

RETURNS

ANSTY

Summer Alliance (week 13): 1 Roger Crutchley 40pts, 2 Colin McElean 39cb, 3 John Hammersley 39.

Greensome Pairs: 1 Paul Moore & Martin Harris 38pts, 2 Steve Bale & Brian Chater 34, 3 Paul Freegard & Paul Harbage 32.

Pub League: Super League first round - Travellers Rest 89pts beat Coked Hat 65pts, Walsgrave Social 96pts beat The Boat 94pts, Broadstreet 88pts beat Ansty 71pts, Jolly Colliers 81pts beat The Millpool 70pts.

Last Chance Saloon first round: Brandon 74pts beat The Devonshire 63pts.

Junior Par 3: 1 Sean O'Reilly 58. 13-16 years winner - Ben Wood 62, Under 12s winner - Amrit Singh-Hayer 61, Under 8s winner - Taylor Haigh 90, Girls winner - Zoe Piper.

BRANDON WOODS

Midweek Seniors Stableford: 1 Geoffrey Taylor 39pts cb, 2 Chris Hartley 39, 3 Alan Sugars 38.

Godiva Cup: 1 Allen Knight 66, 2 Ade Robbins 69cb, 3 John Antcliffe 69.

Club Championship, second round: 1 Ken Barclay 80cb, Neale Bowdler 80cb, Stewart Taylor 80.

Club Championship 2010 Final Placings: 1 Stewart Taylor 158, 2 Ken Barclay 159, 3 Neale Bowdler 160.

GIGS Golf Society: 1 Danny Tait 39pts, 2 Ian Stephenson 37, 3 Keith Hiron 34. Longest drive: Danny Tait. Nearest pin: Gaz Taylor. Ian Stephenson had an albatross on the 470-yard par 5 fifth hole.

COPEWOOD GRANGE

Seniors: Ben Bentley Trophy (over 65s) - 1 Arthur Williams 42, 2 John Tredwell 43. Stableford: 1 Arthur Williams 30pts, 2 John Tredwell 29, 3 Brian Fincham 26cb.

COVENTRY FINHAM

Ladies Captain's Day: Silver Division - 1 R Varney 38pts, 2 B Jenson 35, 3 G Kettley 34. Bronze Division - 1 Dr T Mirando 42pts, 2 C Sutcliffe 40, 3 C Cordrey-Campbell 39. Copper Division - 1 J O'Carroll-Bailey 38pts, 2 J Busell 35, 3 E Sadler 35.

KENILWORTH

Junior Jubilee Trophy: Division One - 1 Rob Owens 70cb, 2 Jacob Forster 70, 3 Jay Underwood 71cb, 4 Lewis Barge 71, 5 Daniel Lane 71. Division Two - 1 James Bull 64, 2 Luke Northwood 72.

July Extra Medal: 1 Neil Hubbard 42pts, 2 Alfie Cuffaro 39cb, 3 Rob Owens 39, 4 Phil Eades 38, 5 Ian Gough 37. Division Two: 1 Martin Tyrer 43pts, 2 Andrew Caine 41, 3 David Muir 41, 4 Paul Clarkson 40, 5 Nick Dennis 39, 6 David Hall 38cb, 7 Barrie James 38.

Kenilworth AM-AM: 1 Patrick Fleming, Michael Antona, Elliot Forbes & Alfie Cuffaro 96pts.

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE

Exclusives July Stableford: 1 Terry Jackson 41pts, 2 Jim Twohig 41, 3 Ray Bower 39.

July Stableford: Division One - 1 David J Williams 41pts, 2 Richard Krust 41, 3 Andrew King 41. Division Two - 1 Tony Crabtree 44pts, 2 David Williams 41, 3 Phil Bywater 37.

THE WARWICKSHIRE

Seniors Club Championship: 1 Andy Connolly 85+79=164, 2 Paul Isherwood, 3 Garry Langford, 4 Chris Knowles, 5 Dave Parsons. Handicap competition: 1 Alf Cowdrey cb, 2 Paul Isherwood. Super Seniors: 1 Gavin Clezy.

Help the Heroes Mens results: 1st Callum Sutcliffe 44pts, 2 Allan Pearson 43, 3 Sean Ward 43. Ladies: 1 Gunilla Andersson 40, 2 Julia Newman 39, 3 Judith Marriott 39.

