

## SPORT ROUND-UP

## Rogers pleased by England calling

## ATHLETICS

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SUTTON'S Georgina Rogers is looking forward to representing her country after qualifying to compete for England by claiming a silver medal at this weekend's Aviva English Schools' Track and Field Championships in Gateshead.

The Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls pupil has recently started competing in the 300m hurdles and overcame her nerves to win silver with a time of 44.08secs.

Rogers, who competes for Birchfield Harriers, has qualified for the inter final by winning heat three in a quicker time of 43.86secs.

But the 15-year-old was more than happy to claim silver, beaten only by Surrey's Shona Richards who won in an impressive 42.36secs.

"It was very scary for me with the crowds and the TV cameras here," admitted Rogers, who follows in some illustrious footsteps by claiming a medal at the English Schools.

London 2012-bound Jess Ennis, Jack Green and Andy



**Georgina Rogers claimed silver at the English Schools' Championships.**

Turner all started their careers at Aviva Athletics Academy schemes.

She added: "I didn't hurdle very well but I'm pleased with the medal, I suppose it's a good sign to still get a medal."

"My season has been good overall. I've only just started doing the 300m hurdles so I'm quite pleased to have just got into the finals and then finish so well."

"Next week I'm going to the internationals after qualifying for it from this and I'll get to wear the England vest as well which is going to be cool."

"Next year I'll still be in inters and maybe I can turn it into a gold."

Rogers' performance leaves her ranked second in the UK in the event at under-17 level, as she enters the next stage of the season.

But along with her training and competitions, she admits her attention will now also turn to London, with the home Olympic Games starting at the end of the month.

Rogers is looking forward to seeing how Team GB fare, adding: "It's great fun to be part of a team and one day I hope to be part of the Aviva GB & NI Team as a professional athlete."

"I am so excited that I'll be watching my heroes this summer and I hope it will make a huge difference for our athletes to know that we will all be backing the team."

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**SWIMMING:** Boldmere's Joey Stanger – 100m and 200m freestyle – and swimmers Emma Smith, Josh Winnicott – 100 breaststroke and 400 individual medley – travelled to Liverpool for a weekend of swimming representing the West Midlands at the English Schools' Inter Divisional National Championships.

The pair were joined by Givenchy Sneekes and Jake Dixon for the event which was held at the 50m Liverpool Aquatics Centre.

The West Midlands team finished sixth from the eight competing regions. Dixon took silver in the 200metre individual medley in a new personal best of 2.17.61. He also took bronze in the 100m fly in a new club record of 1.01.96.

Smith won a bronze in the 100m backstroke and girls relay with Sneekes who won another bronze in the 400m freestyle.

Pictured are Jake, Emma and Joey.



## Boldmere taking second spot in final league meet of year

## SWIMMING

BOLDMERE took second spot in the third and final round in Division One of the Nuneaton and District Junior League.

Despite securing 46 out of 51 top-three places with 23 wins, 28 personal bests and three club records Leicester's A team edged Boldmere into second spot by just six gala points.

The nine-year-old boys saw Jamie Dark taking third place in the 25m breaststroke.

Acer Woolley followed suit with a third place in the 25m butterfly while Ben Smith dominated both the 25m freestyle and backstroke with first places and two personal bests.

For the girls Abbey Turnbull finished second in the 25m backstroke.

In the 10-year-old age group, Lily Wood won the 50m and then came third in the 50m breaststroke.

Alex Bartley took third in the 50m backstroke and came third in the 25m butterfly.

James Goodwin took first place in 25m butterfly and

second place in the 50m freestyle.

Toby Chiles came second in the 50m breaststroke, while Jack Bateman won the 50m backstroke.

The 11-year-olds gave another fantastic performance with Megan Holder coming second in the 50m backstroke.

Stella-Anne O'Hehir achieved a superb win in the 50m butterfly and took second place in the 50m freestyle. Aristeia Knight came second in the 50m breaststroke.

The 11-year-old boys saw Roan Griffiths come second in the 50m backstroke followed by Leo Karski who was second in the 50m butterfly.

