

SPORT ROUND-UP

Old Salts put to the sword by the Vs

Rugby

**VESEYANS RFC 16
OLD SALTS RFC 13**
North Midlands Shield

VESEYANS progressed in the Shield thanks to a narrow victory over Salts in a tight derby encounter.

Salts began in impressive fashion with good runs with ball in hand, often making yards against a staggered opposition.

But despite that, the only points for Salts came through the boot of Lewis Beatty at outside centre who kicked two penalty goals of more than 40 metres in the first 10 minutes.

The half ended with Salts 6-3 up but had the Veseyans kicker taken more of the penalty opportunities offered the score would have been a different story.

All the drama, then, was reserved for the second half as Veseyans missed two penalties in as many minutes but slotted their third attempt to level the scores.

Ten minutes into the half, the Veseyans winger stepped inside from a poor Salts kick which yet again failed to find touch and proceeded to evade the arms of six waiting Salts 'tacklers'.

With the run making some 40 yards and many Salts players in their wake, the Veseyans pack poured over and released fast ball to the waiting backs who within seconds were over in the right corner for a deserved try.

The kicker finally found another kick and Veseyans were 13-6 to the good.

Another penalty opportunity was kicked two minutes later and Veseyans looked comfortable at 16-6.

To their credit, Salts came back hard and worked the ball upfield through some dogged play and creative handling giving themselves every opportunity to score.

With a penalty on the oppositions five-metre line, Salts packed down for the scrum on three occasions and finally the greater strength told as the referee was forced to give a penalty try.

Veseyans had broken up the scrum prematurely as the front row had attempted to collapse it.

The kick was good and the difference was back to three points, 16-13.



Boldmere Swimming Club Stars of the Gala (I-R) – Georgina Dolan, Matt Price, Leo Karski, Teerath Khaira, Katie Richardson and Lois West. Picture by Steve Harlow

Brilliant Boldmere leave the rest in their wake in league

Swimming

By **STEVE HARLOW**

Swimming correspondent

BOLDMERE Swimming Club's A team cruised to victory by a massive 78 points in the latest Division One meet of the West Midlands region of the Arena National League.

Boldmere travelled to Market Drayton to face Braunston, Leamington Spa, Stourbridge, Wolverhampton and Worcester – and the Orcas dominated, winning 29 of the 50 events and taking 13 second places.

Georgina Dolan's impressive relay contributions in the girls' 11/u foursome, especially her winning anchor leg in the medley relay, earned the girls' gala star award.

The boys' honour went to another 11-year-old, Matt Price, who excelled by dominating both his two individual 50m backstroke and fly, as well as being part of five win-

ning relays for the 11/u, 13/u and 15/u squads.

Kate Davies (11/u 50m back and fly), Tom Bloor (11/u 50m breast), Archie Langston (11/u 50m free), Ben Stanford (13/u 100m free), Jake Dixon (15/u 100m breast and fly) Givenchy Sneakes, Emma Smith (15/u 100m back and fly), Bradley Lynch and Jenny Fowler also claimed individual wins.

With 14 relay wins from 16 the whole team excelled with the highlight being Stella O'Hehir's third leg of the 11/u freestyle relay, digging deep to keep neck and neck with Wolverhampton, handing over to Lauren Wall who then pulled away for a two-second win.

In the penultimate ladies' open six leg relay Jenny Fowler, Kristie Hackett, Emily Gordon and Gina Luckett were steady before Emma Smith pushed the team up into contention for first with Sneakes finishing the job off with a two metre win.

In the final men's open six-leg relay event Bradley Lynch,

Adam Kelly Steve Wilson, Jake Dixon, Phil Hewitt and Joey Stanger swam superbly to secure a 4.5second margin of victory.

This now takes the A team into the third and final round at Coventry with the same 27 league points as City of Derby and City of Coventry.

Elsewhere, the B squad put in a fine performance at Chesterfield against A squads from other clubs, with girls' gala star Katie Richardson starting proceedings with a great 200m individual medley display in the Ladies Open.

