

**INSHORT**

**JUNIOR CRICKET:** Four Oaks Saints under-13s got their season off to a great start last week. Batting first, Saints openers George Westlake (52no) and Nat Longhorne (43) helped guide them to 143-1 from their 20 overs. In reply, opponents Hawkins never looked like troubling the score, finishing on 87-7 with Niall Keating taking four wickets for Saints. In their second game against Streetly, Westlake (52no) and Longhorne (25) again got them off to a great start and John Clarke added a useful 19 as Saints amassed 142-4. Streetly struggled to get going against accurate Saints bowling – Keating and Sam Hopkinson picked up two wickets each as Streetly closed on 99-6 to give Oaks a 43-run win.

**SQUASH:** Four Oaks Squash Club recently held their end-of-year open tournament finals competitions. Matt Heller won both the under-19 mixed handicap and under-19 boys competition. Joanna Lord played in three finals and was victorious in the girls' under-19 competition where she beat Laurie Hampson. Lord was also runner-up in the under-19 handicap and adult ladies events. In the under-14 mixed handicap final, Ashish Rao beat Joseph Hanley, while Lucy Williams beat Alex Dolan to claim the under-14 girls crown and Tom Williams beat Chris Deekes to win the under-14 boys event. For more details on the club, visit [www.fouroaks.squashclub.co.uk](http://www.fouroaks.squashclub.co.uk)

**TRIATHLON:** Jemma Westgate claimed a top-12 finish at the Spanish International Championships in Sant Boi, Barcelona last weekend. The talented triathlete was representing Great Britain in her second international competition against athletes from across Europe. She got off to a solid start in the swimming pool, setting a time of 2:23.8mins for 200m to place her 10th. In the fencing, she claimed 12 wins and 12 defeats for 820 points which secured 13th spot. Westgate had a handicap of 1.30mins for the run and shoot. She left the range in 13th place but, after a gutsy final 1km run, overtook two athletes to cross the line in 11th place.

**Meir child's play as Walmley dominate**

**CRICKET**

**WALMLEY CC LADIES (242) beat MEIR HEATH (164) by 78 runs**  
National Premier League

WALMLEY Ladies got their season off to a magnificent start with maximum points from their home match against Meir Heath.

Captain Helen Shipman and fellow opener Smart moved the score to 87 before the latter was caught and bowled by Butler.

Fran Clarkson fell lbw to Evans but Amy Jones quickly moved to 34 before misjudging a ball that turned sharply and bowled her.

Liz Russell and Darcy Evans put together a 100 partnership as Walmley finished on 242 from their 50 overs.

Walmley dismantled the top order with Izzy Watson, Becky Grundy, Laura Crofts, Russell, Emily Starr and Anisha Patel all among the wickets as the visitors finished well short of the target.

**SPORT ROUND-UP**

**Hewitt's double caps Boldmere effort**

**SWIMMING**

By **STEVE HARLOW**  
Swimming correspondent

FIVE youngsters from Boldmere Swimming Club travelled to Coventry last weekend to compete in the Midland ASA Youth Championships.

Emily Gordon, Phil Hewitt, Joey Stanger, Adam Kelly and Chris Littler flew the flag for Boldmere, swimming in 14 events and reaching nine finals.

Qualifying for three finals from his four events, Hewitt had a glorious weekend, becoming Junior Champion in two events.

He won the first (15/16yrs) in the 50m butterfly sprint, setting a new personal best as well as a club record.

Hewitt followed that by narrowly qualifying for the 100m fly final in eighth place but surprising the field by doing the double and taking gold in the final by just 0.01secs.

In the 50m freestyle final, only 0.37secs separated the top three with Hewitt taking third spot to add another medal to his collection.

Stanger also reached each of the three freestyle senior (17+) finals where he finished just outside the medals, placing fourth twice in the 100 and 200m, plus a sixth place in the 50m sprint.

Kelly made the final of both the senior 50m backstroke and fly, finishing eighth in both, while Gordon took sixth place



Emma Smith, Phil Hewitt and Bradley Lynch of Boldmere Swimming Club with their medals from the Midland Youth Championships. PICTURE BY STEVE HARLOW

in the 50m breaststroke final.

There was further Boldmere success at the championships with seven members – Emma Smith, Jenny Powell, Kristie Hackett, Givenchy Sneekes, Katie Richardson, Bradley Lynch and Josh Winnicott – representing the City of Birmingham and Alice Dearing representing Royal

Wolverhampton School. Lynch easily won the 1,500m freestyle by eight seconds to take the Junior Midland title as well as making each of the 100m, 200m and 400m finals – finishing fifth, fourth and sixth.

Smith reached four Junior (14/15) finals and had big success in the backstroke where she won two silvers in

the 100m and 200m while finishing third in the 50m sprint. In the 200m individual medley, she came fifth.

Winnicott also reached four Junior finals, with his best finish in the 400m IM where he picked up silver in a personal best, club record and National Qualifying time.

He set further personal

bests and club records in the 200IM and 200m breaststroke where he finished seventh and eighth respectively.

Dearing sliced more than 2.5secs off her 200m fly pb to take bronze. Fowler was fourth in both 200m and 400m IM finals, while Hackett was sixth in the 400m freestyle final.

**Another solid weekend keeps Jordan on the heels of championship leaders**

**MOTORSPORT**

ANDREW JORDAN made ground on the British Touring Car Championship leaders with another podium-filled weekend at Thruxton.

On the back of his three podium finishes at Donington Park, which included one race win, the Lichfield ace was twice back in the top three in Hampshire.

Jordan claimed two third-place finishes to move himself up to fourth in the overall standings after three rounds – he lies on 69 points with leader

Matt Neal on 90. He qualified second on the grid in his Vauxhall Vectra, only to be passed early on by Neal's Honda.

But Jordan held on to third spot for the remainder of the race despite constant pressure from Tom Chilton.

Jordan claimed a second-place finish – his fifth consecutive podium – behind Neal in race two, although he was demoted to third place, with Gordon Shedden the beneficiary.

Officials judged Jordan had gained an unfair advantage by

putting all four wheels off the track and handed him a 1.3s penalty, which pushed Jordan down to third.

And in another blow, the Pirtek Racing ace still had to start race three carrying the second-placed success ballast of 36kgs – the weight penalty is applied according to the order in which cars had crossed the finish line.

As a result, Jordan was only able to finish seventh in the final race of the day and he now looks forward to the next round of the championship at Oulton Park on June 5.



Above: Andrew Jordan sprays the champagne at Thruxton and top right: talks of his joy. PICTURES BY CHRIS ENION AND JON HOBLEY

**Goldsby makes ace debut for England vets**

Streetly Tennis Club head coach Neil Goldsby went undefeated during his debut for England in the over-35s home international at Cardiff last weekend. The opening tie against Ireland, poised at 1-1 after the two singles, went down to a deciding doubles match. Goldsby teamed up with Lancashire's Michael Ingham to beat the Irish 7-5, 6-4, coming from 5-2 behind in the first set. The second tie against Scotland was also decided by the final doubles match as Goldsby and Ingham paired up again to secure victory with a 6-4, 6-4 win. England needed to beat Wales in the final tie to ensure overall victory in the competition. Goldsby posted a win at number one singles, then teamed up with Tim Bibby to complete a 3-0 whitewash. Goldsby is pictured, centre, with Bibby (left) and Ingham (right).

