

Boldmere enjoys another great week as the medals roll in and records fall

SWIMMING

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BOLDMERE Swimming Club stars continued to break records during the second week of the 2011 Warwickshire Championships.

They claimed 112 personal bests and five long course club records in producing 29 medallists, 12 championship finalists and five county champions.

Jake Dixon (11/14) and Josh Winnicott (15+) both claimed bronze in their 400m individual medley race.

There was a Boldmere 1-2-3 in the girls' 14+ 200m IM with Emma Smith, Jenny Fowler and Kristie Hackett taking gold, silver and bronze respectively.

Smith and Fowler's times qualified them for the championship final where the former's winning time of 2.28.14mins won both the Junior and Senior Championship crowns, with the latter claiming another silver.

Givenchy Sneekes won gold in the 13-years category while Beth Grant took bronze in the 11/12 age group.

There was another clean sweep for Boldmere girls in the 13-years 50m breaststroke with Sneekes winning another gold. She was followed by Caitlin Meade and Gina Luckett with all three making the Championship final along with Emily Gordon who placed second in the 14+ age group.

In the final, Gordon won the senior silver while Givenchy took bronze, stopping the clock at 36.26secs to set a new club record. Beth Grant's winning 11/12 age group time of 37.58secs not only set a new club record but also qualified her for the same final, where she finished fourth.

In the boys' breaststroke sprint, Josh Holsey (13/14) won a bronze while Chris Littler finished seventh in the senior final. Archie Langston and Ryan Andrews finished second and third respectively in the 9/10 200m freestyle.

Joey Stanger (15+) also won bronze while Jake Dixon won two golds in the 11/12 200m freestyle and 200m butterfly.

Steve Wilson won the 12/14 100m backstroke, qualifying for the Senior final and taking the Junior County Champion title, while Adam Kelly claimed silver in both 15+ and senior finals.

There was another gold and county title for Emma Smith in the 200m with a silver apiece for Lauren Wall (9/10) and Sneekes (13-years), who also took silver in the 100m freestyle and made the Senior final where she finished third ahead of fifth placed Smith.

Katie Richardson topped the podium to take the County title in the 800m freestyle while Stanger won silver in a new club record.

In the relay events, Boldmere achieved four podium finishes – gold in the ladies' 4x100m medley, plus three silvers in the men's 4x100m medley, boys' 11-16yrs 4x50m medley and boys 9-10yrs 4x50m free-style.



Several of the medal-winning and record breaking Boldmere swimmers at the Warwickshire Championships. Picture by Steve Harlow

BIRMINGHAM METS 82 SHEFFIELD SABRES 76

EBL Division Three North

SUTTON-based Mets edged an intense encounter against Sabres to clinch the Division Three title and home court advantage for the play-offs.

The first quarter saw Mets jump to an early six-point lead through Kieran Mills and Danny Williams but Sabres closed the gap to 14-12.

Franco Kouagnia then shone as Mets went on a 12-0 scoring run to close out the quarter up 27-13.

They stretched their lead to 34-13 but Sheffield responded to narrow the deficit 43-35 at half time.

By the end of the third quarter, Sabres had closed the gap to 57-53 and another early fourth quarter Sheffield basket made it even tighter.

However, Mets bounced back with a 14-0 scoring run as Mills, Kougnia and Bean combined for some quick baskets to pull 69-55 ahead.

Sabres closed the gap to two points with 2.34mins to go but Mets rallied once more and finished the game 82-76 winners.

Coach Stephen Barnes added: "It's a wonderful feeling to win the league against such a high-calibre team and I have a feeling we will see them again in the semi-final of the play-offs.

"I'm very proud of the guys. They have competed this season like true warriors. We now have secured home court advantage for the play-offs and we love to win at home.

"To win the Division 3 North league after winning Division 4 Midlands last season is a fantastic achievement."

Franco Kouagnia, right, in action for Mets as they clinched the league title against Sheffield Sabres.