Elsewhere, Leighton Palmer-Whyte came third in 50m breaststroke and Taleb Givans came second in the 50m freestyle.

In the 12-year old girls' category Kate Davies came second in 50m breaststroke while Lauren Wall took second place in a close finish in 50m backstroke and third in the 50 freestyle.

The boys saw Matt Price claiming maximum points in

both 50m backstroke and freestyle, while Tom Bloor also finished first the 50m butterfly and came third in the 50m breaststroke.

Meanwhile, Boldmere's B team saw wins from Jack Dobson in the under-11 50m backstroke and Rebecca Illott in the under-10 50m fly.

There were also second places from the girls 12 and under freestyle quartet of Lauren Wilson, Chanel Kang, Chloe Wiedeman and Georgina Dolan and Chloe Wiedeman in the individual 50m backstroke; Ryan Andrews in the 12 and under 50m freestyle.

They were coupled with third places from Chanel Kang in the butterfly, Stephanie Deathridge in breaststroke, Ryan Andrews, this time in the backstroke, and Georgina Dolan in the breaststroke.

There results helped Boldmere B finish in sixth place.

As well as Boldmere A and B, being in action, Boldmere C also had their own event as well.

The C side travelled to

Worcester and came fourth recording 26 from 51 top three places and 28 personal bests.

Nine-year-old Matthias Johnson recorded the first win of the night with an impressive five-metre margin in the 25m breaststroke.

Kierran Hassan also won his closely fought 25m freestyle. The boys continued in the same vein later in the evening taking another first in the freestyle relay with Charlie Giblin leading off, handing over to Matthias then Kieran with Jayden Reid on anchor to win by a metre.

For the nine-year-old girls, Jessica Dunn took third in the 25m breaststroke.

Within the 10-year-old age group Jonathan Briggs came second in the 50m breaststroke while Francesca Goode won both her 50m backstroke and 25m butterfly.

The 12-year-old boys of Gibbs Bah, Jack Barton, Oliver Kirkham, Marcus Atkins and Cameron Billingsley took three out of five top-three finishes including a hard fought second place in the medley relay.

Perry Beeches Masters' swimmers Rob Small and Paul Bates both produced gold medal – winning performances in terrible conditions at last weekend's ASA West Midlands Open Water Championships at Bosworth Water. Both competitors overcame tough opposition from swimmers from all over the West Midlands and further afield to claim first places in their respective 2k championship races. Bates (right) won the 40-49 age group in 25.12mins while Small (left) was the first man home in the 30-35 age group in 27.25mins. Both will now turn their attentions to the ASA British Championship Open Water Event in two weeks in Sheffield. Anyone wishing to join Perry Beeches Masters can call Mandy Blizzard on 07793 560698 for more details.



**TENNIS:** Parents and children alike enjoyed Streetly Tennis Club's recent family fun day. The day featured 24 pairs taking part in a keenly contested doubles tournament, while spectators enjoyed a barbecue laid on by the club's junior committee. In the younger age group, Alan and Leah Doyle beat Donovan and Devon Broomes. In

the older age group, juniors Zak Sagoo and Kevin Koshy teamed up to beat Mo Keating and her grandson, James Simmons. Anyone interested in joining Streetly Tennis Club, can call Will Rogers on 07931 959059, or head coach Neil Goldsby on 07974 672699 or visit [www.streetlytennisclub.co.uk](http://www.streetlytennisclub.co.uk)

**KARATE:** A trio of Central Karate Schools students from Sutton shone at the recent Simon Coope Championships in Leicestershire. Callum Heeley (left) picked up a gold medal in kata, while there was also a gold for Ritchie Smith (centre) in kumite. And there was a pair of bronze medals for Isabel Odgarrd Webber (right) in the kata and kumite categories, plus a silver in team kumite. The club trains at Emmanuel Church hall, Birmingham Road, Wyld Green, on a Saturday morning from 9.30am-1.30pm. Classes are for youngsters aged 5-16 – for more details visit [www.kombatkids.com](http://www.kombatkids.com) or call Ricky on 07771 824429.

