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SQUASH: Four Oaks Squash and Racketball Club recently held its Club Championship Finals night. The final of the racketball saw Chris Evans finally narrowly beat Neil Williams in a game that lasted almost an hour-and-a-half. The Ladies Championship was retained by Sam Hampson, while the Men's Veterans crown was won by Tim Cave. The Men's Plate was won by Howard Marsh, while Bob Donnelly triumphed in the Men's Vintage event and the Mixed Handicap was won by junior Tom Williams. James Longden came from two sets down to beat Andy Slater 3-2 in a thrilling men's final. The club is always looking for new members of all ages and abilities – for more details, call Peter Heller on 0121 353 8053 or visit www.fouroakssquashclub.co.uk

BADMINTON: The first week of the Wyndley Badminton League's April session saw Girish Gupte extend his unbeaten record to 2 years as he brushed aside Steve Shakespeare and Phil Townson. Shakespeare bounced back to win 2-0 against John Cox, while in Division Two, Josh Blinds beat Tony Cupitt 2-1. Cupitt also lost 2-0 to Adrian Bates. In Division Three, Paul Whitehouse hit top form to beat Micheal Wiley 2-0. There are still spaces available for new members – visit www.wyndleybadminton.org.uk

BOWLS: Erdington Court Bowls Club was the recent venue for the Short Mat Bowls Association's inaugural match between North and South of England. Teams of 32 competed over two days in a 'Ryder Cup' format involving 16 pairs and 8 fours. The weekend was arranged in aid of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and a substantial sum was raised. The club has also held its own traditional indoor bowls finals in the various formats of triples, pairs and singles. The Individual Open Champions were Mark Ireland and Joan Garner. Anyone interested in joining Erdington Court can call secretary David Mitchell on 0121 308 2508.

CRICKET: Four Oaks Saints will be holding their annual open day at their Clarence Road ground on Sunday from 12.30pm. Sunday will also be an opportunity to register for the popular junior coaching sessions which start on April 28. Call 0121 353 4923 or visit <http://fouroakssaints.playcricket.com> for more details.

HOCKEY: Sutton Coldfield Ladies Fifth XI cruised to an 8-0 victory over Olton and West Warwicks. Lisa Abbott scored a hat-trick while Heather Burton, Emma Jones, Sam Richardson and Tracey Hart were also on target. The fifts won a second fixture against Olton 6-1 with two goals for Richardson plus one each for Jones, Dawn Tansley, Abbott and Hart.

FOOTBALL: Aston Villa will be holding a four-day soccer course at Streeley School, Queslett Road East, from Monday. Mini Kickers (4-6) train from 10am-12pm each day and the cost is £20 (pre-booked) or £8 per day. Youngsters aged 7-14 train from 10am-3pm each day and the cost is £40 (pre booked) or £15 per day. Email matt.cecil@avfc.co.uk for more details.

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Beth and Ben lead way for Boldmere



Boldmere's gala stars (back l-r) Carl Joyce, Beth Grant, Teerath Khaira and (front l-r) Molly Sheriff, Maia Boyle, Ben Campbell. Picture by Steve Harlow.

SWIMMING

BOLDMERE Swimming Club's A and B squads have enjoyed fine starts to the 2011 Nuneaton and District Junior League Division One season.

The A team maintained their winning ways in Walsall with 43 top-three finishes and 21 wins from 51 races to triumph over Solihull, Halesowen, Stratford Sharks, Lutterworth and the hosts.

In the ten-year age group, Stella-Anne O'Hehir won both 66m freestyle and fly while Aristea Knight triumphed in the breaststroke.

Taleb Givans set a new boys' club record and swam up an age group to join Kai Alexander, Joel Cunningham and Matt Price to win both medley and freestyle relays, with a club record in the latter.

Cunningham (backstroke) and Price (fly and breaststroke) triumphed while Kate Davies won the breaststroke in a new club record.

In the 11-year freestyle relay, the Boldmere quartet of Davies, O'Hehir, Lois West and Lauren Wall were victorious.

Girls' gala star Beth Grant won the 12-year freestyle and breaststroke, the latter in a new club record.

There were wins for Laura Richardson (backstroke), boys' gala star Ben Campbell (breaststroke) and Ben Stanford (backstroke & freestyle).

The girls' 12-year medley foursome of Richardson, Grant, Rachel Wilson and Davies also won while Alexander, Cunningham, Price, Campbell and Stanford won both boys' relays.

The B squad travelled to Leamington and claimed a fifth-place finish with Molly Sheriff named girls' gala star for her excellent relay swims and personal best in the 25m butterfly.

Carl Joyce took the boys' gala star award for super relay swims in which he clocked two new personal bests.

Eden Harlow was the club's highest finisher, just pipped into second place in the 12-and-under 50m breaststroke.

Finally, the C team hosted their first Division 3 gala at Wyndley, finishing second out of five teams with just Broadway ahead of them.

Race winners were Amelia Van Loan plus gala stars Maia Boyle and Teerath Khaira on a night that featured 33 personal bests plus four wins, five second places and four thirds in the relays.



Sutton Coldfield Tennis Club stars Max Stewart (above) and Ellie Griffiths (right) gained valuable international experience in Belgium.



GB experience for town duo

TENNIS

SUTTON Coldfield Tennis Club stars Max Stewart and Ellie Griffiths represented Britain in an international match in Belgium recently.

Stewart won all four of his singles games and both doubles as the boys hammered their Belgian rivals 20-0

overall, not losing a match.

The British girls lost 12-8 overall. Griffiths suffered three narrow singles defeats but did rebound well to claim one victory.

This was the second time both have been selected for Britain and Stewart will also be competing in France later this month, again for GB.

Boldmere Tennis Club launched its season of summer tournaments with the Ogley Cup mixed doubles competition last weekend. This year a high entry meant the competition was run in two halves with the winner decided on a championship tie-break. This year's winners were husband and wife team Neil and Sam Hampson with Chris Kimberley and Tim Cave runners-up. Pictured right are the competitors. For more details on the Jockey Road club, call 0121 603 7930 or 308 3150.



Four podium spots in two days for Alastair

MOTORSPORT

SUTTON teenager Alastair Dayus produced a sparkling performance to claim four podium finishes in the latest round of the Thundersport Dunlop Aprilia 125cc Super-teen Championship.

The 15-year-old scored a massive 86 points towards the championship with his displays at Donington Park.

On Saturday, Dayus won in the first race and then finished third in the next.

He then claimed first and second-place finishes in Sunday's races.

Dayus is looking for companies or individuals willing to sponsor him and help him achieve his aims of



Alastair Dayus claimed a host of podium finishes at Donington Park

moving on to British Superbikes or the Junior Cup in World Superbikes.

Anyone interested in helping him out should email bikesrus@talktalk.net

Loughborough no match for town lads

TENNIS

SUTTON Coldfield Tennis Club claimed victory in its first AEGON U18 boys Premier Team Tennis competition match last weekend.

Sutton's team of Harry Busby, Oliver Plaskett, Thomas Crothers and Jack Busby hosted Loughborough International High Performance Centre last Saturday.

Sutton won the match 4-2, winning the deciding doubles 10-8 on a championship tie break.