

Unbeaten in 15 matches

Darts

LEADERS Sutton Sports claimed another victory in Division One of the Four Oaks And District Darts League but must still win their final game of the season to be sure of the title.

Sportsman's Rest kept up the pressure with a 7-2 win over Anvil Nomads, while in Division Two the Fox were crowned champions – still undefeated after 15 games.

The runners-up look likely to be either Oscott Social or Deer's Leap but the Fox And Dogs still have an outside chance.

Drakes Drum look certain to win Division Three but with one or two games in hand they could still fall at the last fence.

Royal Oak's 7-2 win over Safe Harbour means those two are joint second on 20 points but crucially Oak have two games to play and Harbour only one.

G Kimberley of Deer's Leap Stags, M Mitchell of Boldmere Flights and M Phillips of Royal Oak all hit a maximum 180 this week.

Division One results, March 16, match number 16: Red Lion Flights 3 (T Colley 101b, 2x100, 120b A Cartwright 100b T Brennan 106b, 100, 140 D Bond 120B M Gair 100 S Andrews 100b, 2x140, 3x100, 120b, 137, 131 L Chant 100) Cross Keys PPA 6 (T O'Kereke 121, 100b, 100 S Murray 100 M Sheppard 160b, 120b B Steptoe 100 A Whitehouse 140, 103b D Savage 120, 137, 140).

Sportsman's Rest 7 (J Glover 111b, 135 T Pedley 100 T Kelly 135, 140 J Collins 140, 100, 103 D Keatley 120, 100, 140, 115f A Stainfield 110, 120b) Anvil Nomads 2 (D Walton 4x100, 112b M Gaughan 100 T Tyrie 160b G Gaughan 125).

White Lion 3 (D Vickers 140b, 100, 3x140 I Taylor 140, 100 L Flores 114 T Evans 3x100 G Redfern 140 P Chamberlain 100) Sutton Sports 6 (R Hawker 140 J Kavanagh 138, 120b M Kane 102 C Millward 2x120b, 100 B Linnecor 100, 140 S Paling 100 M Wild 100, 140).

Division Two: Fox And Dogs 3 (P A Seadon 100b, 140 M Hawkins 100, 123 M Haigh 100, 120) Deer's Leap Stags 6 (M Deathridge Jnr 100 J Holmes 100 S Mobsby 121, 140 B Wall 116b, 100 C Kimberley 123, 100 G Kimberley 100, 180).

Deer's Leap 3 (T Ross 112, 100 P Nolan 121, 131 M Brogan 2x140, 100 A Kimberley 140, 100 R Nolan 100b) Oscott Social 6 (M Westmorland 100 K Shorthouse 100, 140 D Shannon 107f, 2x100 P Bricknall 101b, 115b, 138 C Neale 100 J Leydon 100).

The Fox 5 (R Stanton 2x100, 140, 120b K Shepherd 102, 125, 100b, 137, 140 D Perry 100 M Willetts 111b J Frost 140 T Frost 101b, 2x100) Pint Pot Flights 4 (P Smith 100 J Moon 140, 130 W Bailey 2x100, 129, 140 M Archer 100 A Richardson 100, 140).

Pint Pot 3 (B Godfrey 100 R Baker 108, 100 N Garbett 100, 140 C Harris 140 T Barrs 100, 104) Aston Social 6 (R George 121, 3x100 K Yates 2x100 J West 100 Jim Lynch 115, 140 G Lynch 100).

Division Three: Boldmere Flights 6 (A Mytton 100 I Scattergood 101b K O'Grady 140 M Mitchell 138, 180 K Smith 135, 100, 140 S Bow 100) Reddicap Tavern 3 (L Perks 100 M Cook 100 T Barron 123 E Stanley 100 M Evans 123, 100).

Bromford Social 5 (W Taylor 112 K Taylor 132 D Sargent 100b, 2x100) Sutton Town FC 4 (B Latham 140 S Alexander 100 C Lloyd 2x100, 147)

Safe Harbour 2 (T Carroll 100 P Donovan 100 R Clarke 100 K Brush 116b P Morris 100 G Oldfield 101b, 120b K Clarke 100, 121 J Wickett 2x100) Royal Oak 7 (M Phillips 2x140, 105b, 100, 180 P Hearty 119 M Kenny 120b, 2x140, 2x100 S Davey 118 K Dean 100).

Brookvale 3 (D Lowe 132 M Driscoll 107, 100 J Yates 100, 135 S Kane 101b, 100) White Lion Barrels 6 (S Rowbotham 100 R Kench 132b, 100 A Hurt 108b G Cookson 100 J Hepburn 2x100).

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Youngsters strike gold at karate championships



STUDENTS at a Sutton karate club bagged a host of medals at the WKA National Open Karate Championships last week.

