

SPORT ROUND-UP

Boldmere show squad strength as they take top spot in league meeting

SWIMMING

BOLDMERE proved just too good for the opposition as they were the runaway winners of the latest round of Division One action in Worcester last week.

Boldmere amassed a massive 260 gala points to win by some 80 points ahead of second placed Stourbridge.

Going into the final deciding National League Final round (tomorrow) this places them level on league points with Coventry and City of Derby but sitting on top of the league by virtue of 19 more gala points than Derby.

The teams all round strength showed in the relays as they won 13 of the 16 events coming second in the remaining three. The tally of individuals first also matched the relays with eleven second place finishes.

Emma Smith, who missed the first round due to a Scottish squad training camp, returned to break two club records by winning the Ladies Open 100m Freestyle and a second place in the 100m fly in a time of 1.06 minutes.

Steve Wilson stopped the clock first in both his 100m backstroke and freestyle races to bank maximum points and was top individual points earner on the night.

Other first place individual wins were achieved by Kate Davies, Leo Karski, Leighton Palmer-Whyte, Matt Price, Ben Stanford, Jake Dixon, Alex Dolan, Givenchy Sneekes, Bradley Lynch and Joey Stanger.

Lily Wood also broke an age group club record in the girls freestyle with a time of 32.41 seconds to give her third place while Roan Griffiths personal best second place finish in the backstroke and Lauren Wall's



Pictured from left to right are: Lauren Wall, Sam Morris, Harriet Gordon, Ben Campbell (1st rnd), Roan Griffiths, Sarah Kelly, Jack Dobson, Anya Mee.

Picture courtesy of Steve Harlow.

super relays swims won them the stars of the gala on the night.

Tomorrows third and final round will decide who will be the league champions and earn their place in the National League Final in Cardiff next April.

The B team meanwhile traveled up to Mansfield where it was a much closer affair in their Division Two gala.

After 18 events there was only three points separating four teams with Boldmere joint second on 70 points.

However, by the 34 event marker they had moved in to a 12 point lead ahead of the hosts and that's where they stayed, to win with maximum points

to also top their league.

This books their place in the third round final in Matlock where they will compete for the league title.

Despite tough competition the team still finished in the top three places in 34 out of 50 events with 13 wins.

In the individual events the boys gave a superb performance with Jack Dobson clinching first place in the 50m backstroke. James Goodwin also came first in the 50m fly, while 10-year-old Ben Smith earned a second place finish.

Not to be outdone by the boys the girls also delivered with Harriet Gordon taking second place in the 50m backstroke, Molly Sheriff bagged third in both the 50m fly and

freestyle with Anya Mee claiming second place in the 50m backstroke.

The under 13-boys impressed with Archie Langston holding on to first place in the 100m backstroke, Ben Campbell came third in the 100m breaststroke and second in the 100m freestyle with Ryan Andrews taking second place in the 100m butterfly.

The under-13 girls performed well against tough opposition with Lauren Wilson achieving a creditable second place in the 100m butterfly and Lois West third in the 100m freestyle.

In the under-15 boys age group Daniel Lynch-Davies stormed from fourth to second place in the last five-metres of

the 100m breaststroke.

Georgina Lockett secured a first place in the 100m breaststroke in the under-15 girls, Rachel Wilson finished first in the 100m butterfly. Morgan Harlow finished second in the 100m freestyle.

In the men's open category Jordan Youngman knocked 13 seconds off his time with an impressive personal best of 2.19.80 in the 200 individual medley and came second in the 100m freestyle.

Matt Fitt secured first place in the 100m breaststroke while Adam Kelly finished strongly in the 100m backstroke coming up home in second place.

In the relays there were nine top three places, with four wins out of a possible 16 relays.

The 11-year-old boys stole the show by winning both their 4 x 50m relays. Several members of the relay teams did not have individual races but most importantly contributed to the success of the overall result these being Katherina Hall, Tim Beesley and Lucy Dixon.

The gala stars were awarded to Jack Dobson and Harriet Gordon, both from the 11 years and under category finishing predominantly first in their individual and relay races.

In Division Three (North) the C team were once gain up against five A teams but with gutsy efforts from the whole team, which produced 21 personal bests, they still managed to finish in a creditable fifth place which currently places them 15th in the league of 24 teams.

It was the under-15s girls who stole the show with the quartet of Camilla Chatfield, Jemma Graham, Emma Buckroyd and Sarah Kelly winning both their freestyle and medley relays



It's double gold for swim star Kearney

SWIMMING

BOLDMERE'S Tully Kearney claimed four medals at the recent DSE National Short Course Championships in Sheffield - two of them gold.

The 15-year-old competed in the S10, SB9, and SM10 classification in six races over two days at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, achieving personal bests in four events.

