

SPORT ROUND-UP

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BADMINTON: The Streetly Association is running coaching sessions. Coaching for beginners takes place from 1.30pm-3pm on Saturdays. Training for juniors, who have some experience, takes place on Sundays from 4.20pm-5.40pm for those aged between 10-18 years old. Sessions are run by qualified coaches at a cost of £3. For more details, call the Streetly Association on 0121 353 8630.

BADMINTON: John Macdonald beat Adrian Bates 2-0 in Division One of the Wyndley Badminton League last week. In Division Two, Ray Woodford clinched promotion after beating Ben Blowman 21-18, 21-13 in a super match. Karl Thompson was also promoted after winning all his six games 2-0 without really being troubled. In Division Four, Hong Xiao had a great 2-1 win against Lance Simon. Meanwhile, in Division Five, Richard Onions beat Ian Homer and Yuka Walker 2-0. This Sunday sees the quarter-finals of the Knockout trophies starting at 10.20am at Wyndley Leisure Centre. The pick of the games are Gerry Leighton v Paul Whitehouse, Hong Xiao v Andrew Dyke and Tim Bayliss v Phil Townson in the John York Trophy and Yuka Walker v Dave Overton and Sam Read v Lance Simon in the Plate competition. Meanwhile, the league winners for the August session were Gerry Leighton (Division 1), Karl Thompson (Division 2), Khurum Afzal (3), Garfield Sangster (4), Richard Onions (5), Rajeeve Abraham (6), Aman Parkar (7).

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: Whitehouse Wanderers Colts under-13s are looking for a new goalkeeper and outfield players. The team play on Saturday mornings and, for more information, contact Paul Tomlinson on 0121 329 2234 or 07736 796850.

APPEAL: Boldmere under-13s are looking for new players for next season. Anyone interested must be current year seven. Call Paul on 07789 130984 for details.

DEFENDER PLEA: Four Oaks Panthers under-11s are looking for a defender. Call Steve Pugh on 07968 807376 for details.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: Colron Boys FC Under-14s eased to a 6-2 win over Phoenix United on Saturday. Goals from Ryan Guinness, Fabian Riggon and a brace each from Reece Davies and captain Kayne Raybone sealed the win.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: Boldmere Falcons S&S under-10s suffered a 2-1 defeat to Olton Ravens despite taking the lead through Jayden Sigh Balu. Boldmere Falcons A under-12s beat Lyndon Colts 5-1 with goals from Luke McGinnell, James Avery, Oliver Light and a fine brace from man of the match Tommy West. Boldmere Falcons Sports under-13s beat Castle Bromwich United 3-1 thanks to goals from Jack Duggan, Nathan Bailey and Joe Waring. Joe Johnston was man of the match.

Got a sports story? Then call Michael Beardmore or Matt Panter on 01827 848495.

Streetly edge ever close to league title

Warwickshire League

ATHERSTONE (154) lost to STREETLY CC (155-2) won by eight wickets
Premier Division

STREETLY closed in on the title as they won convincingly on Saturday against relegated Atherstone.

Streetly won the toss and asked Atherstone to bat. The home side raced to 105-0 with Adam Goss (67) and Manny Alcock (27) in good form.

A large score looked on the cards until spin twins Andy Lloyd (6-38) and Shaun Findlay (4-28) bowled magnificently to rip through the Atherstone batting line-up to reduce them to 154 all out.

The result was never in doubt as Streetly replied.

Lloyd (74) completed a fine individual performance by leading his side to victory while David Yeend hit 39 and James Hunt finished on 22no.

Dan Books and Billy Rathbone claimed the only wickets to fall.

With Olton and Bablake both winning, Streetly cannot celebrate the league title yet but 12 points from their two remaining games will see them playing Birmingham League cricket next season.



Streetly's players celebrate a wicket at Atherstone and are closing in on more celebrations. (PB13496-3946SP) Picture: Paul Barber

Town pair bag key victories as season reaches vital time

Birmingham League

BROMSGROVE (174) lost to WALMLEY CC (177-6) by four wickets
Division One

WALMLEY eased their relegation fears with a four-wicket win over Bromsgrove.

Tim Gruijters was in fine form with the ball as he claimed 6-32 as Walmley dismissed their hosts for 174 in 52.2 overs.

Paul Griffiths was also a thorn in Bromsgrove's side as he bagged 3-21.

Bromsgrove had started well with Ashley Newdick (44)

and Adam Gailey (64) putting on 90 for the first wicket.

However, a collapse then followed with only Alexei Kevezee (17) and James Ganderton (18) making any other contributions of note.