Mid-Warwickshire League: Atherstone 6 Rugby 0 (C Turvey beat M Bell 4&2, P Walker beat C Abbott 2up, G Wilson beat B McGovern 6&4, L Hardy beat S Wadson 4&3, J Guild beat A Moss 3&2, R Lee beat R Rankine 2&1). Purley Chase 4. Whitefields 2 (W Jacques beat S Pryde 1up, A Ferraro lost S Postlethwaite 7&6, L Mellor halved A Kelly, T Stockton beat C Wright 7&6, A Hopkins halved C Odwell, R Evans beat S Hoare 1up). Coventry 5 v Nuneaton 1 (S Dadds halved A Sullivan), R Browning halved B Read, D Middleton beat J Melton 3&1, R Oddy beat D Miller 3&2, N Jenkins beat G Sullivan 5&4, A Lumley beat L Phillips 1up). Kenilworth 4½ Stoneleigh 1½ (E Forbes beat W Smith 3&2, M Antona beat C Dougill 3&2, B Hammond halved S Young, D Lane lost N. Gardner 6&5, D Sparrow beat M Woolerton 4&3, R Lamond beat S Woolerton 1up). Hearsall 4½ Leamington 1½ (S Foster beat K Rogers 1up, S Bloxham beat T Wilson 4&3, H Ibbertson halved I Jones, J Marley beat D Bowen 5&4, S Mumford beat J Matharu 5&3, J Zivelonghi lost M Donnelly 4&3).

Rearranged match: Rugby 2 Kenilworth 4 (D Marson beat E Forbes 5&4, B McGovern lost R Owens 5&4, S Wadson lost D Lane 1dn, A Moss lost J Lamond 2&1, A Bagnall beat R Keegan 1up, R Rankine lost C Owen 1dn).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Coventry.....	14	10	2	2	54.5
Nuneaton.....	14	10	1	3	53.5
Hearsall.....	14	11	0	3	52
Kenilworth.....	14	9	0	5	52
Stoneleigh.....	14	8	1	5	49.5
Atherstone.....	14	5	3	6	45.5
PurleyChase.....	14	4	2	8	31.5
Rugby.....	14	3	1	10	28.5
Leamington.....	14	3	2	9	28
Whitefields.....	14	1	2	11	25



INSPIRING: Lee Westwood with youngsters at his golfing academy at the Leek Wootton course.

'WONDER' CHIPS IN WITH ADVICE

RYDER Cup ace and Open runner-up Lee Westwood has a hectic schedule being ranked inside the world's top three going into the USPGA Championship next month but the popular 27-year-old is certainly no 'Big Time Charlie' - just ask the youngsters at The Warwickshire.

Earlier this week Westwood made a flying visit to the Leek Wootton course to cast an eye over his golfing academy, one of three sponsored by The Co-Operative, and it was certainly a few hours well spent as more than 30 kids savoured the occasion and watched the 'Workshop Wonder' show his skills.

Westwood, winner of 20 Tour titles but desperate to break his duck in the majors after four top-three finishes in the last five, gave the kids plenty to enjoy but the 2009 Race to Dubai winner admitted he gets equally as much satisfaction out of meeting the children, giving advice and improving their golfing talents.

He said: "My advice to any youngster looking to take up the game is to get good tuition. It's so important to get the basics right early on and get the proper coaching although to enjoy playing is equally important as it's a game of fun.

"The academy is for a variety of ages from five to 16 and covers the whole spectrum.

"It gives me a great deal of satisfaction in putting something back into golf because as professionals you do take an awful lot out of the game. Golf's given me a very life and to put something back is very important to me."

Westwood, who has already booked his place in the European team for September's Ryder Cup clash with America at Celtic Manor in Wales, believes golf this side of the Atlantic is getting better all the time.

"British, European and even English golf at the moment is so strong so we should be using that fact and telling these kids at the academies they have

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some great role models, who are winning tournaments all over the world, to base themselves on and aspire to in the future."

Westwood was a late starter in the game, picking up his first club when hardly a teenager but by his 16th birthday he had knocked his handicap down to scratch and aiming high.

