

## SPORT ROUND-UP

## Golden Hind are arrowing in on title

## Darts

IN a crucial game for the Four Oaks Darts Second Division title, leaders Golden Hind Arrows struck early and clinched a vital 5-4 win over second-placed Bishop Vesey.

Golden Hind need one more win to take the division.

Bishop Vesey are four points clear of third placed Erdington Arrows who beat Boldmere Tap 6-3.

The Park came so close to getting their first win, four times up they lost the last two games and the match 4-5 to Brookvale Social.

The First Division title contenders put in strong performances this week both winning 8-1. Boldmere St Mikes lead by two points but The Beehive have a game in hand, the outcome is too close to call.

M. Compton (Old Oscott Arrows) hit his fifth 180 of the season and M. Wild (Boldmere St Mikes) his third.

G. Kimberley (Golden Hind) and D. Quirk (Boldmere Tap) also recorded maximums.

Division One. March 8 Match Number 16

Old Oscott W.M.C. 3 (J Tolley 102b, 2x100. D Parsons 121, 2x140. N Hawley 2x100, 137. C Hawley 100. M Bowles 112) Golden Hind 6 (G Kimberley 4x100, 180 T O'Kereke 105f. J Morris 2x100. T Kelly 140, 100. D Keatley 2x100. T Keatley 100. D Pickering 100b, 101).

The Beehive 8 (C O'Neil 100. W Mynard 2x140, 100. N Clarke 112f. J Prince 112b, 105, 2x100. K Deeley 148b, 100, 140) Old Oscott Arrows 1 (M Page 100. L Jones 103. M Compton 2x100, 110f, 180, 120).

Red Lion 7 (D Bond Jnr 100. M Gaughan 138. B Hughes 139, 140, 109f. D Bayliss 2x100, 135, 140. D G Bond 3x100) Pint Pot Flights 2 (M Mills 100. B Godfrey 139, 140. P Arnold 120, 100).

Boldmere St Mikes 8 (M Ashton 138, 2x100, 116f. S Palling 105. R Hawker 100, 101, 140, 125. B Linneer 100. A Kimberley 140. M Wild 180) Boldmere Sports & Social 1 (D Savage 100, 119. I Lloyd 140, 100. D Munge 100. J Frost 120b, 121, 100).

Division Two, March 8, Match 16 Golden Hind Arrows 5 (R Hasluck 100. J Clarke 140, 100. M Pearce 100, 2x125. J Mahon 140, 125. K Lumby 112b, 2x100. A Lilley 100. A Day 111) Bishop Vesey 4 (M Archer 2x100, 110f. S Holmes 140. A France 100. J Dempsey 100b, 134. M Hall 2x100. C Sammons 2x120b, 125, 140).

The Boot 6 (M Norton 120b, 100, 125. T Tyrne 120b, 6x100. G Gaughan 2x100. R Smith 100, 125, 135. N Napier 100, 125) The Lions 3 (J Collins 100, 125, 140. I Matthews 140. K Brown 100. W Taylor 131, 140, 115, 100).

The Park 4 (A Hay 2x100. J Boulstridge 100. C Batt 2x100. W Harvey 140, 100). Brookvale Social 5 (J Yates 2x100. W Naylor 2x112b, 2x100, 118f).

Boldmere Tap 3 (C Hagans 100, 125. S Alexander 132. D Quirk 2x100, 180. P Bromley 4x100. D Simpson 3x140. A Small 100) Erdington Arrows 6 (J Cox 138. J Stokes 125. R Bazeley 100. M Kenny 100. J West 123, 100. M Phillips 140, 4x100. A Gough 152b, 100).

The Plough & Arrows and The Fox had byes.

**CRICKET:** Walmley CC Youth Section are gearing up for the season.

Registration for summer coaching and the hugely popular Mini League tournament takes place next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at their Eldon Drive Ground.

It takes place between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. There will also be registration on April 5 and 7.

**TENNIS:** The warmer weather was a welcome boost to the first Spring League fixture of the season as Boldmere Tennis Club hosted Marston Green. First pairing Steve Higgins and Derek Page won their two rubbers 4-0. And second pairing Anthony Willis and Steve McAleavy claimed a 3-1 to secure the team victory.

## Boldmere are pride of county

## Swimming

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Swimming correspondent

BOLDMERE Swimming Club enjoyed an excellent year in the Warwickshire Championships at Coventry's 50m pool.

During three weeks of competition, Boldmere swimmers won four county championship titles, five junior county titles and 94 medals in individual and relay races.

They won 38 gold, 24 silver and 32 bronze with 167 swimmers made event finals.

Week one saw 14-year-old Lily Wood crowned the county champion in the girls 400m IM, with 13-year-old Erin Davies winning a silver medal.

In the 200m IM, the Boldmere boys secured six places in the finals, taking a 1-2-3 in the 14+ age group with Joey Stanger taking gold.

