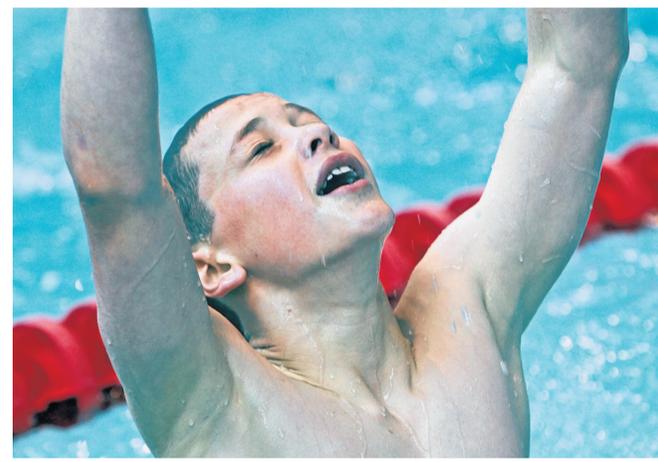
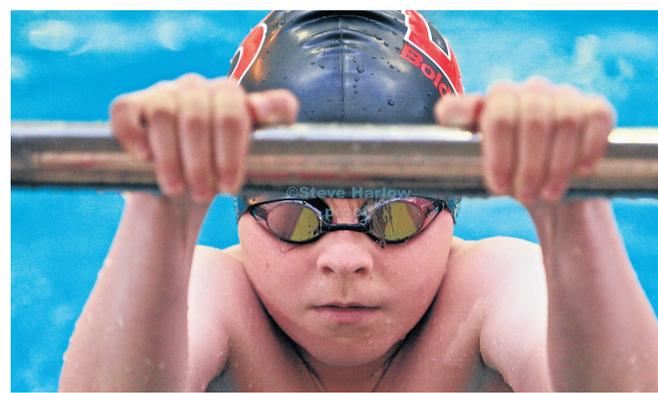


## SPORT ROUND-UP



Above: Several of the Boldmere Swimming Club Midlands medallists. Far right top: Archie Langston was in fine form at the championships, picking up three medals. And far right bottom: Jake Dixon celebrates after achieving a national qualifying time. Pictures by Steve Harlow



## Midland marvels make a real splash as Boldmere scoop medals aplenty

### INSHORT

**TENNIS:** Four Oaks Tennis Club is hosting its 16th annual LTA Ratings event starting this weekend – the 2011 Henwood Court Financial Planning Open Tournament. Competition referee Vic Brown says he has a good field of more than 50 competitors but any potential late entrants can contact him on 07969 171690. The ten LTA rating divisions, which range from top national players to competitive beginners, will be split into four groups.

**KEEPER APPEAL:** Four Oaks under-16s are looking for a goalkeeper for next season. Interested stoppers must be starting school year 11 in September. The side trains on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings at Rectory Park. For more details, call Chris on 07973 732876.

**PUMAS SEARCH:** Four Oaks Pumas under-10s are looking for a current year 5 goalkeeper and defenders for next season. Call Matt Hollins on 07967 027349 for a trial.

**BADMINTON NEWS:** There were some cracking games in Division Two of the Wyndley Badminton League this week. Adrian Bates beat John Cox 2-0 in sets while former British Army champion John Brant put Ray Woodford to the sword, winning 24-22 21-17. Babu Renjith was in fine form in Division Three, beating both Phil Nobbs and Brian Arnold 2-0, while Khurum Afzal's 22 match unbeaten run was ended 2-0 by Karl Thompson in Division Four. Division Six saw Clare Godfrey beat Jane Lee 20-22, 21-6 21-9, with Yuka Walker claiming a 2-1 win over Nicola Fenwick. The league is looking for new members – for more details, visit wyndleybadminton.org.uk

### SWIMMING

By **STEVE HARLOW**  
Swimming correspondent

A SCORE of Boldmere Swimming Club's young stars produced some sparkling performances at the British Gas ASA Midland Age Group Championships at Coventry.

