

SPORT ROUND-UP

Finalists confirmed after oche thrillers

Four Oaks and District Darts League

SPORTSMAN'S Rest A will meet the Fox and Dogs in the final of the Coronation Shield, while Oscott Social Clarets will take on the Pint Pot Flights in the Norman Day Cup final.

The Rest came back from 4-2 down to beat Anvil Nomads 5-4 in their Shield quarter-final and then won the final three games to defeat Sutton Sports in the semi-final.

Fox and Dogs edged out the Red Arrows 5-4 in their quarter-final before winning the first five games against Pint Pot Arrows to make the final.

In the Norman Day Cup, Clarets comfortably beat Royal Oak 6-3 in the quarters and overcame Old Oscott WMC by the same score in the semis.

Pint Pot Flights had a bye in the last eight before overwhelming The Dragons 9-0. D G Bond, of Red Lion Flights, and H Mawhinney, of The Dragons, both scored maximums on the night.

RESULTS - Quarter Finals of the Coronation Shield Tuesday, March 15

Sportsman's Rest A 5 (T Kelly 100 D Watkins 140, 149b J Dunn 3x100 D Keatley 2x100, 112b J Collins 2x100, 108b A Stainfield 106f, 100) **Anvil Nomads 4** (M Gaughan 100, 118 T Tyrre 120b G Gaughan 125 A Carter 100, 122 N Harley 140).

Pint Pot Arrows 5 (B Godfrey 2x100 J Vickers 3x100 C Dyson 100) **Red Lion Flights 4** (D G Bond 100, 180 L Chant 2x100 S Andrews 100 M Wilde 100).

The Red Arrows 4 (M Norton 100b M Corfield 100, 125 D Baker 2x100) **Fox and Dogs 5** (P M Seadon 140 N Robbins 100 C Millward Snr 140, 120b, 100, 113f C Millward Jnr 140, 100).

Sutton Sports 7 (M Wild 140 C Turnbull 125, 140 L Harris 3x100, 111b J Kavanagh 140, 100 D Vickers 100 T Vickers 100, 140) **Oscott Social Reds 2** (P Willis 100 R Bricknall 140 A James 3x100 M Dormer 125, 135 D Day 100).

Semi-finals

Fox and Dogs 5 (C Millward Snr 121, 100, 120b, 140, 105f C Millward Jnr 152b C Packer 120b) **Pint Pot Arrows 4** (P Wilkes 137, 100 J Vickers 3x140 C Dyson 100).

Sutton Sports 4 (J Kavanagh 2x100 M Wild 125, 2 x100, 140 L Harris 3x100 T Vickers 140, 2x100 D Vickers 123, 2x140 C Turnbull 114, 2x100) **Sportsman's Rest A 5** (J Dunn 100, 125 D Watkins 100 T Kelly 140, 100 J Collins 108b, 120, 100 A Stainfield 2x100, 100b D Keatley 120, 2x100).

Norman Day Cup quarter-finals

Aston Social 4 (G Lynch 135 K Yates 100, 140 R Newcombe 122, 100) **Old Oscott WMC 5** (N Hawley 100 K Robbins 3x100, 140, 103 D Fletcher 3x100).

Oscott Social Clarets 6 (K Shorthouse 140, 121, 128 M Westmorland 100 D Shannon 2x100 G Bushell 123 N Bryant 118b, 100) **Royal Oak 3** (W Taylor 100 M Phillips 2x100 K Taylor 2x140 M Kenny 120, 140, 110f S Davey 100).

The Dragons 5 (H Mawhinney 100 D Finnegan 2x100 D Hart 105b, 100 R Thrupp 100) **Old Oscott Arrows 4** (J Higgins 105b J Frost 2x100, 121 E Atkins 100 A Lea 100).

Semi-finals

Oscott Social Clarets 6 (P Graham 100 G Bushell 100, 125 D Shannon 100 N Bryant 2x100, 120b K Shorthouse 121) **Old Oscott WMC 3** (K Robbins 100 D Fletcher 100 J A Tolley 100 N Hawley 3x100, 121).

Pint Pot Flights 9 (P Smith 2x100, 121, 140, 100f W Mynard 100, 125 M Archer 121, 100 S Hazlett 2x100, 152b, 120) **The Dragons 0** (H Mawhinney 180 D Hart 3x100, 120b).

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WATER POLO: Boldmere Water Polo Club star Sam Baker (pictured left) has been selected for Great Britain's 13-man squad for the forthcoming European Championship qualifiers. Baker performed admirably in the recent Slowanka Cup in Poland and will travel to Lithuania for Britain's first qualifier on April 7. In further good news

for the club, Hamish Scott and George Sadler have been accepted into the England Talent Water Polo Development Programme, following in the footsteps of clubmate Morgan Hirsch. Anyone interested in participating in water polo, regardless of ability and experience, should e-mail boldmereswimmingclub@gmail.com



SWIMMING: Perry Beeches and Sutton Swim Squad enjoyed success on the final weekend of the Warwickshire County Championships.