Richardson also teamed up with Alice Dearing, Charlotte Smith and Alex Dolan to win both 15/u relays and then in the ladies open relay with Elmena Saunders and Margaret Gately.

Individual first places were achieved by both Richardson and Dearing (15/u 100m free and fly) plus Luke Davies (100m breast), Taleb Givans (50m free) Ben Campbell (100m free).

Givans teamed up with Jack Dobson, Leighton Palmer White and boys' gala star Leo Karski to achieve two firsts in the 11/u relays.

The C team, meanwhile, travelled the long distance up to Sheffield where they were up against teams from Cannon Phoenix, Cheadle, Etwell Eagles and Matlock.

Finally finishing in fifth place, the C team put in some fabulous performances and achieved 19 brilliant personal bests on the night.

Tully Kearney put in an impressive performance to win the girls' 15/u 100m fly in a time of 1.14.59mins.

Teerath Khaira (13/u 100m breast) produced an awesome swim to claim the boys' gala star award.

Impressive performances were also put in by Harry Elliott (open 100m fly), Daniel Lynch-Davies (13/u 100m back), Sam Morris (11/u 50m breast and 50m free) and girls' gala star Lois West (13/u 100m fly).

Clamp is simply champion in race

Athletics

TIPTON Harriers veteran athlete Phil Clamp won the second running of the KP Corporate Kingsbury Water Park 10k last Sunday.

Clamp triumphed in windy but fine conditions on a course that had plenty of muddy paths and wetland areas to make it a testing event for the 300-plus athletes who entered.

Clamp, an expert cross-country runner, started strongly and gradually eased



his way to the front early on before leaving the others to do the chasing in the vain hope of catching him.

His time of 33.21mins was testament to his abilities in tough conditions. Second was Alex Benfield of Burton AC in 35.01mins and Sam Chatwin (unattached) was third in 36.50mins.

First woman home was Ute Baird of Team Raidlight in 43.07mins, with Joanna Rooney (unattached) second in 43.19mins and Katy Heridge (unattached) third in 44.17mins.

A full listing of results is posted at www.kpevents.net

Erdington endurance legend Paddy Doyle claimed another couple of Guinness world records at Stamina's Self Defence Gym recently. Doyle – holder of 136 fitness endurance titles and records – dug deep to regain the record for most push-ups in one minute carrying a 60lb backpack, completing 53 reps, three more than the old mark. Doyle also went onto break the Guinness world record for the most one-arm push-ups in 1 minute carrying a 60lb backpack (using his right arm only), beating the previous record of 22 by three and finishing on 25. Doyle had to hide his pain as he had torn his rotator cuff muscle ligaments in his left shoulder.



Darts

SUTTON Sports beat The Fox Inn 7-2, while Plough and Arrows managed an 8-1 victory over Old Oscott Arrows and Deer's Leap brushed unlucky Boldmere Sports 9-0 in Division One of the Four Oaks and District League.

In Division Two, there were some mighty close games as Red Lion Flights won 5-4 with a 180 from D G Bond, despite opponents Pint Pot Nomads recording 26 scores of 100 or more with J Vickers contributing eight tons including a 180.

The Leopard had to win the last two games to triumph 5-4 against Brookvale C. Hill of The Leopard and A Mytton for Brookvale both hit maximums.

Old Oscott WMC had a high scoring 5-4 victory against Oscott Social Clarets, while

elsewhere in the division J Morris Jnr of the Deer's Leap followed his 170 last week with a 180 and M Gallett recorded a maximum for the Plough and Arrows.

In the Division Three Challenge Cup, Erdington Arrows and Drakes Drum both enjoyed comfortable 7-2 wins.

Deer's Leap Stags triumphed 5-4 against The Dragons while Plough and Barrows had to take the last two games to beat The Gate and advance into the next round.