"Most of the youngsters I met at The Warwickshire have a head start on me and it was amazing to see kids of nine, ten and 11, who have had coaching, so technically brilliant, you can see they've been taught to play the right way. I've got two children, aged five and nine, and they take it all in like sponges it's the age to get them started."

The academy coaching programme covers every aspect of the game on the fairways and greens plus 'off course' sessions such as etiquette, rules, marking your card, nutrition, fitness and psychology, although some sessions will not be suitable for the youngest age groups.

Westwood, who looked up to the likes of Greg Norman, Sevi Ballesteros and Nick Faldo in the 80s, when nurturing his own talents during those early years, continued: "It was a bit of a whirlwind for me, starting at 13 and turning pro at 19. I got hooked on it early, practised hard as a junior and watched endless videos of the greats such as Greg, Sevi and Nick. I loved Greg and his swash-buckling style. He was exciting and a brilliant golfer.

"But as I tell the youngsters the only way you get really good is to hard work. It's definitely true you only get out of something what you are prepared to put in and that applies to golf as much, if not

more, than most other sports. All areas of the game are important but it's around the green where you improve your scoring most. I know it's good to get on the driving range and belting balls off the tee but working on and around green is where good scores are made!"

"Certainly for youngsters that's the best advice I would give. Driving is about strength and kids of seven or eight don't necessarily have that so getting their short game right will save them shots, the driving comes later.

"When I was starting out I spent hours putting and chipping, it's held me in good stead over the years."

Meanwhile Westwood is concentration personified when performing his day job although it can be made more pleasurable with playing companions that are fluent and stylish as he says: "I like partnering players with nice rhythms such as Ernie Els and Fred Couples, who has a lovely languid swing, they can inspire you at times just by watching."

Westwood admitted he does most of his spadework prior to tournaments with practising on the day of competition limited. "I warm up but like to be fresh going into the round. I'm not one to be on the driving range for hours."

Westwood admitted if he had the choice as to winning either the USPGA next month or savour another Ryder Cup success over the USA a few weeks later which would he choose and he had no second thoughts; "The USPGA for sure. I've been on successful Ryder Cup teams and it's tremendous but I've never won a major and that has to be my priority. I'm playing well enough to achieve it and after finishing runner-up in our Open at St Andrews recently I'm in great shape and in with as good a chance as anyone."

■ The Lee Westwood golf academies in partnership with The Co-operative. For more information please visit www.co-operative.coop/activatesport

Carew targeting more game time

FOOTBALL

JOHN Carew is determined to keep firing in the goals for Aston Villa this season and stay fit for the entire campaign.

The Norwegian international netted 17 goals during 2009-2010 and has been Villa's leading marksmen for the past three seasons. But the 30-year-old striker has also struggled to stay injury-free and wants to improve his record on that front.

Carew said: "I have scored a lot of goals and hopefully I will continue to score goals this season. I don't set targets. I just set myself giving 100 per cent and being ready to go for when the games begin."

Weakened Reds start in Europe

ROY Hodgson travelled to Macedonia yesterday with a makeshift squad for his first competitive match as Liverpool manager.

England World Cup quartet Steven Gerrard, Joe Cole, Jamie Carragher and Glen Johnson were among the high-profile absentees for today's Europa League third qualifying round first leg clash against FK Rabotnicki in Skopje.

The four only returned for pre-season training last week while the likes of Jose Reina, Fernando Torres, Dirk Kuyt and Ryan Babel are still enjoying an extended summer break.

Giggs fuelled by disappointments

RYAN Giggs wants Manchester United to regain their Barclays Premier League crown after making the startling admission he is motivated by failure, not fame.

The club's record appearance holder is still hurting that Chelsea edged United out by a single point last season and prevented them from making it four titles in a row.

Giggs said: "It is the disappointments that keep the desire going and the hunger going."

Avram secures a right hand man

WEST Ham boss Avram Grant has completed his management team with the appointment of former Yugoslavia international Zeljko Petrovic as the club's new assistant manager.

Grant had outlined his desire to appoint Petrovic, 44, when he took over at Upton Park earlier this summer.

Petrovic will work alongside senior coach Paul Groves, first team coach Kevin Keen, goalkeeping coach David Coles and fitness expert Eamon Swift.

Grant said: "I am happy that we now have the staff set-up that I presented to the owners when I came."