Tight finish – but Sutton Sports edge closer to the prize

DARTS

SUTTON Sports edged closer to the Four Oaks and District League Division One title with a 5-4 win over Red Lion Flights.

One more win will secure the title but The Fox beat the Golden Hind 6-3 and are still in contention, with two matches left.

Pint Pot Flights won the second division title after defeating White Lion Barrels 6-3.

In the third division, The Red Arrows had a comfortable 8-1 win over Pint Pot Arrows and still lead the division by four points.

E Atkins (Old Oscott Arrows), B Taylor (Royal Oak), M Westmorland (Oscott Social Clarets) and R Markley (Sutton Town FC) all recorded 180s this week.

M Bishop (The Gate) recorded his second 180 in consecutive weeks and K Shepherd recorded his fifth 180 of the season for The Fox.

Results – Division One, March 8, match 16

The Fox 6 (C Willetts 100b, 100 K Shepherd 139, 180, 140, 100 N Garbett 100 J Frost 114, 125 J Harris 103b) **Golden Hind 3** (D Jarvis Snr 2x100, 120b, 103f T O'Kereke 108f, 100 M Sheppard 100 K Jarvis 125).

Fox and Dogs 5 (T Keating 112b C Millward Jnr 120, 100 C Packer 3x100 P M Seadon 100, 120b C Millward Snr 140 P A Seadon 2x100) **Boldmere Sports 4** (K Day 100, 100b, 102 P Newman 100 R Tidmarsh 100, 102 A Day 135 A Jarvie 2x100 G Bowen 118 C Morgan 100).

Old Oscott Arrows 5 (B Cattell 100 J Frost 2x100, 140 J Higgins 117b, 125 L Jones 123 A Lea 140, 100 E Atkins 180, 100 M Maher 140, 2x100) **Deer's Leap 4** (C Hollender 2x100, 100f R Nolan 120 D Pickering 100, 122 T Ross 100, 140 A Kimberley 2x100, 140, 130b K Lambeth 100, 116b, 101b).

Sutton Sports 5 (S Paling 120b T Vickers 100 L Harris 115, 3x100 R Hawker 100, 160b C Perry 100 M Wild 2x100, 118 J Kavanagh 2x100 B Linnecor 130b, 100) **Red Lion Flights 4** (L Chant 100 S Andrews 2x121 D G Bond 4x100, 140 M Gair 4x100, 100b T Colley 2x100, 100b, 120b).

Division Two –

Pint Pot Flights 6 (P Smith 3x100 W Bailey 160b, 100b W Mynard 100b, 100, 120, 140 M Archer 2x100, 2x140 K Richardson 100 S Hazlett 152b, 100) **White Lion Barrels 3** (C Williams 2x100, 137 J Hepburn 2x100 G Cookson 2x100 M O'Driscoll 160b, 2x100).

White Lion 5 (M Haigh 2x100, 130 G Redfern 125, 100 J D Watt 105 R Baker 100, 140 T Evans 140 I Taylor 100)

Aston Social 4 (J West 2x100, 100b K Yates 100 G Lynch 2x100, 100b W Perry 4x100, 108b, 125).

Grave Diggers 2 (K Brush 100 R Clarke 121, 139 P Morris 121, 100 J Wickett 2x100 P Donovan 100 R Neville 100)

Royal Oak 7 (M Kenny 140, 130, 3x100 M Phillips 4x100 K Taylor 100 B Taylor 180 S Davey 3x140, 110b).

Anvil Nomads 6 (N Harley 101b M Gaughan 111f, 100 S Davis 100 P Guesford 120 M Kemble 100 D Walton 100, 140) **Old Oscott WMC 3** (N Hawkey 100 S Spink 100, 140, 120 M Wood 100b, 100, 112 K Robbins 2x100, 102, 140 P Burgess 2x122, 105b).

Oscott Social Clarets 7 (N Bryant 140, 100b G Bushell 116f K Shorthouse 100b, 120b, 125 D Shannon 2x100 M Westmorland 180, 140) **Drakes Drum 2** (J Clarke 100, 125 D Shingler 100 M Pearce 3x100).

