

SPORT ROUND-UP

Zak's try sets ball rolling for leaders

Rugby Union

WEDNESBURY 0 VESEYANS 32
Midland Three West North

VESEYANS bolstered their position at the top of the Midlands West Three North with this dominant win.

The tone of the match was set early with Wednesbury attempting to bully Veseys out of the game.

But the Streetly side rose to the physical challenge and created an early try, manufactured from a lineout.

The forwards engineered a rolling maul and trundled 20 yards through the Wednesbury 22 before number eight Zak Feanati touched down for the opening points.

The Vs attack was relentless throughout the first half with Wednesbury barely setting foot in their half.

Just a few minutes after the first try, hooker Nathan Merrick stamped through the Wednesbury defence but was eventually brought down by five players just a few yards short of scoring.

Effective support play generated some quick ball which was shipped wide to the Vs talisman Matt Hipkiss.

The fleet-footed full back stepped past dumbstruck defenders to score an impressive try in the corner.

After the score the Vs kicked off high and long forcing the Wednesbury winger to take a catch under pressure.

He cracked and spilt the ball and Vs winger Tony Hayes capitalised before offloading to flanker Pete Atkins.

A last-ditch defensive bid managed to bring down the forward but he managed to pass the ball from the floor to centre Paul Perrins who strolled in for a try.

Skipper Sammy Irvine slotted the conversion.

The Vs were almost immediately on the offensive in the second half and another rolling maul from a line out created all sorts of trouble for the Wednesbury forwards.

Totally unable to combat the might of the Vs pack, the maul trundled 30 yards over the try line before second row Chris Whitehouse touched down.

After dominating the game up to this point, the Vs suddenly found themselves having to carry out defensive duties as Wednesbury managed to apply some pressure of their own.

Camping on the Vs line, for 15 minutes they tried everything in their arsenal to get over for a try.

Through brutal tackling and pride, the Vs boys kept the home team out and eventually battled their way back up the field.

In the dying minutes of the game, it was Vs prop Nick Murch who penetrated the defence and found flanker Rich Bleakers who scored an eye-catching try.

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RUGBY: Aldridge RFC secured a 40-0 win over Harborne seconds in a club match last weekend. Ben Drinkwater set them on their way with a try, converted by Mark Large. The scoreboard then steadily ticking over as Aldridge eased home.



Katie Richardson in action in Northampton last weekend.

Picture: Steve Harlow

Lynch makes waves as super Boldmere clinch pool records

Swimming

By STEVE HARLOW
Swimming Correspondent

BOLDMERE Swimming Club members produced 25 club records and 30 personal bests at the Midlands Short Course (25m) Championship at Corby last weekend.

In City of Birmingham colours, Bradley Lynch broke his own West Midlands Region and Junior County Records twice in the 400m freestyle, taking the junior title as well as coming second in the overall senior final in a time of 3:57.86mins.

INSHORT

MOTORSPORT: Walsall MCC will be holding a Motorcycle trial on Sunday.

The trial takes place from 11am at Hobs Hole Lane between the Irish Harp and Plough and Harrow Pubs on Chester Road, Streetly. Entry is free and it is a chance for people to come and see the most skilful and slowest form of Off-Road Motorcycling.

A trial consists of 10/12 naturally laid out hazards (sections) on which the riders are observed over.

ATHLETICS: Royal Sutton AC secured 15th place in the second meeting in Division One of the Birmingham and District Invitation Cross Country League. Competing at Cofton Park, Ollie Haradence was the first runner home for the team in 40th place. The other scorers were Nick Corker (69th), Paul Terleski (111th), Simon Corker (119th), Fred Tremblay (123rd) and Russell Simpson (124th).

He followed this up with another junior title and junior county record in the 200m freestyle, with a time of 1:53.01mins.

Lynch collected yet another two titles in the shorter 50m and 100m freestyle events and then anchored both men's 4 x 100 relay teams to set West Midlands Region Open Age records.