Between them, the 20 swimmers reached 24 finals, won 16 medals and set 84 long course personal bests, breaking 11 club records in the process.

Among those stealing the show was Archie Langston who reached three finals and won three medals in the 10-year age group.

He won bronze medals in both the 200m backstroke and the 200m individual medley and claimed a superb gold in winning the 100m backstroke,

cutting his personal best by four seconds.

Also qualifying for six events – and recording personal bests in every swim – was Ryan Andrews, whose best finish saw him slice 15 seconds off his 400m individual medley time to take bronze.

Aristea Knight, 10 – the youngest Midlands Championships qualifier in Boldmere's history – broke her 100m breaststroke personal best by a massive 11 seconds.

Another 10-year-old, Stella-Anne O'Hehir, set personal bests in four of her six events, while Lauren Wall, also 10, qualified for eight events and set four new bests too.

Matt Price, 11, won bronze in a new 100m backstroke club record and set eight personal bests in total, plus club re-

ords in the 200m backstroke and 400m freestyle.

Tom Bloor set a personal best in his 200m IM, while Eden Harlow set personal bests in all six of her events.

Alex Dolan, 13, set two personal bests in her 100m freestyle and 100m breaststroke, Charlotte Smith claimed new bests in four events and Beth Grant set a new PB in the 200m freestyle.

Rachel Wilson recorded a new PB in the 400m freestyle on her debut, while brother Steve – returning to action after a month out with appendicitis – still managed to take two bronze medals in 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke.

Qualifying for six events, Luke Davies claimed four personal best events, while 13-year-old Jake Dixon was in majestic form, claiming top

five finishes in all eight events he entered.

Dixon claimed bronze in the 400m IM in a new club record and national qualifying time (NQT) which currently ranks him fifth in the country for the National Finals in Sheffield next month.

He claimed two more medals and NQT's in the 200m IM (silver) and 200m fly (bronze), ranking him 10th and 17th respectively in his age group nationally, with a further bronze in the 100m breaststroke.

Kate Davies, 11, reduced her personal best by nearly 12 seconds in the 400m IM to qualify for the nationals as well as taking bronze and then silver in the 100m and 200m breaststroke, both in club records.

She also set three personal bests in the 200m IM, 200m fly and 200m free plus a further club record in the 800m free.

Ben Stanford took silver in the 100m freestyle with a personal best that saw him miss out on gold by only 0.02secs, which now ranks him third for the nationals.

Stanford also recorded personal bests in the 200m breaststroke, 200m free and 400m free, the latter two in NQTs.

Joel Cunningham took 200m backstroke bronze in a new personal best, while Penny Whittingham won gold in a 400m club record plus bronze in the 200m IM.

Finally there was an extra award for Boldmere swimmers in the BAGCATs (British Age Group CATagorieS) awards, given to the top eight swimmers in each age group.

Langston finished fourth, Andrews fifth, Wall eighth, Stanford fourth, Price eighth, Davies fifth, with Dixon and Whittingham both third.

**JUDO:** Four members of Sutton-based 2A's Judokwai took part in two competitions over the weekend. Samuel Perry took part in the London International at the London Soccer Dome and won gold. Three other club members – Samuel Morris, Lucy Grey and Laurie Evans – participated in the Nottingham Open and all took silver medals in their respective age and weight categories. The quartet are pictured right (l-r): Perry, Morris, Grey and Evans.



**SNOOKER:** David Walker (pictured) was recently crowned champion of the Ballroom Snooker Club's Saturday under-16s league. Cameron O'Hare finished in second place with Macaulay Walker third. In other news from the Wyld Green club, rising Ballroom star Jordan Rimmer gained more experience in the first Players Tour Championship event of the season in Sheffield this weekend. The PTC events invite amateurs to compete alongside professionals and Rimmer won his first qualifying match 4-1 against Steve Ventham. However, he was beaten 4-1 by Sean O'Sullivan in his second qualifier, robbing him of a first round proper with former top 16 star Andy Hicks. Erdington's Mitchell Mann also fell in qualifying round two, 4-3 to Gareth Greene after beating James Hill 4-0 in round one.