Leo Karski won silver and the junior county championship title with Ben Campbell winning bronze.

In the 10/13 age group, Jamie Dark took gold with William Cooper second fastest on the day.

Boldmere had a fantastic eight finalists in the girls 50m backstroke, winning four medals.

In the 12 year age group Nadya Sterling took gold and Irisha Powell silver, both with personal bests. Lauren Knight took bronze.

In the 15 year age group, Beatrice Adams finished third.

In the boys 100m backstroke, nine swimmers made finals, with Dark taking first and Acer Woolley third in the 13 year age group.

In the 15+ age group, Ben Campbell also took third.

In the 100m freestyle, winning five medals. Sterling (12 year) won gold, Erin Davies (13 year) silver, Abbey Turnbull (13 year) bronze, Wood (14 year) silver and Beatrice Adams (15 year) bronze.

Another eight Boldmere finalists in the boys 50m fly took five medals.

Oliver Carless (12 year) won gold as did Woolley (13 year).

William Cooper (13 year) won bronze with another personal best and Karski took gold in the 15 year group with Ben Campbell bagging bronze in 16 year competition.

A further two medals were won by Erin Davies, with gold in the 11/13 year 200m breaststroke, and Ryan Andrews with bronze in the 1500m freestyle.

**Week Two** saw 15-year-old Karski crowned county champion in the boys 200m fly with a club record time of 2.11.78mins while Acer Woolley claimed gold in the 10/13 age group.

In the girls 100m freestyle, Sterling took gold in the 12 year age group, with Aaliyah Lloyd taking the 13 year bronze.

In the boys 100m breaststroke, Ellis Taylor won silver after a personal in the heats and Carless took bronze in the 12 year age group.

William Cooper won gold in the 13 year category.

In the 50m breaststroke, Sam Woodhall (10/11) set a two bests for fifth place while Taylor won his second silver



Boldmere's county champions.

Picture: Steve Harlow

medal in the 12 year final.

In the 13 year age group, William Cooper took his second gold of the day, finishing joint first with Dark. Sam Cooper also swam a two bests to finish fifth in the same final.

In the 14 year final, William Burley took an amazing 10 seconds off his previous personal best to take a fifth place.

Cameron Billingsley and Dan Smith also took fifth places in the 15 and 16 year age groups respectively.

Dark won a second gold in the boys 10/13 year 200m Freestyle with Steve Wilson winning silver in the 14+ group.

In the boys 200m fly, Woolley swam a new best to take the gold medal.

Boldmere girls secured another five medals with Abbey Turnbull (13 year) taking silver in the 200m backstroke.

Sterling (12 year) silver and Adams (15 year) bronze in the 100m fly.

Turnbull (10/13 year) won silver and Alex Bartley (14+yr) took bronze in the 400m freestyle.

Week Three saw Ben Stanford take gold and the county championship title in the 16+ 100m Freestyle.

Karski bagged the Junior Championship title with gold in the 15 year age group.

In the 13 year age group, Boldmere swept the medals board with Dark taking gold, William Cooper silver and Sol Langston bronze.

In the girls 200m IM, a second Junior County Cham-

pionship title was won by Erin Davies, taking gold in the 10/13 year age group while, in the 14+ age group, Wood took silver and Bartley bronze.

William Cooper increased his medal tally even further with gold in the 10/13 year 200m Breaststroke and Karski added to his similarly large collection with gold in the 400m IM.

In the girls 50m fly, Boldmere had nine finalists, with Sterling winning gold (12 year) and Rachel Wilson bronze (16 year).

In the 100m Backstroke, Boldmere girls won one gold from Wood, (14 year) and two silver medals for Turnbull (13 year) and Bartley (14 year).

The final two medals of the day were won by Carless (12 year) who claimed bronze and Dark (13 year) won gold in the boys 50m backstroke.

On the second day of the final week, Karski won his fourth Junior Championship title, with gold in the 15 year 100m fly.

Also in the 100m fly, Carless (12 year) and William Cooper (13 year) both took silver medals.

James Goodwin won bronze in the 14 year age group.

In the boys 50m free, Boldmere had seven finalists.

Carless took silver in the 12 year age group while, in the 13 year age group, Boldmere swept the board with William Cooper taking gold, Dark silver and Sol Langston winning the bronze medal.

In the 16+ group, Ben Stanford won silver.

In the girls 100m breaststroke, Boldmere had four finalists.

Niamh Mold won bronze in the 10 and 11 year section.

Erin Davies won gold in the 13 year race and Wood won silver in the 14 year competition. Emily Gordon won bronze in the 16-year event.

Boldmere took another three medals in the girls 50m breaststroke, with Erin Davies winning gold and Aaliyah Lloyd a bronze in the 13 year age group. Emily Gordon won silver in the 16+ group.

A further four medals were won by Dark, with silver in the 200m backstroke and gold in the 10/13 year 400m freestyle.