Emma Smith won the Midlands Junior 200m freestyle title in a time of 2:04.64mins, which was also Junior Warwickshire County Record.

In the 200m backstroke, she picked a junior silver medal in a time of 2:13.70, breaking West Midlands Region and

Warwickshire Junior County Records in the process.

She also picked two bronze medals in 50m and 100m backstroke and 100m free, breaking another Junior County Records in 50m backstroke along the way.

Also breaking a Junior County Record was Josh Winnicott in the 200m breaststroke who in setting a time of 2:25.43 also claimed a silver medal as well as a silver in the 50m and 100m breaststroke and the 200m IM.

Givenchy Sneekes claimed Junior silver in the 100m freestyle in a record of 58.37secs and a bronze in the shorter 50m sprint in another season's

best and record of 27.34secs.

The final medallist of the weekend was Katie Richardson who took the junior bronze in 800m freestyle in 9:12.35mins, breaking her 400m personal time along the way.

Age group club records were set by Jake Dixon in the 200 IM, 400 IM and 100m fly, Kristie Hackett (400IM), Givenchy Sneekes (400IM) and Emily Gordon (200m breaststroke).

Others gaining personal bests were Gina Luckett (100m breaststroke) as well as Jenny Fowler (200m freestyle), Phil Hewitt - (50m fly), Kristie Hackett (200 IM) and Josh Holsey (100 IM).



SWIMMING: Sutton and Perry Beeches Swimming Club stars have produced a string of fine performances in the last week. The Perry Beeches Men's Masters Team of Gez Morgan, Rob Small, Ross Emery and Dan Pryor travelled to the South Yorkshire Masters Open Meet in Sheffield. The team produced some amazing performances against top opposition from around the UK, winning both the medley and freestyle relays in the combined 120+ age group. They claimed 18 individual medals, including nine gold. Beeches also produced a fine National League performance in Rugby on Saturday night, winning the gala ahead of Camp Hill B, Rugby SC and Oldbury. Finally, Perry Beeches held their Christmas Gala last week with more than 70 juniors (some pictured) taking part. Anyone interested in taking up swimming should call Mandy Blizard on 07793 560698.

Plough on cloud nine after Fox win

Darts

JUST three undefeated teams remain in the Four Oaks and District Darts League at the end of the first half of the season.

Division One leaders Plough and Arrows rounded off the first half campaign with a 9-0 victory over The Fox Inn.

Red Lion Flights are unbeaten in Division Two after a 7-2 against The Leopard.

And Drakes Drum lead the third division two points clear of Erdington Arrows, with seven wins from seven.

Results this week are:

Division One: Anvil Nomads 5: (N. Harley 135, W. Chinn 125, T. Tyrie 100, 140.) Boldmere Sports 4 (C. Symonds 100, R. Tidmarsh 100, A. Jarvie 100, C. Morgan 124, 101b, 140, J. Ledward 114).

Division One: Deer's Leap 7: (J. Collins 100, 140, T. O'Kereke 100, C. Turnbull 160b, D. Watkins 100, 110, 100f, A. Kimberley 100, 100b, 101f, 140, 180, J. Morris Jnr 100, 100b, 100f, 120b, 140), Sportsman's Rest 2 (J. Dunn 100b, 100, N. Dunn 107b, T. Kelly 100, 140, A. Whitehouse 2 x 100, 110b, D. Keatley 100, D. Savage 2 x 100, 140, J. Sabin 125).

Division One: The Fox Inn 0 (J. Frost 120b, 100b, 121, 8 Darts game, E. Hall 100, 110b), Plough & Arrows 9: (C. Millward Snr 101b, 120, 2 x 100, N. Robbins 100, M. Archer 2 x 100, 108b, 120, M. Gallett 134b, 2 x 140, A. T. Lewis 2 x 100, P. A. Seadon 100, 140).