The 9/10 year girls' medley team of Danya Gaddu, Pia Tonks, Eloise Duce and Sancha Tonks, pictured left, won a gold medal.

Dan Smith won the men's 50m breaststroke and also won bronze medals in the 50m freestyle and butterfly.

And the senior men's medley relay team of Dan Smith, Gez Morgan, Ross Emery and Joshrun Mann also finished third.

Smith shines as county meet climaxes

SWIMMING

By STEVE HARLOW

Swimming correspondent

BOLDMERE Swimming Club produced six more county champions, 15 finalists, 24 medallists, 98 personal bests and seven club records at the final weekend of the Warwickshire Championships.

Alice Dearing (200m butterfly), Givenchy Sneekes (50m freestyle), Emma Smith (400m freestyle and 100m backstroke), Adam Kelly (50m backstroke) and Joshua Winnicott (200m individual medley) all claimed gold.

Smith's double victory took her tally of gold medals at the championships to five. In the 400m freestyle, she was followed home by Kristie Hackett

who won bronze. Sneekes recorded a new personal best and club record in winning the 13-year 50m freestyle, while Morgan Harlow claimed silver behind Dearing in the 200m butterfly.

Back from the British Championships in Manchester, Winnicott won the 200m IM Junior County title and place third in the championship final.

In the younger 11/12 age group Jake Dixon won the gold while Archie Langston took bronze in the 9/10 category.

Kelly led from the start in the 50m backstroke and triumphed in a new personal best and club record.

There were two further age group bronze medals for Steve Wilson (13/14) and another for Langston.

Wilson picked up another

bronze in the 12/14 100m freestyle while Joey Stanger also took bronze.

More age group medals came in the boys' 200m breaststroke with a silver apiece for Dixon (11/12) and Winnicott (15+) while Luke Davies took third spot in the 13/14 category.

Breaststroke success continued in the girls' 100m event where Sneekes and Gina Luckett won gold and silver respectively for the club in the 11/13 age group.

The duo made the Championship final along with Emily Gordon and Jenny Fowler who were third and fifth in the 15+. Sneekes edged Gordon in the final where they won silver and bronze.

In the 50m fly, Dixon (11/12) won another gold and Josh Holsey a silver while Wilson claimed bronze in the 13/14.

In the 15+ Phil Hewitt, Chris Littler and Kelly all qualified for the final where the latter set a new personal best and club record to take bronze.

In the two 11-16yrs relay events, the girls took gold in the 4x50m Medley in a club record while the boys claimed silver in the 4x50m freestyle.

Boldmere also had five Bagcat (highest FINA points from five event) age group champions - Ariste Knight (nine yrs), Jake Dixon (12 yrs), Bethany Grant (12 yrs), Steven Wilson (13 yrs) and Givenchy Sneekes (12 yrs), the latter crowned overall Bagcat Champion.

Bradley Lynch missed the County Championships to compete in the British Championships, where he claimed the Boys' Junior Warwickshire County Record in both 400m and 1,500m freestyle events.



Boldmere swimmers with trophies and medals accumulated on the final weekend of the Warwickshire Championships. Picture: Steve Harlow

Mets gear up for play-offs with derby joy

BASKETBALL

BIRMINGHAM METS 83
BIRMINGHAM LIONS 74
EBL Division Three North

METS held off local rivals Lions to finish their regular season with a 20-2 record and cement their place at the top of Division 3 North.

The first quarter saw Mets dominate as leading scorer Franco Kouagnia, Ian Buchanan and Kieran Mills's hot-shooting hands helped them to a 19-8 lead.

Lions went on a 7-0 run at the start of the second quarter, closing the gap to 19-15 before Mets responded and extended

their lead back to 10 points.

The rest of the quarter saw Lions chip away at the lead and close to 39-35 down at the half.

The highlight of the quarter was an amazing 'alley-oop' play from Buchanan to Kouagnia over two Lions players sending the crowd into a frenzy and helping Mets close out the quarter up 63-56.

The fourth quarter saw Mets dominate early, with Bean and Kouagnia putting them 14 points up and although Lions rallied they never managed to really close the gap as both teams traded baskets.

Coach Stephen Barnes said: "This was a great game for us

to close out our regular season and prepare for the play-offs as I knew Lions would be a tough challenge for us.

"We got all 12 guys on the scoresheet and that bodes well in terms of the team's confidence going into our play-off game next week.

"We have been drawn against Plymouth Marjons (3.15pm tip off at Sutton College campus on Saturday) and they will be a tough challenge for us.

"They finished with a 14-6 record but I don't think that is any indication of their level as they are the only team to beat London Westside who topped the southern table."

Title winners reunite for a night of nostalgia



CRICKET: Sutton Coldfield CC's 1993 league title-winning squad enjoyed a reunion recently. Members of the squad shared memories as they gathered for a reunion which tied in former First XI captain Andy Luckhurst's surprise 60th birthday party.