



## GOLF ACE MORRIS TEES UP PRIORY SUCCESS

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**SWIMMING:** Boldmere Swimming Club members produced a series of superb performances at the final weekend of the British Gas ASA Midland Age Group Championships. An impressive 24 club records were broken by Boldmere swimmers with the likes of Penny Whittingham, pictured above, claiming medals. Turn inside for a full report.  
Picture: Steve Harlow

### Bambury signs first team deal at Roms

**FOOTBALL:** Romulus youth team hot-shot Josh Bambury has been given the opportunity to step up to first team action for the forthcoming campaign.

Sutton-based Bambury has signed first team forms following his final year of youth team football.

That yielded nine goals in 18 league matches in the Midland Floodlit Youth League, as Romulus finished champions of the Western Division.

A delighted Bambury, who also scored the first goal in the 3-0 Southern League Youth Cup final win over AFC Totton, said: "I'm pleased to have been given the opportunity to carry on playing at a club like Romulus."

"My time spent with the youth team has been great, lots of great experiences and winning plenty of trophies."

"Now I want to do the same with the first team, I'm really looking forward to stepping up."

### Royals announce pre-season plans

**FOOTBALL:** Sutton Coldfield Town FC have announced their pre-season friendlies ahead of their UniBond League Division One South campaign.

The Royals start on Saturday, July 17, when they travel to Tividale.

They then face a further two away games when they journey to Gresley three days later before facing Bartley Green on July 24.

The Royals will entertain



**Sutton boss Chris Keogh has arranged a number of friendlies**

Boldmere on July 27 before playing Coleshill away on July 31.

Leamington (August 3), Atherstone (August 7) and Mickleover Sports (August 9) will also travel to Coles Lane.

Manager Chris Keogh has had a busy summer so far bringing in Bromsgrove goalkeeper Karl Lewis and midfielder Sam Wills, centre half Brendon Kelly, from Alvechurch and forward David Blenkinsopp.

# World target for Henbury after European silver joy

## ARCHERY

By **MATT PANTER**  
Sports reporter

STREETLY archer Ann-Marie Henbury grabbed an impressive silver medal at the European Bowhunter Championships in Austria.

And she now has her sights firmly fixed on the World Field Archery Championships in Dahn, in Germany, in August.

Henbury's success in Aus-



**Ann-Marie Henbury is aiming for World success**

tria came after four days of tense competition, firing at 3D animals over unmarked distances.

She led after the opening two days of competition, dropped to third on day three

before recovering to second on the final day of the championship.

"A silver medal was totally unexpected," Henbury said.

"The event was tough, exciting, totally new and I loved it. I was bowled over by the whole experience to be honest."

Henbury, who receives guidance from Chris and Ben Jones at Merlin Archery Club in Evesham, is now hoping to build on the success in August.

"I'm looking forward to the Field Archery Championships in Germany in seven weeks time," she said.

"It's a different competition to the European event as the targets are marked - set at a distance that you know."

"There are four spot rounds plus one animal target round and I will have to be accurate and consistent over the five days of competition."

"I have no expectations for the competition."

"As it is in Germany, a cent-

ral place in Europe which is easier to get to, I think there may well be a lot more top class competitors involved."

"If I finish in the top half that will be great. Anything else will be a bonus but if I keep my discipline and composure and have that consistency, we'll see what happens."

"I want to excel in the sport. I would like to think that I could continue to improve and, in the future, break into the GB team. That's my ambition."

## Rock looks for extra boost from Bjorn

## GOLF

BELFRY golf professional Rob Rock will seek advice from Ryder Cup star Thomas Bjorn on how to turn good form into victories after another impressive performance in Portugal last weekend.

Rock finished fourth at the Estoril Open de Portugal after rounds of 68, 67, 68 and 71 left

him on 14 under par.

It was another impressive performance from the player who has now had three top five finishes in a row on the European Tour.

But he could only watch on as Danish star Bjorn wrapped up the title with rounds of 67, 65, 65 and 68, leaving him on 23 under par.

Rock said: "I have to be

happy with my performance again but, of course, I'd like that first tour win."

"I don't quite know what is missing to take that extra step."

"Players like Thomas Bjorn have that ability to get into a winning position and carry it through. I think I will speak to Thomas and get some advice."



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