Division One: Pint Pot Flights 4 (H. Hawkeswood 138, N. Bruton 100, M. Mills 2 x 100, J. Moon 4 x 100, M. Pearson-Bagnall 2 x 100, 2 x 140, W. Mynard 2 x 100, 120b, 134, 140), Old Oscott Arrows 5 (A. Lea 100, 108b, 140, L. Jones 2 x 100, A. Cole 3 x 100, D. Page 100, M. Maher 2 x 102b).

Division Two: Red Lion Flights 7 (T. Colley 100, 100b, S. Andrews 100, 121, D. G. Bond 100, 105, 120f, B. Hughes 100, 120, 140, L. Chant 2 x 100, 112b, 115), The Leopard 2 (D. Jarvis Jnr 152b, 100, D. Jarvis Snr 3 x 100, C. Hennessey 100b, 100, C. Hill 2 x 100, 121).

Division Two: Oscott Social Reds 5 (S. Shorthouse 2 x 100, 105, 2 x 140, P. Willis 100, 125, A. James 100, 108, 108f, 123, 120b, 2 x 140.) Brookvale 4 (R. Blaney 140, Jim Lynch 100, 101b, J. Yates 2 x 100, 140).

Division Two: Old Oscott W.M.C. 3 (N. Hawley 100, 140, D. Fletcher 112b, D. Parsons 2 x 100, 100b, K. Robbins 100, 100b, J. Tolley 121, I. Johnson 100, J. Higgins 100, 119), Pint Pot Nomads 6 (D. Baker 152b, 108f, J. Green 2 x 100, 105b, J. Vickers 5 x 100, 140, M. Corfield 100, K. Smith 2 x 120b, S. Davey 120)

HOW THEY STAND

DARTS

FOUR OAKS DARTS LEAGUE

Division One

	P	W	L	Pts
Plough and Arrows.....	8	8	0	16
Sutton Sports.....	8	7	1	14
Deer's Leap.....	8	6	2	12
Anvil Nomads.....	8	5	3	10
Old Oscott Arrows.....	8	4	4	8
Sportsman's Rest.....	8	3	5	6
Boldmere Sports.....	8	2	6	4
Pint Pot Flights.....	8	1	7	2
The Fox Inn.....	8	0	8	0

Division Two

	P	W	L	Pts
Red Lion Flights.....	7	7	0	14
Pint Pot Nomads.....	7	6	1	12
White Lion.....	7	4	3	8
Oscott Social.....	7	3	4	6
Clarets.....	7	2	5	4
Old Oscott W.M.C.....	7	2	5	4
Brookvale.....	7	2	5	4
The Leopard.....	7	2	5	4
Oscott Social Reds.....	7	2	5	4

Division Three

	P	W	L	Pts
Drakes Drum.....	7	7	0	14
Erdington Arrows.....	7	6	1	12
Deer's Leap Stags.....	7	4	3	8
Pint Pot Arrows.....	7	4	3	8
Bishop Vesey.....	7	2	5	4
The Gate.....	7	2	5	4
The Dragons.....	7	2	5	4
Plough and.....	7	1	6	2
Barrows.....				

INSHORT

HOCKEY: Streetly Men's hockey first team faced Barton in their last game before Christmas. They won the game 4-3 with Craig Moore named the Harveys man of the match after bagging all four goals for Streetly.

Ellie is a contender for top BBC award

SWIMMING: Boldmere Swimming Club's Paralympic star Ellie Simmonds is one of three contenders for this year's BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year. Simmonds will battle it out with golfer Lauren Taylor and cyclist Lucy Garner for the honour in Salford next Thursday. The trio were whittled down from an original shortlist of 10 which also included Liam Broady (tennis), Tom Daley (diving) and Laura Robson (tennis). In July, Simmonds won four medals in individual events at the IPC European Swimming Championships in Berlin - two gold, a silver and a bronze. She also set two new world records in the S6 400m freestyle and SM6 200m individual medley. She also won gold in 200m individual medley (SM6) at the Paralympic World Cup in Manchester and set a world record in the S6 800m Freestyle at the German Open.