

## Mills inspires Mets to snatch victory in game's final quarter

### BASKETBALL

**LEEDS CARNEGIE 73  
BIRMINGHAM METS 84**  
EBL Division Three North

SUTTON-based Birmingham Mets came back from almost certain defeat to snatch another road win at Leeds and edge closer to the league title.

The first quarter saw Carnegie jump to an early lead and Mets trailed at the end of the first quarter by 23-19.

The lead increased as Carnegie went in at half 43-38 up and ended the third quarter with a 64-53 advantage.

The fourth quarter was a complete turnaround as Mets were dominant, going on a 16-0 scoring run as Kougnia and Bean combined for some frantic quick baskets.

Carnegie had no answer as Mets continued to pour on the points, with Mills finding a hot hand, scoring eight of his game high 20 points in the final quarter.



Kieran Mills inspired a fourth quarter turnaround for the Mets.

Coach Stephen Barnes said: "I always knew this game was going to be tough, especially as Leeds beat three of the top five teams in recent weeks, but I didn't realise it would take as much as it did out of us to get the win.

"We have struggled with motivation in recent weeks and today was no different, lacking focus throughout most of the game.

"Luckily, we found a core of five guys who managed to wake up in the fourth quarter which completely changed the game."

Mets host Sheffield Sabres tomorrow, 3pm tip off at Birmingham Metropolitan College's Sutton campus, and a win will secure the league title.

Barnes added: "I don't think it will be a problem to focus for the game versus Sheffield as we consider them to be the best team in the league.

"Last time we played them, they physically dominated us for most of the game."

## Kearney steals show at Sheffield meeting

**SWIMMING:** Three Boldmere Swimming Club stars shone at the Disability Sport Events (DSE) Swimming Championships in Sheffield recently.

Sam Parry claimed gold in the 50m freestyle and 25m backstroke, while Hasna Hakim also won two gold medals, in the 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle, both in personal bests.

But it was Tully Kearney who stole the show with an amazing haul of seven gold medals.

She won the 50m breaststroke, 100m freestyle, 200m individual medley, 400m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 100m butterfly and 50m freestyle, setting four personal bests on the way.



Members of the Royal Sutton Coldfield Athletics Club under-11s squads celebrate their success with coaches after dozens of youngsters excelled in three events.

# Sutton children shine as Highclare's Richardson claims cross-country title

### ATHLETICS

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A BUSY weekend for Royal Sutton Coldfield Athletics Club saw dozens of their youngsters shine in three separate events.

On Saturday at Princethorpe College in Rugby, 11-year-old Highclare pupil Laura Richardson became the National Independent Schools' junior cross-country champion.

Other Sutton athletes selected to run were Sophia Shipley (22nd) and Lydia Segiew (16th in the intermediate girls' race).

Also on Saturday, many Royal Sutton athletes performed well at the televised National Inter-Counties races at Cofon Park, Birmingham

In the under-13 boys' race, Sutton's Shaun Evans was top scorer for Warwickshire in 44th place with Jerome Austin 133rd.

Warwickshire champion Elmena Saunders was also top scorer in the under-13 girls' race (38th), with support from Georgia Curry (147th).

For the under-15 boys, Ben



Laura Richardson won the junior cross country title.

Topley was 101st and Lizzie Ward was 176th in the under-15 girls' race.

Sutton were well represented in the under-17 girls with Becky Robinson top scoring in 27th, supported by Megan McBrien (38th), Gabrielle Kinney (91st) Katie Ingle (157th) and Rachel Smith (213th) to help the Warwickshire team to fourth place.

The under-20 women's team were seventh overall with contributions from Amy Johnson (54th), Megan Stratford (82nd) and Lucy Jennings (123rd).

In the senior women's race, Laura Whittle-Kenney top scored for the county in 11th



Elmena Saunders won the under-13 girls' cross country.

place with support from Clare Hodgson (176th).

The final West Midland League races were held at Perry Park on Sunday, with Royal Sutton finishing third.