Results – Division One, November 22 match no.7

Pint Pot Flights 3 (P Smith 120b M Pearson-Bagnall 106b W Bailey 2x105b, 100, 100b, 140 J Moon 120b, 133) **Anvil Nomads 6** (P Guesford 2x100,

140 N Harley 100, 140 G Gaughan 2x100, 112b M Kemble 100 D Walton 100, 140 W Chinn 100 D Jones 125).

Deer's Leap 9 (D Watkins 5x100, 137, 160 J Morris Snr 125, 116f J Morris Jnr 100, 120b, 121, 135, 180 C Turnbull 100 J Collins 148b, 112f C Hollender 125 T Ross 100, 112b) **Boldmere Sports 0** (L Cooksey 118, 119 R Tidmarsh 100 A Jarvie 128, 130 K Day 103b P Newman 100)

Plough and Arrows 8 (M Archer 105, 135 M Hawkins 125 C Packer 126 M Gallett 2x100, 140, 180 C Millward Snr 3x140 A T Lewis 100, 140 N Robbins 100, 152f, 154f) **Old Oscott Arrows 1** (M Page 100 A Lea 2x100 E Atkins 100 D Page 100 J Higgins 100 A Cole 2x100).

The Fox Inn 2 (J Frost 2x100, 2x125 N Harris 100 E Hall 100

K Shepherd 100, 111, 140) **Sutton Sports 7** (J Kavanagh 100b, 140 M Wild 2x100, 120b, 130 L Harris 3x100, 125 D Vickers 140 S Paling 2x100 B Linnecor 100, 105 L Flores 107 T Vickers 124b, 140 L Vickers 100).

Division Two

Red Lion Flights 5 (B Hughes 2x100, 106b, 140 T Colley 100, 120 S Andrews 100, 105b L Chant 140 M Gaughan 100 D G Bond 100b, 140, 180) **Pint Pot Nomads 4** (D Baker 100 J Green 4x100 S Davey 100, 104 J Vickers 4x100, 107, 110b, 135, 180 M Corfield 2x100, 2x140 K Smith 3x100, 125, 133 B Godfray 100, 105b).

The Leopard 5 (D Jarvis Jnr 100 C Hennessey 2x100 D Lafferty 110b, 100 D Jarvis Snr 3x100, 120b, 140 C Hill 100, 120b, 2x140, 180) **Brookvale 4** (M Delaney 116 D Lowe 100 W

Naylor 100 R Blaney 140 A Mytton 180 G Lynch 125 J Yates 2x100, 135).

Oscott Social Reds 2 (P Willis 105b S Howard 100 D Pritchett 134 L Shorthouse 2x100 S Shorthouse 100, 116, 120 A James 4x100 R Bricknall 100, 116) **White Lion 7** (T Evans 120f G Baxter 140 G Cookson 100, 135 C Williams 2x100, 115f, 142b, nine-dart game G Redfern 140 I Taylor 110, 121).

Old Oscott WMC 5 (P Burgess 100, 120 N Hawkley 135 J Tolley 140 K Robbins 2x100 D Fletcher 4x100) **Oscott Social Clarets 4** (G Bushell 100, 138 P Graham 2x100, 121 N Bryant 100, 140 D Hodge 140 M Westmorland 123 K Shorthouse 100, 108f D Shannon 125).

Division Three Challenge Cup

Pint Pot Arrows 2 (A Sears 121 A Clarke 137, 100) **Erdington Ar-**

rows 7 (W Perry 3x100, 122 J J Armstrong 121, 2x100 R Snelson 2x100 J West 100b J Armstrong 133 J P Roddy 152b).

The Dragons 4 (T Matthews 109b, 3x100 G Vernalls 100 D Finnegan 3x100 E Sai 101, 100) **Deer's Leap Stags 5** (K Lambeth 2x100 D Pickering 120b, 3x100 G Kimberley 100b, 140)

Bishop Vesey 2 (M Hall 2x100 D Sammons 100, 125 S Milligan 2x100 M Downer 100 G Mills 125 J Dempsey 100) **Drakes Drum 7** (M Pearce 2x120b, 100, 118 R Hasluck 100 J Clarke 100 A Day 2x140, 100 G Oldfield 111).

The Gate 4 (C Woodroffe 100 C Bennett 100 P Bishop 2x100 M Bishop 100b, 140 S Webb 100b J Fletcher 121) **Plough and Barrows 5** (M Bateman 121 A Cody 100 P Opelier 100, 140 S Gow 105).