

SPORT ROUND-UP

Houghton magic is too much for Mets

Basketball

**MANCHESTER MAGIC 80
BIRMINGHAM METS 73**
English Basketball League
Division Two

BIRMINGHAM Mets fell to a disappointing seven-point defeat at Manchester Magic in the opening game of the 2012/13 English Basketball League Division 2 season this past Saturday.

A poor second half was to blame as they went down 80-73, having led by as much as 13 points in the first half.

Mets' defensive inconsistency let them down as Manchester were allowed to claw back in dramatic style in a matter of minutes towards the end of the half, heading into the break up 38-37.

The Sutton-based Mets never regained their composure and trailed throughout the second half, with momentary glimpses of energy cancelled out by unnecessary turnovers and a failure to out-rebound the young, hungry Magic.

Manchester's talented young guard Josh Houghton led all scorers with 22 points, including 18 in the second half and some decisive shots to close out the game in the fourth quarter.

The athletic Anthony Wareham was a bright spark for Mets, picking up 18 points, six rebounds and four steals in a losing cause.

Mets head coach Steve Barnes was unimpressed with the result and vowed to work on the team's weaknesses as the 22-game season continues in London next week.

He said: "To say I'm disappointed would be an understatement. We had a good game plan which we executed well for most of the first half. That two minute lapse in concentration cost us dearly, though, and we never seemed to recover."

"Every time we have been out-rebounded in a game this season, we have lost and today was no different."

"We got exposed in some soft areas and will be addressing these immediately in practices. We need to realise that we cannot afford to have off-days - the competition is too good for that."

"We now know where we need to focus our attention and improve those soft areas to enable us to get back to winning ways."

This Saturday's home game at the Sutton campus against Glamorgan has been postponed. The Mets next play away to London United on Sunday, November 4.

INSHORT

SQUASH: Sutton fourths were narrowly beaten 3-2 away at Bourneville in their Warwickshire Division Four match. Brendon Dunne lost 3-0 but Martin Clarke won his match 3-1. Chris Hubball then put Sutton in front when he won a closely fought game 3-2. Lee Weston went down 3-0 before Andy Lockley slipped to a 3-2 defeat.

NETBALL: Parkside enjoyed a 30-21 win over Birmingham City in Division Four of the Walsall and District Netball League. Anya Massey and Emily Wright were players of the match.

Sixsmith is on fire as Sutton ladies maintain fine form

Hockey

**OLTON AND WEST WARWICKS 1
SUTTON COLDFIELD LADIES
FIRST XI 4**

Investec Ladies England
Hockey League Premier Division

SECOND-PLACED Sutton stayed right on the heels of National Premier leaders Canterbury with a fine win on the road at old rivals Olton.

The hosts started the

strongest, scoring early and taking a 1-0 lead into half time but Sutton came out fighting and two perfect short corners from Vicky Woolford soon put them 2-1 ahead.

Forwards Sarah Mills and Jane Sixsmith struck further goals to take the game out of struggling Olton's reach and keep Sutton just a point behind Canterbury.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD LADIES
FIRST XI 2 SURBITON 1 (AET)**
EHB Investec Ladies Cup

SUTTON avenged their only league defeat of the season so far by knocking Surbiton out of the cup thanks to Jane Sixsmith's extra time strike.

Buoyed by their win at Olton, a confident Sutton side took the lead in normal time, only to be pegged back to 1-1 for full time.

However, with penalty flicks looming, Sixsmith struck the golden goal to put Sutton through to a trip to Cannock on November 11.

**BARFORD TIGERS 8
SUTTON COLDFIELD MEN'S
FIRST XI 3**

THE misery continued for Sutton men's firsts as they conceded another bucket-load of goals against former national league side Barford.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD MEN'S
SECOND XI 3 KHALSA 3**

SUTTON seconds shared the spoils in a thriller with Khalsa as captain Pete Trickey, Tom Eustace and Simon Baines gave them 2-0 and 3-1 leads, only for the visitors to draw.

**KINGS HEATH PICKWICK 0
SUTTON COLDFIELD MEN'S
THIRD XI 3**

A FIRST clean sheet of the season underlined another dominant performance by Sutton thirds. The win was courtesy of a fine penalty flick save by Bill Heywood plus goals from Anton Lea (2) and Anthony Czaicki.

**WARWICK SECOND XI 0
SUTTON COLDFIELD LADIES
FOURTH XI 2**

NEWLY-PROMOTED Sutton fourths claimed a hard-fought victory at Warwick thanks to strikes from Graham and Simms.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD MEN'S
FOURTH XI 2
CANNOCK 6**

SUTTON men's fourths lost a feisty battle to a strong table-topping Cannock side, with Ian Harding and Sam Davies getting their consolation goals.

