

Pint Pot Flights give Sutton an early fright

DARTS IN DETAIL

FOUR Oaks and District Darts League teams were in cup action this week – and Sutton Sports had a narrow escape against Pint Pot Flights.

The Flights fought back from 4-1 down to level the match at 4-4 before losing the last game in the first round of the Brian Goodman Cup.

Old Oscott Arrows also only won with the last game of the match and Sportsman's Rest beat The Fox 7-2, despite Fox's K Shepherd hitting the only maximum scored this week – his third of the season.

In the Ken Rust Cup, The Deer's Leap needed the last two games to win 5-4 against the Drakes Drum, while Deer's Leap Stags had a comfortable 7-2 win against The Dragons.

Golden Hind beat Oscott Social Reds, winning the last five games for a 7-2 triumph.

RESULTS – BRIAN GOODMAN CUP first round, Tuesday, November 23

PINT POT FLIGHTS 4 (S Hazlett 121, 164f, 100 J Moon 112b W Mynard 125 W Bailey 120b M O'Donnell 151f, 100) **SUTTON SPORTS 5** (B Linnecor 120 L Harris 100 C Perry 112b R Hawker 160b, 140, 100, 10-dart game D Vickers 110b M Wild 2x100, 125 J Kavanagh 100).

BOLDMERE SPORTS 4 (G Bowen 100 P Newman 100 C Symonds 135 K Day 140 A Day 125, 100) **OLD OSCOTT ARROWS 5** (E Atkins 100 J Frost 100, 140 A Cole 2x100, 140 L Jones 100).

FOX AND DOGS 7 (C Millward Jnr 100 M Hawkins 120b, 100 S Gow 100 P M Seadon 115b C Millward Snr 101, 137 C Packer 2x100) **OLD OSCOTT WMC 2** (C Hawkey 100b S Spink 125, 118 J Tolley 100 K Robbins 120b).

GRAVE DIGGERS 5 (P Morris 2x100 E Birkett 133, 137 R Clarke 107 P Donovan 2x102b, 2x100 J Wickett 100) **WHITE LION 4** (P Chamberlain 111b L Taylor 112b M Bruin 140 T Evans 125).

SPORTSMAN'S REST 7 (B Hughes 106f J Dunn 100b T Kelly 100 A Whitehouse 110b, 100, 125 D Keatley 2x100 T Pedley 134, 100) **THE FOX 2** (J Frost 100b M Harris 100 M Willetts 125 K Shepherd 100, 125, 180, nine-dart game).

BROOKVALE 6 (R Blaney 2x100 M Delaney 125 J Yates 100 D Lowe 100 S Lysaght 100, 120b R Kelly 140) **Sutton Town FC 3** (C Forsyth 135 S Alexander 100 R Richardson 100 R Barrett 134 C Lloyd 101).

KEN RUST CUP first round:

ROYAL OAK 4 (K Taylor 140 K Dean 140, 100) **ANVIL NOMADS 5** (N Harley 121, 100 T Tyrie 120b, 100 G Gaughan 114 D Walton 109f).

WHITE LION BARRELS 3 (H Ashton 100, 104 C Williams 2x100 M Mills 104 S Robotham 140, 120b M O'Driscoll 100 G Cookson 117, 100) **RED LION FLIGHTS 6** (T Brennen 100, 116b T Coley 160b D Rawlings 100 L Chant 2x100 S Andrews 100, 120b, 117).

DEER'S LEAP 5 (R Nolan 100 M Brogan 100, 121 T Ross 140, 121) **DRAKES DRUM 4** (J Clarke 100 A Lilley 100 D Kempster 120b, 100 R Hasluck 120b).

THE DRAGONS 2 (M Vernalis 106b D Finnegan 100 S Jones 100 D Hart 100) **DEER'S LEAP STAGS 7** (S Mobsby 140 M Deathridge 2x100 G Kimberley 106f B Wall 121, 104).

OSCOTT SOCIAL REDS 2 (P Willis 120b R Bricknall 2x100 S Shorthouse 120b P Bricknall 2x100 D Day 100) **GOLDEN HIND 7** (P Koyce 137, 100 D Jarvis Snr 2x100 M Sheppard 100 D Jarvis Snr 100 D Savage 112b A Pritchett 100, 100b).

