

**INSHORT**

**SPORTSCO:** The Walmley-based club's under-14s are looking for a Level One or Two coach to help improve the players. The team also need a striker. Call Dave Knowles on 07956 951648 for details.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN JUNIORS:** Sutton's under-16s are holding trials for players for the new season on July 23 and July 30. For more details call Robin on 0121 329 3155 or Sarah on 07837 014288. The under-13s are looking for a defender. Training is at Lindridge Road on Saturday mornings from 10-11.30am. For more details, call Des on 07758 215141.

**FOUR OAKS UNDER-NINES:** The team are looking for a goalkeeper. Anyone interested should contact Mike on 07525 906378.

**BOLDMERE FALCONS UNDER-15S:** Boldmere are looking for a centre-half for the forthcoming season in the Central Warwickshire League. Call Phil Delaney on 07881 553633 for details. Falcon Boys under-sevens are also looking for players. Call Pete Smith on 07946 797256 for more details.

Romulus start their warm-up campaign with thrilling draw

**FOOTBALL**

ROMULUS kicked off their warm-up matches at Coalville last weekend with several trialists and youth team players on show.

The two sides played out an entertaining 2-2 draw at Owen Street, but Roms boss Richard Evans hasn't made any decisions on the trialists.

As expected most of last season's squad, have been retained with the exception of Colm Tiernan, who has signed for Solihull Moors in the Blue Square Bet North.

Romulus visit United Counties League side Wellingborough Town tomorrow (3pm) before another trip to Pelsall Villa on Tuesday (7.30pm).

Next Saturday, the Roms host Evo-Stik Premier Division side Chasetown.

Kick-off time at Coles Lane is at 3pm with £3 admission for adults (£1 under-16s).

Milligan named as Old Eds manager

**FOOTBALL**

ROYALS midfielder Craig Milligan has taken his first steps into football management after taking over the reins at Aston Old Edwardians.

Milligan has teamed up with Mark Skett, managing director of Pentagon fire and security Ltd, to manage the Kingstanding club.

Milligan takes over from former player manager Neil Hodgetts.

Hodgetts has moved away from Birmingham due to work commitments.

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# Young stars net top honours as college dishes out awards

**COLLEGE AWARDS**

By **MICHAEL BEARDMORE**  
Sports reporter

A HOCKEY champion and a netball prodigy, both from the Sutton campus, took the top honours at Birmingham Metropolitan College's annual sports awards.

Matt Northcott was named Sportsman of the Year in recognition of his excellent performance on the hockey field, while Anthea Cottrell was awarded the Sportswoman of the Year trophy.

The men's hockey team, featuring Northcott, were also named Team of the Year for their dominance in the region and achievements in national competitions.

In the three years 19-year-old Northcott, from Walsall, studied his BTEC National Diploma in Sports and Exercise Science at the Sutton campus, he represented the hockey team 93 times and scored 170 goals, also never missing a training session.

Northcott, who will shortly be heading off to university to study sports coaching and performance, said: "The award was a big surprise, but it means a lot to me."

"I've had an amazing time at the college with some great coaches who really got the best out of everyone."

Netball team captain Cottrell, meanwhile, demonstrated an exceptional attitude to sport over the past 12 months, participating in netball, volleyball, hockey and athletics.

"I can't believe I was chosen for this award," said the 19-year-old from Boldmere.

"I've been playing sports since I was seven and love netball more than anything in the world."

"I've really enjoyed being the netball team captain and have some great memories of my time with the team."

After she finishes her BTEC National Diploma in Sport (Performance and Excellence), Cottrell is planning to study Sports Development at Leeds Metropolitan Uni-



From left, Birmingham Metropolitan College Director of Sport Adrian Humphries with Sportswoman of the Year Anthea Cottrell, Sportsman of the Year Matt Northcott and Head of Sport Jason Allen.



The successful Birmingham Metropolitan College men's hockey team.

versity and is then considering a career in the police force.

Northcott and Cottrell were

two of the 75 individual students and more than 15 teams who collected trophies at the MET Sport Academy awards.

The college also scooped an award – the BCS National Football FOCUS Award for Player Development.