**LICHFIELD 0
SUTTON COLDFIELD MEN'S
FIFTH XI 6**

SUTTON sixths emerged comfortable victors in this clash between two sides with 100 per cent records courtesy of braces from Taylor and Gimson (2), plus single strikes from Guest and Morrison.

HOW THEY STAND

Investec Women's Hockey League

Premier Division

| | P | W | L | Pts |
|----------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Canterbury..... | 6 | 4 | 0 | 14 |
| Sutton Coldfield.... | 6 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| Surbiton..... | 6 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| Bowdon Hightown.. | 6 | 3 | 1 | 11 |
| Leicester..... | 6 | 3 | 1 | 11 |
| Clifton..... | 6 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| University of..... | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Birmingham..... | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Reading..... | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Olton and West..... | 6 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Warwicks..... | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Slough..... | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

Boldmere's A team love it as victory plan comes together

Swimming

By STEVE HARLOW

Swimming correspondent

BOLDMERE confirmed its status as one of the country's top swimming clubs as their current 'A' team crop of juniors finished runners-up in the highly competitive Southern Area Inter-League Final in Chesterfield.

The gritty performance guarantees the club a place in the Junior Inter-League Grand Final - which features the country's top eight clubs - for the fourth time in the last five years.

Competing against tough opposition from City of Peterborough, Hillingdon, Nottingham Leander, Romford Town and Swim Bournemouth, Boldmere achieved 10 victories and 24 top three finishes from 49 events.

They claimed 17 official personal bests, 45 unofficial relay personal bests and an outstanding performance in the boys' 12-and-under medley relay resulting in a club record of 1.01.09mins.

In the individual events,

Acer Woolley touched first in the 9-yr boys' 25m freestyle in a PB of 16.67secs and took second place in the 25m butterfly with another PB of 19.11secs.

Erin Davies made an impressive debut for the 9-yr girls by taking second place and gaining a PB (22.77secs) in the 25m breaststroke.

In the 10/u girls, Alexandra Bartley set a PB of 39.44secs to take third place in the 50m butterfly while Lilly Wood secured second place in the 50m freestyle.

Ben Smith claimed silver in the 10/u boys' 50m freestyle in a PB of 33.60secs followed by bronze in the 50m Backstroke with another PB of 39.57secs. James Goodwin was third in the 50m butterfly.

In the 11/u age group, Leo Karski claimed two second place finishes in the 50m butterfly and freestyle, while the 12-year girls produced some excellent results.

Kate Davies recorded a super win in the 50m butterfly and was just edged into second place in the 50m breaststroke. Lauren Wall also secured second place in the 50m freestyle.



Boldmere captains Kate Davies and Matt Price with Boldmere's runners-up trophy.

Picture by Steve Harlow.

The 12/u boys cleaned up in their age group with Matthew Price doing the double by winning both 50m backstroke and freestyle. Tom Bloor followed suit by winning both the 50m butterfly and breaststroke.

Boldmere also achieved an amazing four wins and eight top three places in the 16 relays and will head to Corby for the National Final on November 25, looking to improve on last year's fifth place finish.



Penns Tennis Club held a charity doubles tournament for Breast Cancer Awareness last week - with home players Joyce Terry and Angie Harrison emerging triumphant. The pair defeated Boldmere duo Rosemary Robinson and Jan Baker in an entertaining final. The tournament raised £489 which will be matched by Lloyds TSB.

Youngsters from 2As Judokwai took part (right) in the Bushi Open last weekend and came away with a host of medals. Gold medals were won by Healey Phillips-Payne, Pierce Maughan, Samuel Perry, Maisie Mae, Holly Payton and Tony Malone. Heidi Saunders won silver while there were bronze medals for Jake Payton, Ryan Cartwright, Thomas Davies and Stacy Malone. Meanwhile, Taylor and Eden Morton took part in the Samurai Open at Kidderminster and both won gold.



DARTS RESULTS

ANVIL Nomads made a promising start against unbeaten Sutton Sports, winning the first two games but then plunged to a 7-2 defeat in the latest round of Four Oaks and District Darts League Division One fixtures.

Red Lion Flights also beat Boldmere Sports 7-2 to stay level with Sutton Sports at the top of the table, while Old Oscott Arrows and The Fox Flights both won to trail the leaders by two points.

It was deja vu in the second division with both The Leopard and Drakes Drum winning by the same 7-2 margin and they remain tied at the top of their table.

