

SPORT ROUND-UP



Chris Woakes and Ian Taylor.

Sporty youngsters will be seeing stars during training stint

CRICKET

ENGLAND and Warwickshire cricket star Chris Woakes and former Villa footballer Ian Taylor will be making several appearances over the summer holidays at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School.

The duo will be on hand to offer expert advice and sign autographs over the summer holidays at their respective Cricket and Football Academies.

Woakes, who played club cricket for Walmley just two years prior to making his international debut, said: "Having had some input into the summer programme, I'm really looking forward to dropping in to see the children having fun over the summer."

"With the rise of the T20 game over the past few years the sport is so popular at the moment."

"It'll be fun to see some of the youngsters attempting some switch hits and improving their game play, among other things."

Taylor added: "I'm proud to be involved with such a fantastic initiative and can't wait to see the youngsters in action."

The Academies are managed by local organisation Aspire Sports and are being run as part of their Active Camps programme.

The academies are running from July 25 to August 26 and are open from 10am-6pm each day with 8am and 6pm extra-time options available for working parents.

For bookings and further information, visit www.activecamps.co.uk or call 08455 08 27 34.

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BOXING: Erdington boxer Ryan Hatton is set to represent England at a Tri-Nations Tournament which start in Cardiff today (Thursday). The talented amateur boxer has enjoyed a memorable year and recently won the National Schools ABA title. He beat experienced rival Ricky Redhead, from St Pancras in London, to secure the 75kg crown at the Cedar Mount Sports Hall in Manchester.



Match goes to form as Bold B side bow to the A team

By STEVE HARLOW
Swimming correspondent

IN the third and final round of the Nuneaton and District Junior League, Boldmere Swimming Club's A and B teams went head to head in Division One at Wyndley for the first time this season.

Competing against other A teams from Braunston, Droitwich, Halesowen and Wolverhampton, the end result was never in doubt as Boldmere A were the dominant force on the night with 47 top-three finishes from 51 races.

Although the final league positions are still yet to be published, the A team are expected to finish second in the league to secure a place in the regional final in September for the seventh consecutive year.

Between the two teams there were 63 personal bests.

Thirteen individual A team wins included Stella O'Hehir (10) winning both the 50m freestyle and fly, Aristeia Knight (10) the 50m breaststroke and Roan Griffiths (10) the 50m breaststroke.

Other winners were Lauren Wall (11) 50m back and free, Kate Davis (11) 50m breast, Matt Price (11) 50m back and

SWIMMING



Boldmere gala stars Zack Andrews, Roan Griffiths, Lauren Wall, Cenk Balu, Lios West and Katherina Hall.

Picture by Steve Harlow

fly, Tom Bloor (11) 50m breast, Beth Grant (12) 50m breast and fly, and Ben Stanford (12) 50m back.

The B team were a creditable fifth with Joel Cunningham (11-year 50m back), Lois West (11-year 50m free), Rachel Wilson (12-year 50m fly) and Eden Harlow (12-year 50m breaststroke) all claiming individual silvers.

The Stars of the Gala awards went to Lauren Wall and Roan

Griffiths in the A team and Lois West and Zack Andrews in the B squad.

Over at Stechford in Division Three, the C team finished their season in style by beating the A teams of Dove Valley and Warley Wasps and the B teams of Enderby and Stourbridge.

Setting 38 personal bests, the girls stole the show with six individual first places for Beatrice Adams (9) 25m fly,

Amelia Van-Loan (11) 50m breast, Maia Boyle (11) 50m back, Ellen Ratcliffe (12) 50m free, Chloe Andrews (12) 50m fly and gala star Katherina Hall (10) 50m breast.

Runners-up were Lewis Gordon (12) 50m breast and fly, Teerath Khaira (12) 50m free and breast and Lewis Myers (10) while James Goodwin (9) and gala star Cenk Balu (11) could be knocking on the B team door next year.

Roms link up with academy to fish in a much bigger pool

FOOTBALL

ROMULUS boss Richard Evans was excited about the possibilities this week as he announced the club's new partnership with a nationally-renowned football academy.

The Coles Lane club are set to have first refusal on the potential stars of the future produced at the Pat Wright Academy.

The academy has helped to launch the careers of current Northern Ireland international Sean St Ledger and Derby County midfielder Ben Davies, along with a multitude of other players in the Football League and non-league circles.

Romulus will provide a platform through their first team and under-21s sides for young players that haven't yet experienced first-team football.

And they will offer the players the chance to impress the Roms' management and prove they are good enough for the Northern Premier League and beyond.

Evans said: "While we will continue to develop our own players through our successful youth system, we've known of Pat and his academy for a number of years - it will be a partnership where the best youngsters get the chance to shine."

"Pat has many contacts throughout the professional and semi-professional leagues, and if we feel these lads are ready to move up the ladder, then we will ensure that this benefits both the players and the club."

Wright, a first-team regular at Birmingham City during the 1960s, has progressed his academy over the last 30 years while also coaching and managing in the professional game.

His impressive CV includes spells with Portsmouth and the Saudi Arabia national team.

Based from St Francis of Assisi School in Aldridge, the academy offers starter, intermediate and advanced coaching on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

There will also be a summer school from Monday, August 8 to Thursday, August 11.

Anyone interested in finding out more can call Pat on 07980 505389 or visit patwright.co.uk



TENNIS: Four Oaks Tennis Club is currently hosting its 16th annual LTA Ratings event - the 2011 Henwood Court Financial Planning Open Tournament. The ladies final saw Samantha Thickens from Tamworth triumph 6-4, 6-3 over Four Oaks Tennis Club's 14-year-old junior Jessica King.

The men's section will culminate in the final this Sunday at 1pm with local tennis enthusiasts welcome to watch. Pictured left to right are winner Thickens, Victoria Platt (director of Henwood Court Financial Planning Ltd) and runner-up King.