

SWIMMING: Competitors set several personal best times during Midland Short Course Championships in Corby

Joey and Holly smash records for their club

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JOEY Stanger and Holly Lynch proved to be the standout stars for Boldmere Swimming Club at the Midland Short Course Championships in Corby last weekend.

Stanger produced a fantastic performance in the 100m freestyle, winning by 0.2 seconds and not only taking the Midlands junior title for 15-years and under, but also smashing his personal best.

The 15-year-old's time of 53.64 seconds was also a club record and only narrowly missed the national qualifying time (NQT) for next year's championships by just 0.02 seconds.

Stanger also finished fourth in the 50m freestyle, just missing out on a medal, in another personal best and club record of 24.71 seconds, which was a national qualifying time.

Elsewhere for Boldmere, in the open age category - 16 and over - Adam Kelly set personal bests in both 50m fly and 100m backstroke, the former being a club record.

James Youngman was also in good form, setting two personal bests and club records in the 200m backstroke and freestyle, while Chris Littler had personal bests in the 50m freestyle and 100m fly.

In the relays, Youngman (back), Martyn Wyres (breaststroke), Kelly (fly) and Stanger (free) broke the club record to finish fourth in the medley and also came fifth in the freestyle. Although



Joey Stanger starred for Boldmere at the Midland Short Course Championships. PICTURE BY STEVE HARLOW

only 11, the youngest girl competing in the junior - 15 years and under - category, Penny Whittingham had an impressive weekend with new age group short course club records, six national qualifying times and a fifth place in the 200m fly.

There was further Boldmere SC presence and success with seven club members who now train and represent City of Birmingham in regional and national championships.

Holly Lynch took home a full set of

open age group medals and broke a 16-year-old Warwickshire county record in the process.

Her time of 1.01.25 minutes also sliced more than one and a half seconds off her personal best to take the 100m backstroke title and claim the gold medal.

The silver came in the 200m back with a personal best of 2.13.47 minutes and her bronze 50m back time of 29.17 seconds broke another Warwickshire record set back in 2000.

Alix Swinhoe won bronze in the ju-

nior 50m breaststroke, setting a new club record, which also qualified her for the open final where she finished an impressive fifth in a quicker time still of 35.13 seconds.

Swinhoe also came fourth in the 200m breaststroke in another club record of 2.43.49 minutes.

Also in fine form, and setting an age group club record and her first national qualifying time, was Katrina Holmes.

She finished fourth in the junior 50m free in 27.66 seconds.

She further improved her 100m free personal best by a second.

Phil Hewitt bagged four club records in the 100m and 200m freestyle, won a bronze in the 100m fly and came fourth in the 50m fly.

Emma Smith set three club records in the 200m freestyle, 100m backstroke and 200m backstroke, while Jenny Fowler set a club record in the 400m medley and two personal bests in the 200m medley and 100m fly.



Holly Lynch was also among the medals. PICTURE BY STEVE HARLOW

Girish claims Trophy title

Badminton

THE Wyndley Badminton League annual handicapped tournament was contested by 32 players on Sunday - with Girish Gupte crowned overall champion.

He defeated Paul Whitehouse 21-12, 21-12 in the final to claim the title, while the Plate final was won by James Clark in a superb match against Roger Williams.

Full results from the tournament
Main Trophy quarter-finals: Karl Thompson beat Garfield Sangster 21-15, Danny Hughes beat John Brant 21-8, Paul Whitehouse beat Gerry Leighton 21-11 and Girish Gupte beat Alex McWhinnie 21-13. Semi-finals: Whitehouse beat Hughes 21-18, Gupte beat Thompson 21-11. Final: Gupte beat Whitehouse 21-12, 21-12.

Plate quarter-finals: Roger Williams beat Chris Greenwood 21-20, Peter Timson beat John Russell 21-19, James Clark beat Gary Flanagan 21-10 and Paul Atkins beat Ben Blowman 21-16.

Semi-finals: Clark beat Timson 21-20 and Williams beat Atkins 21-19. Final: Clark beat Williams 21-18.

Sutton stars shine to clinch second spot in Young Athletes Cross Country meeting

ROYAL Sutton AC stars were in fine form to help the club to runners-up position in the second West Midlands Young Athletes Cross Country League meeting of the season.

With 20 clubs involved, second place was a real achievement and they were only just behind winners Rugby and Northampton, with neighbours Birchfield third.

The meeting was held at the Aldersley Stadium in Wolverhampton and began with a second place finish for the under-11 girls with Elizabeth Ghent leading the team in sixth place individually.

The other four scorers were Jessica Tarr (16th), Georgia Batchelor (26th), Georgina Case (52nd) and Annabelle Massey (57th).

The under-13 girls came

Athletics

third in a competitive section featuring more than 100 runners. Elizabeth Ward (fourth), Sophia Karski (eighth), Sophia Shipley (17th), Amelia Andrews (40th) and Amy Sherwood (61st) were the scorers.

Royal Sutton's under-15 team are already looking like potential champions and produced a terrific performance to consolidate their position at the top of their league.

There were nearly 100 runners in their race and Sutton still had nine runners in the first 25, led by Rebecca Robinson, whose superb run brought her home in second place.

