 21-16, 21-13 wins against Janice Jackson and Tony Waring.

The third couples shared their games, BLGC's Shiley a Kamath and Zaryab Khan claiming the first 21-16 and Samantha Robertson and Brian Strickland gaining revenge in the second with a 21-18 success.

Deane continued to come back into the match when Jackson and Waring took both first couples' games against Algama and Saunders 21-14 and 21-15.

The results were reversed when the second couples played, BLGC's Dean and Lad winning 21-12 and 21-15 against Smith and Patel.

Going into the level doubles BLGC were 6-4 up and they extended the lead in the first pair of ladies' games when Kamath and Algama beat Robertson and Jackson 21-13 and 21-18.

Deane's Strickland and

Waring reduced the deficit by winning the first pair of men's games 22-20 and 21-14 against Khan and Saunders.

After the second pair of ladies' games were shared - BLGC's Kamath and Deane claiming the first 21-19 and

Rebecca Greenfield and Ray Schofield put Forrest ahead with a nail-biting 24-22 win.

Robertson and Smith taking the second 21-16 before BLGC's Khan and Lad claimed the last two games. Eleventh-placed Forrest claimed a fine draw with Moorside A in C Section.

Linda Rigby and Andy Worthington, playing first

for Forrest, shared their games against Sue Beamer and Alan Parkinson.

Rigby and Worthington

won the first 21-16, and just lost the second 21-19.

Fourth-placed Moorside's Judith Standish and Matt Barlow won their first game against Steph Hill and Jack Hamer 21-14, before losing the second 21-17.

Forrest's Rebecca Greenfield and Ray Schofield put their side ahead with a nail-biting 24-22 win in the first and a 21-14 success in the second against Egan and Steve Gittins.

Moorside's Standish and Barlow brought their side back into it with 21-13 and 21-17 victories over Rigby and Worthington.

The match went back in Forrest's favour when Hill

and Hamer won 21-18 and 21-16 against Beamer and Parkinson.

At 6-4 down Moorside's

ladies hit back with Egan and Standish winning 22-20 and 21-6 against Greenfield and Rigby before Gittins and Barlow put Moorside ahead by claiming their men's games 21-18 and 21-18 against Schofield and Worthington.

Now 8-6 ahead, Moorside were in the driving seat, and in the second pair of ladies' games Egan and Beamer put them in a stronger position when they took the first game very easily 21-8. But Forrest were not done yet and Greenfield and Hill fought back to claim the second 21-12 before

teammates Schofield and Hamer claimed both games in the final match, 21-11 and 21-13, to earn their side a fine