The under-11 girls finished sixth in their event thanks to Grace Stirland (13th), Katrin Higginson (26th), Becky Evans (35th), Bonita Deathridge (37th), Melissa Adkins (50th), Hannah Smith (69th), Stephanie Deathridge (83rd), Gabby Stearle (92nd) and Zara Chatfield (122nd).

Elmena Saunders totally dominated the under-13 girls' race from start to finish, securing the West Midland



Shaun Evans shone for both Warwickshire and Sutton.

League Champions title in her first season, and helping the team to second place overall.

Support came from Georgia Curry (5th), Laura Richardson (6th) Sophia Karski (33rd) Sophia Shipley (45th), Jessica Tarr (53rd), Georgina Case (74th), Jessica Westgate (79th), Phoebe McClenaghan (90th) and Eleanor Brown (106th).

The under-15 girls finished in fifth place overall thanks to Lizzie Ward (17th), Mollie Rees (31st), Gemma Gilbert (36th), Lydia Sergiew (51st), and Millie Andrews (67th).

Fifth was also where the under-17 girls finished with

Jemma Westgate 11th on the day supported by Rachel Smith (21st), Nicole Parsons (25th) and Miranda Stoddart (32nd).

The under-11 boys claimed overall silver with Kieran Mullis taking individual gold, supported well by Jack Elsom who was fifth on the day and fifth overall for the season.

Other team scorers were Stuart Lutwyche (14th), Ben Horton (20th), Luke Smith (26th), Jack Whitehouse (33rd), Luke O'Brien (36th), Connor Smith (38th), Luke Topley (72nd), Kristian Fletcher (77th) and Nathan Case (78th).

The under-13 boys finished fourth with Shaun Evans' third place securing him overall individual silver.

He was supported by Jerome Austin (12th), George Rees (26th) Joel Kirsten (31st), Charlie Hornby (48th), Ben Ashton (68th), Sam Clews (72nd) and Dyaln Evans (75th).

The under-15 boys finished in seventh place with Ben Topley (29th), Alfie McBrien (33rd), Tom Wheeler (34th) and Ben Robinson (49th) doing well while in the under-17 men's race Ryan Brough came 49th.

## Boldmere swimmers smash 11 club records as members set 102 best times

### SWIMMING

YOUNGSTERS from Boldmere Swimming Club made an impact at the first weekend of the Warwickshire County Championships with 102 personal bests and 11 club records.

They produced 29 medallists, nine championship finalists and three county champions - Jenny Fowler (400m individual medley), Joey Stanger (50m freestyle) and Alice Dearing (1,500m freestyle).

Dearing's time of 18.04.64mins earned her the Warwickshire County Junior Long Course Record and the elegant Eric Holmes Trophy.

The first event, the girls'

400m individual medley saw Boldmere claim a podium 1-2-3 with Kristie Hackett (silver) and Katie Richardson (bronze) following Fowler home in the 14+ age category.

In the 10/13 age group, Givenchy Sneekes won gold with Dearing third, while in the 9/10 age group Archie Langston and Ryan Andrews placed second and third respectively in the 200m backstroke. Langston was also third in the 50m freestyle.

Jake Dixon and Ben Stanford won gold and bronze in the 11/12 age group, Steve Wilson and Josh Holsey silver and bronze in the 13/14 age group with Stanger winning the 15+ category.

Emma Smith won the 14+ 50m backstroke in a new club record while Lauren Wall took bronze in the 9/10 category.

In the 100m butterfly, Sneekes won another gold while Fowler took bronze in the 14+ age group and Jake Dixon (12/14) claimed a silver in the boys' event.

Lauren Wall (bronze), Sneekes (silver) and Smith all picked up further medals in their respective 200m frees.

In the breaststroke, Luke Davies won a bronze in the 12/14 section while in the 200m Sneekes (gold), Gina Luckett (silver), Alex Dolan (bronze), Beth Grant (silver), Kate Davies (bronze) and Emily Gordon (bronze) all medalled. In the



Boldmere's Warwickshire Championship medallists.

1,500m, Charlie Payne took bronze, while in the relays Boldmere achieved five podium finishes including gold in

the ladies' 4x100m open freestyle and girls' 11-16years 4x50m medley, and silver in the men's 4x100 freestyle.