Wood won bronze in the 200m fly (14+) and Erin Davies struck gold in 200m freestyle (10/13).

Across the three weeks Boldmere swimmers also won a total of 11 medals in the relay events.

The Boldmere girls brought home five relay medals.

There were two gold medals in the 10/12y 4 x 50m Freestyle (Charlotte Jones, Irisha Powell, Lauren Knight, Sterling) and the open 4x100m Medley (Wood, Alex Dolan, Rachel Wilson and Bartley).

There were also three bronzes in the 13/15yr 4 x 50m Freestyle (Adams, Erin Davies, Wood and Anya Mee), the 13/15yr 4x50m medley (Wood, Mee, Adams and Holly Clutterbuck) and the girls open 4x200m freestyle (Alex Dolan, Anya Mee, Wood, Alex Bartley).

The boys 10/12yr team of Ellis Taylor, Charlie Wood, Carless and Jude Denning won bronze medals in both the 4x50m freestyle and 4x50m medley.

In the boys 13/15 year age group, the 4 x 50m Medley team won bronze (Dark, Cooper, Karski and Goodwin).

The boys open teams won gold in the 4x100m freestyle (Ben Campbell, Archie Langston, Joey Stanger and Karski), silver in the 4 x 200m Freestyle (Ben Stanford, Campbell, Karski and Stanger) and bronze in the 4 x 100m Medley (Stanford, Dan Smith, Karski and Campbell).

## Veseyans clash ends with honours even

## Rugby Union

VESEYANS 24  
KIDDERMINSTER CAROLIANS 24

Midlands Two West North

IF ever there was a time to use the old cliché 'a game of two halves', this was it.

In the bright March sunshine, Veseyans welcomed Kidderminster to the Memorial Ground on the back of some disappointing recent form.

The home fans may have felt this was due to continue as a sluggish start from the home side gifted Kidderminster an early try as they sliced through the middle of the Veseyans defence.

The Vs seemed to respond well and put together some well structured play, but as has been the case on so many occasions this season, there was little final product, and despite all the pressure it was the away side who extended their lead.

Despite flashes of good play, mistakes cost Veseyans and with three tries scored by Kidderminster, and a 24-point lead approaching half time, the young Veseyans side could of endured a long afternoon.

However, in the lead up to half time, some sustained possession led to a subtle offload from centre Dan Poulton, putting captain Matt Gillick over for a well-worked try. Poulton converted to make the score 7-24 at half time.

After the break, both sides showed a fantastic endeavour to play in conditions that were perfect for running rugby, and though both sides will feel like they left points out on the park, the game was a true spectacle to watch.

Second-half trys from second row Adam Mitchell and open side, Rob Lenderyou, brought the scores level with 10 minutes to go and the final 10 minutes became a real battle for the points.

The Veseyans had their tails up and it was Lenderyou who pushed the tempo of the game up another gear, supported in full by scrum half Dan Hemming and the running rugby of centre Matt Dell.

Ultimately, neither side was able to break the deadlock and a draw was probably a fair result from a cracker of game of rugby.

With the two sides due to meet again in the North Midlands Shield semi final on March 26, both will surely be looking forward to another very competitive fixture.

Special mention must be made to young scrum half Dan Hemming, who thoroughly deserved the man of the match award on his first team debut.

**SUTTON SUCCESS:** Sutton under-16s travelled to Leicester to play Oadby with a number of key players out on fund raising duty. However, the game proved too much for Oadby as Sutton was too strong for them and ran in a total of 11 tries. Scorers were; Ollie Pegler (four), Mike Rowe, Will Smewin, Adam Collingwood Michael Moore, Charles Snow, Ollie Mills and Billy Dunn. Eddie Chitnis converted eight of the tries. Oadby continued to battle throughout the match but failed to break down the Sutton defence losing 71-0.

## Parkinson-Mills nets as Sutton take title

## Hockey

SUTTON Hockey Ladies First XI secured the league title on Saturday with a 1-1 draw against Swansea.

The first half was a fairly even affair with the majority of the play being in the centre of the pitch. The best chance of the half fell to Swansea after a miss control in the Sutton defence presented them with golden opportunity to take the lead.

Becky Batsford rescued the Mighty Pinks as she was quick off her line to thwart the one-on-one opportunity.

Sutton got off to a good start in the second half with sustained pressure on the Swansea defence.

A superb defence splitting ball from Emma McCabe in the midfield reached Jane Sixsmith, who rounded the keeper but was on the receiving end of a clumsy foul, resulting in a penalty stroke being awarded.



Sutton Ladies celebrate the league title.

Jen Parkinson-Mills stepped up, but unfortunately her penalty drifted just wide of the post. Swansea then took the lead when Katrin Budd converted a penalty corner.

But Sutton earned another penalty stroke and Parkinson-Mills stepped up again to this time dispatch the penalty to earn Sutton the league title. Vicky Woolford was star player.