Division Three –

The Red Arrows 8 (J Green 2x100 M Norton 140 K Smith 3x100, 110 I Scattergood 120b, 126, 101b M Corfield 100) **Pint Pot Arrows 1** (P Wilkes 100 B Godfrey 2x100, 100b, 119 C Vickers 115 A Sears 121).

Sutton Town FC 3 (S Alexander 140, 2x100 C Lloyd 140, 100, 100b C Forsyth 101b, 123, 100, 8-dart game R Barrett 2x140, 102b, 100f, 121 G Alexander 100 R Markley 132, 180, 140, 100) **Brookvale 6** (J Yates 2x100 A Mytton 160b R Blaney 2 x 100, 135, 121 D Nevins 100 R Kelly 2x140 D Lowe 4x100, 135).

Deer's Leap Stags 3 (G Kimberley 5x100, 136 R Sarjent 3x100, 120 A Kimberley 140 J Holmes 100 C Kimberley 116b) **The Gate 6** (M Reynolds 121, 2x100, 2x140 M Bishop 180 S Webb 100 P Bishop 100 C Woodroffe 100).

The Dragons 1 (C Gough 2x100) **Oscott Social Reds 8** (P Bricknall 3x100 S Shorthouse 135, 100, 128 A James 100b, 101b, 140 D Gibling 100 P Willis 100, 115, 101b).

Critical blow to Sutton's title hopes

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

**Loughborough Students 3
Sutton Coldfield Ladies First XI 2**

SUTTON'S title challenge suffered a potentially critical blow as they crashed to defeat in a top-of-the-table duel. Sutton started well and squandered some chances before falling behind to a deflected strike. Sutton's response was instantaneous as Sarah Mills levelled and the impressive Vicky Woolford made it 2-1. But Loughborough stepped up the pressure after the break and went on to claim victory.

**Streety Ladies First XI 8
Cannock 0**

STREETLY continued their impressive run of victories with a convincing win over Cannock. Kayleigh Alsop opened the scoring

with Jenny Devereux and Emma Ward making it 3-0 at the break. Second half goals from Devereux, Emily Peers, Nicky Shilladay and Tammy Davies sealed the victory.

**Sutton Coldfield Ladies Second XI 8
Hampton in Arden 1**

SUTTON seconds brushed aside Hampton with consummate ease. Helen Whalley netted a hat-trick, while in form striker Helen Morris and Georgie Howie scored two apiece. Helen Morris got the other goal.

**Atherstone 2
Sutton Coldfield Ladies Fifth XI 3**

SUTTON dug deep to retain third place in the league. They trailed 1-0 and 2-1 but won thanks to a Dawn Tansey goal and a Tracey Hart brace.

Men march on with solid away win

HOCKEY

**Loughborough 1
Sutton Coldfield Men's First XI 3**

SUTTON'S march towards promotion gathered momentum with a solid win. Alex Johnson gave them the lead and Jack Gutteridge made it 2-0 with his first goal of the season. Loughborough halved the deficit via a short corner, but Sutton reasserted their superiority, courtesy of a cool finish by Hendon.

**Solihull Blossomfield 2
Streety Men First XI 6**

STREETLY came out on top with an excellent performance against Solihull. Matt Bates, Sam Bates and Craig Moore all scored twice as Streety came from one down to claim a stylish win.

**Sutton Coldfield Men's Second XI 7
Hampton-in-Arden 1**

SUTTON put their poor run of form behind them with an emphatic win to aid their survival hopes. Brocklebank hit a stunning hat-trick, Vyse added a brace, while Taylor and Mahoney scored one apiece.

**Loughborough 1
Sutton Coldfield Men's Third XI 1**

SUTTON stuttered to a draw on a shoddy pitch. Their goal came from a Harding short corner strike.

**Sutton Coldfield Men's Sixth XI 5
West Bridgford 2**

SUTTON swept their visitors aside with goals from Simon Willis, Steve Elliot and Leigh Dudley among the scorers.