

## SWIMMING ROUND-UP



## Tully turns on style at debut

**Boldmere Swimming Club sensation Tully Kearney shone on her international debut for Great Britain recently – bringing home a host of medals from Berlin. Kearney, who suffers from dyspraxia, swam long course personal best times in the 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m freestyle races and the 100m fly, winning one gold medal, three silvers and three bronzes in the B age group at the German Open. In the open age S10 events, she took gold in the 200m individual medley and silvers in both the 200m**

**and 400m freestyle, qualifying for the multi-classification open age finals in the process. Her 400m freestyle time would have qualified her for the European Championships had she achieved it two weeks earlier. However, the time still sees her ranked sixth in the IPC world rankings in the S10 category. Her performances have led to selection for a new "Diamond Programme" – a fast-track scheme for young disabled swimmers identified as having potential for the 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Games.**



Sporty siblings Amy and Eloise Harrison.

## Sisters chalk up new double

## Netball

SUTTON Coldfield sisters Amy and Eloise Harrison have both been recognised for their netball talents.

The pair received County Netball Player of the Year awards in the under-16s and under-14s age categories after an impressive season.

The girls, who play for Yendys and attend the South Staffordshire Academy, have shone this year, in training and inter-county matches.

Amy was honoured for her consistently strong performances in defence.

Eloise, who plays in attack, was praised for her captaincy of the county team.

It is the third time the sisters have won a double.

In 2007, they both received the Central Warwickshire Girls Football League and Cup Shield with Sutton Girls FC.

They also both won the Headteacher's Award at Plantsbrook School, when in Year 7.

## Maximum haul as Boldmere find themselves in top three

By STEVE HARLOW  
Swimming correspondent

**BOLDMERE** Swimming Club claimed the maximum six points available in the second round of the Nuneaton and District Junior League.

The A team notched up 246 gala points, 38 ahead of second-placed hosts Leamington at the meeting.

They now find themselves in the top three of Division One.

Boldmere finished outside the top three in just nine of the 51 events, setting 27 new personal best times on the night.

Boldmere demonstrated great teamwork by taking first place in 15 relays.

Matt Price (3), Stella-Anne O'Hehir (2), Tom Bloor (2), Bethany Grant (2), Rachel Wilson, Ben Campbell, Roan Griffiths, Kai Alexander, Taleb Givens and Alex Bartley secured maximum points in their individual events.

Givens and Bartley were awarded the accolades of "Gala Stars" by the coaches.

With several of the club's swimmers on duty in Sheffield, the B team were deprived of the services of some stalwarts at Rugby in their battle to retain their status as the only B Team in the Premier Division of the league.

Competing against the strong A teams of Northampton, Lutterworth, Stourbridge and the hosts, they finished in



Alex Bartley, Talen Givens, Imogen Houghton, Amelia Van Loan, Lewis Myers and Sam Morris were among the swim stars to show impressive form.

Picture: Steve Harlow

sixth place with a 92 point total – only 10 points behind the hosts.

Their spirited performances produced 24 personal best times with nine-year-old debutant Imogen Houghton and 11-year-old Sam Morris deservedly earning the Star of the Gala awards.

In individual events, there were top three finishes for Imogen (25m freestyle) and Eden Harlow (50m fly).

The nine-year-old boys' freestyle relay team of Zack Andrews, David Thomas, Dan Campbell and Callum Holsey, and the 12-year girls' relay

quartet of Georgina Dolan, Anna Walker, Lydia Barnsley and Harlow earned good points.

Meanwhile, at Tamworth the club's C Team also suffered from the "knock-on" effect of the loss of swimmers from the A and B teams.

However, they nevertheless secured a creditable 106 gala points total to finish fifth in the Division Three gala.

Amelia Van-Loan and Lewis Myers produced some fine swims in another gutsy team performance which produced 23 personal bests and a further 43 unofficial bests in the re-

lays. The girls' relay teams came home with some impressive results including wins for the 11-year team of Maia Boyle, Bonita Deathridge, Georgia Graham and Amelia Van-Loan in the freestyle and medley.

The 12-year team of Chloe Andrews, Emma Greenaway, Eve Purdy and Ellen Ratcliffe also picked up maximum points in their freestyle race.

There were top three places for Ellen Ratcliffe, Jacob Banks, Chloe Andrews (2), Maia Boyle, Teerath Khaira (2), Bonita Deathridge (2) and Katherina Hall.



Streetly-based Colron are keen to get youngsters enjoying football from as early an age as possible. The young lads, aged 4-7, from the club, managed by Peter McSheffrey, recently played their first competitive friendly against Kingshurst, running out 1-0 winners.

## A roaring success – and Lions celebrate

## Junior Football

**Boldmere Falcons Four Oaks 1 Lions under-13s 3**

THE Lions sealed the League and Cup double with a hard fought victory over a good Falcons side.

They recovered from a goal down at the break to lead thanks to goals from Liam McGrandles and Eden Thompson.

Luke Bennett's 40th goal of the season sealed victory while George Davis was man of the match.

**Four Oaks Lions under-13s 7 Headless Cross A 3**

THE Lions signed off their season with a good win against strong opposition. Marcel Richards scored four times to take his tally for the

season to 51.

Luke Bennett bagged a brace and Liam McGrandles also scored while Shakeer Parry was man of the match.

**Sutton Royal Oak under-13s 3 Wyrley Lions 1**

SUTTON secured victory on the final day of the season, thanks to three second half goals from star man Harry Humpherson.

## INSHORT

**KEEPER CALL:** Starlands under-11s are looking for a new goalkeeper. Call Lee on 07773 193894 for details.

**COLTS APPEAL:** Beacon Colts under-13s are looking to strengthen their existing squad. Call Richard on 07771 815490 for information.

**PLAYER SEARCH:** Four Oaks under-11s require new players for next season. A goalkeeper and defenders are urgently needed and players need to be currently in year six. Call Dave on 07976 576354.

**PUMAS NEEDED:** Four Oaks Pumas under-10s are looking for midfielders and defenders for next season. Call Matt Hollins on 07967 027349 for a trial.

**PREMIER CALL:** FC Premier are looking for a coach for their adult first team who play on a Saturday afternoon in the Birmingham AFA League. Minimum qualifications must be the FA Level 2 Certificate in coaching football. For further information, call Steve Wall on 07891 466379.

**TOURNAMENT:** Holy Name FC are staging a football tournament on Sunday, June 26. The tournament will take place at Moor Lane BCU Pavillion in Perry Barr. Teams from under-7s to under-16s are welcome to enter. Call John Bryson on 0121 357 2004 for more details.