Indeed, Kearney (pictured above) broke her own S10 British record by four seconds, as well as setting a European record in the 400m freestyle race.

To add to that gold, Kearney also won gold in the 100m free, a silver medal in the 200m individual medley and a bronze in the 100m backstroke, as well as achieving fourth place in the 100m breaststroke and 50m freestyle.

As a result of her performance, Kearney will be of one 20 athletes picked to attend Great Britain's disability swimming 'Road to Rio' training camp in Dubai from December 8-22.

She attended the Olympic Trials in London in late March and, although she did not make the 2012 squad due to injury, Kearney's age and determination will set her up well for the next Paralympics in 2016.

Kearney was also overall multi-disability winner on British Disability Points in the 400m freestyle event.

She got 973 BD points which was closer to the world record in her class than any other competitor in the event, including many of those who competed at the London 2012 Paralympics, which made it an even more amazing result.

Sutton miss out after Clifton strike late to win thriller

HOCKEY

SUTTON COLDFIELD LADIES FIRST XI 5 CLIFTON 6

Investec Women's National Premier

SUTTON Ladies suffered late heartbreak as they led for most of the game against Clifton but were robbed of even a single point by two goals in the dying minutes.

With both sides going into the game on disappointing runs, it was Sutton who took the early initiative as Char-

lene Mason rocketed them ahead after five minutes.

Jane Sixsmith made it 2-0 and even though Clifton pulled one back, Sutton soon re-established the two-goal cushion, winning a penalty flick that Jen Parkinson coolly converted.

Sarah Mills added a fourth to Sutton's tally but this was followed by a breakaway goal from the visitors to reduce the deficit to 4-2 at the interval.

Clifton came out firing on all cylinders after the break and levelled at 4-4 within five minutes thanks to an outfield goal and a penalty corner.

Sutton went back ahead through a very calm penalty corner rebound from Emma Wootton but Clifton scored a penalty corner with six minutes to go and snatched the points with the winner soon after.

CANNOCK 1 SUTTON COLDFIELD LADIES SECOND XI 2

SUTTON seconds battled hard to claim victory in this friendly clash at Cannock.

Sophie Poxon bagged her first goal of the season midway through the first half but Cannock levelled before the break.

However, Sutton emerged victorious with the only goal of the second half, Karen Slater pushing forward from defence to create Poxon's second goal.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY 2 SUTTON COLDFIELD MEN'S SECOND XI 0

LEAGUE leaders Nottingham proved just too strong for Sutton seconds, although the town side produced a valiant display.

The game was goalless at the break, thanks to Sutton goalkeeper George Wright's fine penalty stroke save.

However, a well-worked short corner put the hosts ahead after the break, although Sutton were unlucky to see a potential equaliser disallowed.

Sutton pressed for the leveller until the last minute but, with the last touch of the game, the students scored a



Captain Vicky Woolford in action. (SFPB20121201C-207_C)

breakaway, doubling their lead.

SUTTON COLDFIELD MEN'S THIRD XI 4 LICHFIELD 3

SUTTON men's thirds had a happier afternoon as they kept their own unbeaten record alive - and ended the undefeated record of title rivals Lichfield in the process.

Sutton keeper Bill Heywood made a magnificent double save early on before Anton Lea's first-time finish gave the town men the lead.



Sutton celebrating a Sarah Mills goal. (SFPB20121201C-210_C12)

Picture by Paul Barber

Lichfield levelled from a short corner but Sutton went 3-1 up as Sam Straw netted, also from a short corner, before Lea nutmegged the keeper.

The lead was cut before the break but Straw made it 4-2 from close range after the break and, although Lichfield clawed the gap back to one goal again, they could not stop Sutton moving three points clear at the top of the table.

SUTTON COLDFIELD LADIES THIRD XI 5 EDBASTON 0

SUTTON Ladies thirds got back to winning ways in style as they fired five past struggling Edgbaston.

Strikes from McGrath, Willis and own goal made it 3-0 at the break, while second half goals from Fairley and Liveley completed the rout.

RUGBY AND EAST WARWICK 1 SUTTON COLDFIELD MEN'S FOURTH XI 0

SUTTON fourths were unable to make it four wins in a row as they slipped to defeat to the only goal of the game at Rugby.

HOW THEY STAND

Investec Women's Hockey League Premier Division				
	P	W	L	Pts
Canterbury	10	7	0	24
Leicester	10	7	1	23
Reading	11	6	3	20
Surbiton	10	6	2	20
Bowdon Hightown	10	5	2	18
Clifton	11	3	4	13
SUTTON COLDFIELD	11	4	6	13
SUTTON COLDFIELD LADIES				
	P	W	L	Pts
University of Birmingham	11	3	6	11
Oilton and West	11	1	8	5
Warwicks				
Slough	11	0	10	1