Triathlon Marvels

Blood, sweat and toil was the order of the day at the first Wester Hailes Triathlon on Sunday 18th May. Sixty hardy men and women braved typically Scottish spring weather to swim, cycle and run - all just for fun! It was really hard work for everybody, but they all thoroughly enjoyed it. Cyclists had to brave 40 mph headwinds, but still managed to get round the course quickly. Jim Paul (1:47.30) was the outstanding overall winner coming six minutes ahead of his nearest rival Brian Kirkwood (1:54.08), William Johnson (1:54.29), Alistair Watt (1:55.49). Jim won both the swimming and cycling sections and although he was second to William Johnston in the running, he was still clear overall winner.

The first woman was Diana Caburn, who finished 39th overall (2:31.18).

The organisers were delighted with the turnout and the way the event went. They now plan to run a bigger and better event next year.

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What a disappointing and to end the season for the Hailes B team in the Corstorphine League. They had to beat joint leaders Rainbow in the last game of the season to become champions, but failed to do so in dramatic style.

After leading 5 - 3 in the singles they squandered their lead in the doubles and were held to a 6 - 6 draw. This meant a replay at a neutral venue. In this match Hailes never played to the true form and were beaten 6 - 5 by the better team on the night.

Hailes must be wondering when it will be their turn to win this championship as this is the third time in the last four years that they have finished in the runner-up spot. Maybe next year! Tommy Harbrough.

Above: The hard playing domino players.