Bromford and Heartlands both suffered first defeats of the season in Division Three.

Results - Division One, October 16, Match No.3

RED LION FLIGHTS 7 (T Colley 100b S Andrews 101b, 160b, 2x121, 123, 180 B Hughes 112b, 100, 125 D Watkins 100, 131 D G Bond 160b, 140 J Collins 140 T Kelly 100, 120b, 129 T Pedley 110b)

BOLDMERE SPORTS 2 (P Newman 112b, 3x100, 125 A Mills 140 M Laverender 2x100, 174 L Cooksey 105 R Tidmarsh 100).

OLD OSCOTT ARROWS 5 (D Page 140 J Frost 120b, 100b M Compton 100 E Atkins 106b M Maher 2x100, 140 M Page 121 A Mountford 2x112b, 3x100, 139, 140, 9-dart game)

THE NOMADS 4 (N Robbins 120b, 100 D Baker 4x100 B Mortiboys 100 J Vickers 121, 134 K Smith 100, 140 J Green 5x100 B Godfrey 105).

THE FOX FLIGHTS 7 (A Gallett 100, 109f P M Seadon 120b C Woodroffe 125 C Packer 100b, 117, 140 C Millward Snr 100 C Millward Jnr 112b, 2x100)

OLD OSCOTT WMC 2 (J Higgins 125, 130 I Johnson 100 N Hawkey 100 D Parsons 100 J Tolley 100 C Hawkey 100, 140, 115f).

ANVIL NOMADS 2 (T Tyrrie 120b D Walton 100 P Guesford 100 N Harley 100) **SUTTON SPORTS 7** (T Lewis 2x100 D Vickers 2x100 M Wild 140 J Kavanagh 2x100 M Ashton 100, 140 M Westmorland 137 T Vickers 100, 135).

Division Two
WHITE LION 2 (T Evans 100 I Taylor 140 M Haigh 2x112b J D Watt 140) **THE LEOPARD 7** (D Murray 101 D Savage 100, 160b L Shorthouse 121 C Hill 120b, 121f, 9-dart game D Jarvis Snr 100, 101).

DEER'S LEAP STAGS 5 (G Kimberley 110, 132 S Spink 3x100 D Pickering 100 S Baker 100, 140)

PINT POT ARROWS 4 (M Bruin 100, 2x123, 125 K Toozee 2x140 M Hawkins 100b, 2x100 A Sears 100, 113).

PINT POT FLIGHTS 2 (H Smith 100b J Moon 2x100 L Clarke 100 M Pearson-Bagnall 2x100 N Gilbert 100, 140 M Mills 160)

DRAKES DRUM 7 (J Clarke 113, 115, 2x125, 140 J Mahon 120b, 113f A Day 3x100, 140 M Pearce 101b A J Lilley 100 R Hasluck 100).

SUTTON PARK HOTEL 5 (M Willetts 100, 2x121 D Perry 100, 120 T Comerford 2x100 Jim Lynch 100b G Lynch 100 B Lysaght 120b, 2x100, 2x140 A Jarvis 100, 125, 180)

ERDINGTON ARROWS 4 (J P Roddy 100, 140 J J Armstrong 100 R Bazeley 100 J West 4x100 J Leydon 120b, 3x100 M Kenny 120b, 100, 103, 140).

Division Three
PLOUGH AND BARROWS 5 (P Opieler 2x100 S Gow 100 C Davies 100 M Bateman 100)
HIGHCROFT DRAGONS 4 (R Thrupp 100 L Vernalis 100, 122, 140 F Armstrong 105b, 120b, 100, 105, 118 B Cattell 100).

BOLDMERE OAK 1 (A Czaicki 118, 126 J Chapman 100 R Browne 103b M Wadsworth 100, 101 D Byrne 129)

BISHOP VESEY 8 (T Pringle 100 J Dempsey 100, 180 M Downer 100b, 2x100).

BROMFORD CLUB 2 (J Miller 112b D Sargent 100 K Taylor 100 M Taylor 100, 109b, 134 W Taylor 2x100) **THE BEEHIVE 7** (K Deeley 100 J Prince 100, 140 K Reynolds 2x100 T Reynolds 100b, 101b M Partridge 100, 108f).

THE HEARTLANDS 4 (S John 114 W Naylor 100 S Cain 140 M Naylor 128 J Frost 2x100, 125 G Drennan 4x100, 140)

BROOKVALE 5 (R Blaney 108b, 100 D Lowe 100, 124 J Yates 108b, 100, 140 R Kelly 140 A Mytton 2x100, 140).