She had excellent support from Megan McBrien (fifth), Gabrielle Kinney (eighth),

Niamh Gent (14th), Nicole Parsons (17th), Taryn Beech (23rd) and Rachel Smith (24th).

The under-17 women's league is another close competition and Sutton finished fifth, but are still close enough to challenge for league honours.

The team was led back by Lucy Jennings in 13th place and she was supported by Megan Stratford (15th), Jemma Westgate (22nd), Amy Johnson (25th), Emily Cosgrove (27th) and Lizzie Farrow (30th).

The boys' team got off to a great start, with the under-11s gaining another emphatic victory. Harry Morris produced a great run to gain second place.

He had terrific support from Jamie Morrow-Jones (fifth),

Kieran Mullins (eighth), Joel Kirsten (11th) and Jack Whitehouse (16th).

The under-13s team were third, but are still well placed to challenge for the top. The scorers were Tom Wheeler (eighth), Alfie McBrien (tenth), Shaun Evans (16th), Ben Robinson (35th) and George Rees (37th).

The under-15 boys improved on their previous total and moved up to seventh in their league. Sam Watkins was 13th, Ben Topley 27th, Theo Larcombe 34th and Peter Young 48th.

The under-17 men, in contrast, have slipped to fifth. Kieran Smith was eighth, Stuart McCaw 31st and Ryan Brown 49th.

The next race takes place in the Sandwell Valley at the start of next month.

Five-star ladies stay top of pile

Hockey

Sunderland.....	1
Sutton Coldfield Ladies First XI.....	5

SUTTON put five goals past Sunderland after a long journey to Wearside to maintain their position on top of the Slazenger EHL Women's Conference North.

Charlene Mason opened the scoring with a well-deflected short corner before Vicky Woolford's well-struck shot shook the backboard to make it 2-0.

Sunderland pulled a goal back just before the break but Sutton made it 3-1 when Sandeep Maan slotted home.

Charlotte Cross added two more to seal the win, the first after a great run down the left and the second a well-placed short corner strike.

Mel Ball was the player of the match for Sutton who are one point ahead of Durham at the top of the table. They host Sheffield Hallam at Wyndley tomorrow, 12.30pm pushback, and visit Olton in the cup on Sunday.

Sutton Coldfield Men's First XI.....	1
Sikh Union.....	1

SUTTON men's firsts produced another encouraging display in Bodykraft Midlands One to share the points with Sikh Union.

They went ahead when Tom Nicholls used his blistering pace to beat three players and deliver an inch-perfect ball to Terry Lavery, who crashed the ball home.

Sikh Union netted a smart equaliser, but Sutton almost found a winner when Owens ran through on goal only to be taken down by the keeper and Williamson could only strike the rebound wide.

Edgbaston.....	4
Sutton Coldfield Men's Fourth XI.....	2

DESPITE losing, Sutton fought hard against a strong, unbeaten Edgbaston team.

Sutton's goals came from Russell Drummond and Steve Carter. Keeper Jamie Fennell was star man.

Sutton Coldfield Men's Fifth XI.....	2
Leek.....	1

SUTTON fifths ended the 100 per cent record of leaders Leek with this great victory thanks to goals from Ian Harding and Ian Nicholls.

Rugby.....	0
Sutton Coldfield Men's Sixth XI.....	7

SUTTON sixths hit seven past Rugby as Guest, Medlicott and Burnett all notched doubles, while Oba netted the final goal and Page was named man of the match.

Barford.....	1
Sutton Coldfield Men's Eighth XI.....	1

SKIPPER Neil Blackburn got the goal in this draw with Barford, while James Ough and man of the match Ted Forrest also starred.

Stratford Fifth XI.....	4
Sutton Coldfield Men's Ninth XI.....	0

SUTTON ninths suffered a heavy defeat to skilful Stratford despite great displays from keeper Ian MacDonald and Matt Gimson.

Old Halesonians.....	0
Sutton Coldfield Men's Badgers XI.....	5

ANOTHER sound performance from the Badgers was crowned with goals from Shane Turner (2), George Wager, Tom Newey and Jake Latham.

Windsor double puts Streetly on course for a thumping win

Wednesbury.....	0
Streetly Men First XI.....	4

STREETLY produced a superb performance to overcome Wednesbury with ease.

They dominated for the outset and took the lead as Luke Windsor netted a penalty corner.

The second goal came soon afterwards as Windsor expertly doubled the lead with a drag flick.

Mitch Cordon then pounced on a Sam Bates pass to make it 3-0 and the same player netted a fourth to secure a comfortable win.

Old Sils.....	2
Streetly Men Third XI.....	4

STREETLY thirds bounced back from two straight defeats with this excellent away win.

Eliot Bailey coolly slotted home the first goal and, although Sils levelled, Streetly regained the lead when a sublime pass from David Peers picked out Dave Hopkins to round the keeper and fire home.

Streetly made it 3-1 early in the second half when George Acton set up Peers to slot home.

Sils pulled a goal back but Peers put the game out of reach with a fine solo run.

Streetly Ladies First XI.....	0
Barton Ladies.....	3

LEAGUE leaders Streetly fell to defeat against second-placed Barton in a top-of-the-table clash.

Streetly started brightly, but Barton came more into the game and scored three times to inflict a first defeat on them.

Jess Aston was named as Streetly's star player.

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