

ATHLETICS

Kathryn's treble aids RSC but absences leave club in third

THE young athletes of Royal Sutton Coldfield Athletics Club faced strong competition in a Midlands Premier League meeting against Stoke and Cannock.

Despite a valiant effort and some good performances, they had to settle for third place due, in part, to a lack of athletes in some of the events.

The greatest contribution to the team total was made by Kathryn Smith in the under-17 age group. She produced a hat-trick of wins in the 100m, 300m and the 300m hurdles.

Rebecca Robinson also claimed maximum points in that age group, winning the 800m in 2.20.1mins, while Carly Sergiew came second in the javelin and third in the discus.

Lydia Sergiew gave the under-15 girls their only victory by winning the 800m. Lucy Breen was second in the discus and third in the shot, while Madeline Steam threw 20.71m for second in the javelin.

Sophie Elgar was second in the hurdles and third in the 75m. Sophie Karski was second in the 800m and Rachel Brown third in the shot. Brown and her sister Eleanor joined up with Elgar and Beth Ghent to secure second place in the relay.

For the boys, Stephan Anderson was second in both the under-15 100m and 200m, while Ben Topley came second in the 1,500m. Kane Howitt (long and high jump), Oliver Farrelly (javelin) and Will Bonner (discus) all claimed third places.

The under-17 age group saw Ryan Brough throw 37.52m for second place in the javelin. Kouri Yee was second in the hurdles and third in the 100m. Luke Flemming in the 400m and Theo Larcombe in the long jump also claimed third places.

Shaun Evans was Sutton's highest achiever in the under 13 age group, finishing second in the 800m in 2.28.1mins, while Elliott Walker came third in both sprints and George Rees was also third in the 1,500m.

The club are still keen to welcome new athletes to join them at Wyndley on any Tuesday or Thursday evening.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Adam hits brace as Star end with defeat

Erdington Star Athletic under-12s 4 Wednesbury Rangers 6

THE last game of the season saw Erdington dominate large parts of play with some great football only to be let down by missed opportunities. Athletic's goals were scored by Brandon Ivey, Max Craven and a brace from star man Adam Chaouki.

Stratford Ladies 2 Boldmere Falcons Girls under-12s 7

BOLDMERE rounded off their season in style as a hat-trick from top scorer Heather Clarke took her season's tally to 20 goals. Morgan-Leigh Sadler, Jessica Norman and girl of the match Joanna Whiley also netted for Falcons.



JUNIOR FOOTBALL: Youngsters from Sutton have proved to be on the ball both on and off the pitch. Sutton Town under-9s

recently celebrated winning the Lichfield League Division C Championship Shield. But the side, sponsored by Darren

Faragher Funeral Directors, have also been doing their bit for charity. The team recently completed an

all day training session in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital and raised more than £1,280.

Stockton back in Little Aston swing as he eyes-up qualifier

GOLF

By **MICHAEL BEARDMORE**
Sports reporter

ALEX Stockton hopes he won't need to call on his powers of recovery to make his mark once more in this year's Midland qualifier for the Glenmuir PGA Professional Championship at Little Aston.

Stockton won the event last year when he shot three-under-par to post an early marker which none of his rivals could better.

The Moor Hall player did it after a poor front nine – only to stage a comeback good enough to leave him top of the leaderboard.

And he admitted that the qualifier today (Friday) will be only the third time he has played the Little Aston course – and this is first time he has been back since last year.



Alex Stockton is hoping for more joy at Little Aston.

Stockton will aim to be among the qualifiers for the final, which will be played over 72 holes at The Oxfordshire from August 10 to 13.

"Last year was only the second time I'd played Little Aston and I was in trouble at two-over-par at one point," he said.

"I made five under on the back nine and really managed to pick it up.

"I was out early so I had to wait to see if that score was good enough and it was.

"But then we went to Dundonald in Scotland for the final and the weather was bad.

"I sort of enjoyed it in a way as it was a real test, but I ended up missing the cut."

Stockton has been working hard on his game to make sure he stays sharp for tournaments.

He added: "My biggest problem is that I've been doing more teaching than playing.

"In the past, I've been turning up for events not having practised enough and ended being a bit rusty.

"Now I'm making more of an effort to practise in between events.

"I was pleased to get to the final last year and I'll be trying to do the same again."

Graham sisters lead from front as Boldmere show form

SWIMMING

BOLDMERE'S status as the leading swimming club in the Midlands was further enhanced with the performance of their 'C' team in the Nuneaton and District Junior League Division Three second round gala at Tamworth.

Swimming against four 'A' teams and one 'B' – Pershore Penguins, Tamworth, Broadway, Warley Wasps and Perry Beeches – Boldmere built on the solid performance of their relay teams with some outstanding individual performances that produced 24



Boldmere C team gala stars James Lynch-Davies and Maia Boyle.
Picture by Steve Harlow

personal bests.

Sisters Georgia (10) and Jemma (12) Graham both won their individual 50m breaststroke races with the latter reducing her personal best to 46.72secs.

Chanel Kang (10) outclassed the field in the butterfly and 12-year-old Camilla Chatfield

set two personal bests in the 50m backstroke and butterfly, finishing first and second respectively.

Further top three spots were achieved in the backstroke by Ellie Meade (9) and Gala Stars Maia Boyle (10) and James Lynch-Davies (12) all in new best times. Also in the breaststroke were wins by Sydney Jackson (9), John Curtis (11) and Jake Markidis (12).

The fearsome 10-year-old girls' quintet of Bonita Deathridge, Amelia Van-Loan, Chanel, Maia and Georgia won both their relays in convincing fashion with the 12-year-

old girls coming close with a first and second placing in their relays. In total the relays brought three wins and five top three finishes.

But for a shortage of 10-year-old boys they would have achieved a higher placing than the fourth position behind Broadway.

RUGBY



Sutton's Dave Edwards leaves the Bournville defence in his wake.

Edwards double lifts Sutton to victory

SUTTON RFC continued their excellent year by claiming victory in a rugby sevens tournament last weekend.

Sutton clinched the Aaron Boyce Memorial Greater Birmingham Sevens at Billesley Common, home of Moseley RFC.

Sutton performed well in the early rounds, seeing off Boyce Barbarians 14-0 and OTT 27-12 to progress to the quarter finals.

There they faced Jokers from Bromsgrove and Sutton cruised home with a 35-5 win to set up a semi-final with defending champions Akkies.

Sutton's superior strength and pace saw them avenge their defeat to Akkies in the previous year's final, as they cruised to a 28-7.

It put them in the final against Bournville and Sutton emerged as 28-14 victors with Dave Edwards scoring two tries.

Sutton received their trophy from Moseley number eight James Rodwell, who will be playing for England in the Emirates Airline London Sevens tournament at Twickenham this weekend.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN SHORT

SO CLOSE: Sutton United Girls under-10s reached the final of the Open Cup by beating Maypole Juniors 2-1 in the semi-final with goals from Tia Tomlinson and Gemma Jones. That put them through to the final on the same day where they narrowly lost 2-1 to Castle Vale, with Mary Rice getting their goal.

APPEAL: Romulus FC are looking for quality players and coaches to enhance their under-14s, under-15s and under-16s teams next season. Trials will be held in July and further details are available from Mark Taylor on 07774 448365.

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