Gruijters (16) and Carlos Prowse (34) got Walmley's reply off to a positive start.

Although wickets tumbled, they were always on track and reached their target in less than 48 overs.

Freddie Coleman (39), Chris Whittock (41) and George Findlay (28no) all contributed valuable runs to the total as Walmley inched their way home by four wickets.

COLESHILL CC FIRST XI (156) lost to SUTTON COLDFIELD (157-4) by six wickets
Division Three

SUTTON boosted their hopes of staying in the Birmingham League with a fine win over Colehill.

Batting first, Colehill limped to 30-3 with Lee Craig (14), Jason Jordan (0) and David Brown (6) out cheaply as Paul Greetham (3-17) ripped through the top order.

Pete Mafagas (20) and Phil Trilloe tried to lead a recovery but wickets fell at regular intervals with Mark Guest (4-51) and Graham Clark (2-46) among the wickets.

Trilloe proved the mainstay with 54 before he was caught by Lee Thomason, off the bowling of Guest.

Jack Smith (12) and Richard Dandy (11) led the Sutton response but neither managed to push on.

Their dismissals, coupled with that of Guest (5), left Sutton struggling on 37-3 but Jamie Klapper (51) and Clark (61no) produced the most meaningful partnership of the match.

The pair put on 101 to ensure their side claimed a six-wicket win.

Spencer Pollock, Jordan, Lee Bird and Kevin Crotty bagged a wicket each.

Bradley and Tully prove their worth on big stage

Swimming

BOLDMERE Swimming Club's Bradley Lynch produced three outstanding performances to help Central England retain the Champions title at the 2011 Sainsbury's UK School Games.

Swimming against the top swimmers from seven other UK regions at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, Lynch took individual bronze in the 400m freestyle with a time of 4.07.92mins.

He then secured a second bronze in the 400m team event before collecting another in the 800m freestyle team race.

Tully Kerney also competed for Central England in the Multi Disciplined (MD) events and topped the podium in the 100m butterfly S10 category, winning gold in a time of 1.19.57mins.

She also claimed a silver in the 100m breaststroke and secured bronze in the 200m Individual Medley.



Boldmere Swimming Club's Bradley Lynch.

Picture: Steve Harlow

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TENNIS: Sutton Coldfield Tennis ace Max Stewart was part of a three-man squad which represented Great Britain at the Under-12 Summer European Cup.

The qualifying event was held in the Netherlands where GB beat Serbia and Belarus 3-0 and lost to France by the same score. Finishing second in the group ensured Great Britain qualified for the finals which were held in Sardinia.

In the finals, Britain beat Ukraine, Italy and Romania 2-1 to book a place in the final against Russia, where they lost 2-1.

Sutton coach Chris Johnson said: "This was a fantastic opportunity for Max to compete against the best children from all over the world."

"One of Max's goals for this year was to compete for his club, county and country."

"He is looking to build on this international experience by competing in some individual European events over the next six months."

TENNIS: Sutton Coldfield Tennis Club's Callum King Harnes has been selected by the LTA to attend National Talent ID in Bolton.

The LTA select the best players from around the country from regional days to go forward to National testing. Based on the results, he will be looking to be selected for the AEGON player support programme.

TENNIS: Sutton Coldfield Tennis Club have enjoyed another successful year in the Warwickshire and Staffordshire County Championships.

Nick Mercer was the Warwickshire men's county champion with Sunny Ubhi named runner-up.

Mercer was also Warwickshire under-18 champion

The Warwickshire under-18 county doubles champions were Mercer and Max Stewart.

Stewart was also Warwickshire under-14s county champion while Ben Mitchell was a semi-finalist at under-12s level.

Other winners were Emily Smith (Ladies Warwickshire under-16s and under-18s) and Jamie Crothers (Staffordshire under-10s).

TENNIS: Rob King played some of his best tennis in years to beat a gritty Peter Sutton 6-1, 6-2 in the men's singles final at Little Aston Tennis Club last weekend.

Sutton overcame his disappointment to partner young hopeful Luke Joyce to victory in the club's men's double.

They beat Richard Sochon and Loz Ormond 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

The stylish Karen Kirby and Marg Ashford beat Ruth Dennis and Pam Gibson 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 in a keenly-contested ladies doubles match.

Simon Higgins and Leanne Rowe narrowly beat King and Gibson in the mixed doubles, winning 7-6, 7-6 in what proved the best final of the day.

Little Aston are always looking for new members. Call Loz on 0121 308 1254 for more details.

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