■ The Red Arrows had a bye in the Brian Goodman Cup and Pint Pot Arrows had a bye in the Ken Rust Cup.

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Above: Jake Dixon on his way to gold at the Arena Junior Inter-League Grand Final and below Matt Price matched Dixon by claiming two first place finishes for Boldmere at the event. Below right: The 27-strong Boldmere squad and coaches celebrate their achievement. Individual pictures by Steve Harlow; Team picture by Gavin Pordage

A-team make it into national top five

SWIMMING

By STEVE HARLOW
Swimming correspondent

BOLDMERE Swimming Club's Junior A team stepped into the national spotlight last weekend – cementing a spot as one of the five best junior squads in the country.

Following their Arena West Midlands Junior League Division One title triumph and a second place finish in the Southern Inter-League Final, Boldmere had qualified for the Arena Junior Inter-League Grand Final at Corby's new International pool.

For much of the gala, Boldmere trailed in seventh and last position but they secured a trio of top three places in the final four individual events to finish fifth overall, equalling their only previous Grand Final finish in 2008.

The runaway champions were City of Leeds who, with 16 race wins, amassed 322 points, some 48 points ahead of Hillingdon, in second place.

In the 32 individual events, Boldmere recorded 20 personal bests, six club records and



six relay records too. Beth Grant dipped under 37 seconds for the first time to win the 12-year girls' 50m breaststroke in 36.89secs, while 11-year-old Matt Price claimed the 50m backstroke and breaststroke.

Those displays helped Price claim the Arena Top Boy prize in his age group, as did Jake Dixon in the 12-year category for winning the 50m fly and backstroke.

Kate Davies finished second in both 50m fly and breaststroke, Charlotte Smith sliced nearly one second off her 50m

backstroke PB with 33.84secs and Tom Bloor finished in second place in the 10-year 50m fly in a personal best of 35.63secs.

Archie Langston, aged 10, claimed a third place finish in the 50m freestyle as did Eden Harlow, aged 11, in the 50m breaststroke in a new personal best and club record time of 39.20secs.

The remaining 12 individual personal bests came from Leo Karski in the 9-year 25m backstroke, Aristea Knight in the 9-year 25m freestyle, Madeline



Van-Loan in the 9-year 25m fly, Roan Griffiths in the 9-year 25m freestyle and fly, Taleb Givens in the 9-year 25m breaststroke, Laura Richardson in the 11-year 50m backstroke and freestyle, Beth Grant in the 50m freestyle, Eden Harlow in the 11-year 50m fly and Morgan Harlow in the 12-year 50m fly.

In the relays, the 10-year boys' foursome of Kai Alexander, Bloor, Price and Langston led from the start in medley and free relays to set two new club records, the lat-

ter under the 60 second mark for the first time.

In the same age group the girls – Lauren Wall, Davies, Stella Anne O'Hehir and Lauren Wilson – also set two club records in both relays.

In their final junior event, both 12-year boys and girls teams lowered club records in freestyle and medley relays.

Dixon, Charlie Hackett, Matt Price and Ben Stanford were the boys' stars with Charlotte Smith, Grant, Morgan and Margaret Gately in the girls' team.

Golfers frozen out by the weather given an indoor alternative with academy

GOLF

THE winter weather might be making it difficult, if not impossible, to get out on the course but Wishaw Golf Club has launched a new indoor feature to help golfers determined to work at their game through the cold snap.

Wishaw's new Indoor Golf Academy includes two bays, plus a chipping and a putting green, expert tuition and guidance and feedback from computerised swing and putting analysis technology systems.

Academy head coach Alan Partridge said: "It's really much more enjoyable to be able to play and practice your golf in temperatures more like you'd find in your living room, rather than the freezing conditions outside.

"You can work on all parts of your game in comfort when



Wishaw's new Indoor Golf Academy gives golfers the chance to practice despite the cold snap. (PB12731-9511SP and PB12731-9508SP)

the local courses may be closed through rain, ice or snow, and can drop in after school or work for a lesson, even on the coldest dark winter night.

"As my best players will tell you this is the time of year all



the work is done so you can shape your future golf game." Details of lessons are available by ringing the academy

on 0121 313 2110 or 07734 297212. Alternatively go to www.wishawgc.co.uk.