## Judo aces enjoy belting success at open championships

**JUDO**

THREE members of 2A's Judokwai Club competed in the British Judo Association West of England Open in Swindon – and all won medals.

Samuel Perry won bronze in the under-34kg category, while Harry Tredaway and Samuel Morris claimed gold and bronze respectively in the boys' under-30kg category.

They were joined at the competition by friends from Erdington Judo Club, who were also successful.

Raes Khan Khalik took silver in the under-27kg section and Daniel Hemming gold in the boys' under-34kg.

In the under-16 category, Hakeem Khan Khalik won a bronze medal in the under-42kg section while Alec Ranford clinched silver in the under-50kg section.

Adam Khan Khalik added to the tally when winning silver



2A's Samuel Morris, Samuel Perry and Harry Tredaway,

in the under-55kg section. Erdington Judo Club is based at SS Mary and John's Church

in Gravelly Hill and junior training is every Monday and Friday.



Erdington's, back row, from left, Adam Khan Khalik and Hakeem Khan Khalik. Front Row: Raees Khan Khalik and Daniel Hemming. (SI)

For details on how to join, call Les Eacock on 07973 55 96 97 or email [les@judoka.co.uk](mailto:les@judoka.co.uk)

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**SPARTANS TEST:** Spartans RFC have been handed a home start in Midlands Two West South when the new rugby season gets underway on September 11. The Bassetts Pole-based outfit will entertain Bedworth before travelling to Berkswell and Balsall on September 18.

**VESEYANS:** Streetly-based Veseyans RFC face a home clash with Eccleshall on the opening day of the Midlands Three West North campaign on September 11. Veseyans follow up the clash with a trip to Burntwood on September 18 before hosting Handsworth a week later.

**LUDLOW CLASH:** Old Salts RFC entertain Ludlow on the opening day of the Midlands Two West North season on September 11. Old Salts then meet promoted Tamworth on September 18. Aston Old Edwardians RFC have been handed a tricky away game on the opening day as they travel to Willenhall on September 11. A week later they host newly-promoted Leek before visiting Tamworth on October 2.

**BOWLS:** Sutton Park Bowling Club beat Hollyfield by two shots in the Sutton League thanks to Chris Sheehan (21-12), Graham Ord (21-13), Horatio Harris (21-14) and Tony Green (21-16). The Alliance League side beat Great Barr by 15 shots with Harris (21-15), Carl Green (21-14), Alan Tipton (21-15) and Andy Brittain (21-17) starring. The Birmingham league side beat Solihull Marsh Lane in the League Cup by 20 shots with wins for Danny Wiggan (21-7), Alan Middleton (21-17), Dave Perry (21-13), Ord (21-16) and Ron Handsaker (21-20). They beat Ward End Social by 108 shots thanks to Andrew Brittain (21-6), Jim Caldwell (21-7), Ben Privett (21-8) and Alan Tipton (21-8).

**SWIMMING:** Boldmere's Lucy Gale and Charlie Payne competed in the Midland Open water Championships at Bosworth Water, Leicestershire in challenging conditions last Sunday.



Lucy Gale swam well to finish ninth in the women's 5,000m.

Although a bright sunny day, the duo faced a brisk wind blowing across the course. Stepping up from her usual two-mile event, 15-year-old Gale made her debut in an open age women's 5,000m race, finishing ninth in 72.07.04mins. She was the first junior home from the Midlands. Payne – making his open water debut – was 16th in the men's 1,500m in 18.45.05mins.

**BADMINTON:** The first week of the July session in the Wyndley saw Steve Shakespeare stretch his unbeaten run to 10 games in Division One by beating Adrian Bates 2-0. In Division Four, Girish Gupte won his first two games against Del Maitland (2-0) and John Cox (2-1). Cox bounced back to overcome Hong Xiao 2-1. Alastair Moore won his debut game in the league 2-1 against Nicola Fenwick in Division Eight. This weekend sees the first two knockout semi-finals with Gerry Leighton meeting Osman Stackhouse and 14-year-old Joshwey Bong playing Garfield Sangster in the plate.