The youngsters from the Zen-Shin Karate Academy claimed 19 medals at the event, which had more than 100 competitors.

The 18-strong team took part in kata, team kata and kumite sparring.

James and Lauren Garratt, who represented England in the WKA World Championships in Spain last year, won one gold, two silver and two bronze medals between them.

Becky Parson claimed a silver and a bronze medal and Isabella Fahey won gold and silver.

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Hanna Bartosik and Georgie Gough also claimed gold medals, while Grace Egan received a bronze medal.

Sensei John Richards said: "All of my students have worked hard and I am very proud of all their achievements."

"This is a prime example of not only the physical benefits that training with Zen-Shin can provide, but it promotes a positive attitude and strong work ethic."

Anyone interested in finding out more about the academy, based in Mere Green, should call John on 01212 332577 or visit www.zen-shin.co.uk.

League leader

Badminton

AFTER winning a silver medal at the National Under-15s Championships in Hertfordshire last week, 14-year-old Joshwey Bong was in sensational form in the Wyndley Badminton League.

She beat Phil Nobbs, Brian Arnold, Ray Woodford and Andrew Spencer, all by a 2-0 scoreline, to top Division Two.

In Division One, Steve Shakespeare hit top form to win 2-0 against Adrian Bates and 2-1 against both Paul Whitehouse and Tim Bayliss.

Division Three saw Osman Stackhouse record 2-0 wins against Paul Atkins and James Clark, with Girish Gupte defeating Gerry Leighton 2-0.

In Division Five, Mark Bennett recorded a superb 2-0 win over John Cox, with Kevin Dodd triumphing 2-1 against Ben Blowman.

Del Maitland recorded two great wins against Ian Homer 2-0 and Aman Pankar 2-1 in Division Six, with Simon Potter beating both Matt Hobbs and John Russell in Division Seven.

In the Knockout Cup, Simon Gamble stormed into the last 16 by beating Rajeev Abraham 21-8, 21-7.

Join group

A SUTTON Coldfield Sports and Social Badminton Group, which has been meeting every Friday for the past 40 years, is seeking new members.

The club meets at the Pype Hayes United Reformed Church on Chester Road, Erdington. Players of any abilities interested in joining can call Rex Gordon on 07963 597374.

Relegation

Hockey

Nottingham University 2
Sutton Coldfield Men First XI 2

SUTTON were relegated from BodyKraft Midlands Division One despite an excellent point at Nottingham.

Goldstein slotted them into an early lead before the home side levelled. Sutton went back in front but were again pegged back by the students.

Sutton Coldfield Men Fourth XI 2
Edgbaston 0

GOALS from Simon Willis and John Lucas secured the three points for Sutton.

Cannock 1
Sutton Coldfield Men Fifth XI 2

SUTTON claimed a win thanks to brace from Ian Harding which gave Sutton their fourth win on the trot.

Sutton Coldfield Men Eighth XI 0
Stafford 0

MAN of the match Jordon Marsh and Gary Poulton helped ensure a draw.

Droitwich 1
Sutton Coldfield Men Ninth XI 2

SUTTON came out on top thanks to Matt Goode and Craig Massey. Clive Poole produced a fine display and was instrumental in the win.

Record-breaking haul for swim club

by Steve Harlow
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BY the end of the third and final week of the 2010 Warwickshire Championships last Sunday, Boldmere Swimming Club were celebrating the biggest medal haul in their history.

Over the three weeks, Boldmere had amassed 39 gold medals, 29 silver and 23 bronze individual medals – a total of 91 which surpassed any haul in the 115-year history of the club.

With 35 swimmers appearing in championship finals, the club came away from Coventry's 50m pool with 12 county champions and seven junior champions.

Jenny Fowler (200m IM, 400m IM, 100m fly), Alix Swinhoe (50m and 100m breaststroke), Kelly Dawson (100m backstroke) and Penny Whittingham (400m and 800m freestyle) all claimed county titles.

As did Joey Stanger and Phil Hewitt (50m freestyle joint champions), Bradley Lynch (1,500m freestyle) and Adam Kelly (50m backstroke).

While Fowler (200m and

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400m IM), Swinhoe (100m breaststroke and fly), Dawson (100m backstroke), Lynch (1,500m freestyle) and Josh Winnicott (50m backstroke) all claimed junior titles too.

Emma Smith, aged 13, Jake Dixon, 11, and Whittingham, 12, won the title of top swimmer in their age groups using the points accumulated for all of their swims, while another 21 Boldmere swimmers finished in the top ten of their age group.

Whittingham increased her championship medal total to 17 by winning the 12-13years 100m backstroke in a personal best which qualified her for the senior championship final where she claimed a bronze.

She also won gold in the 11-12years 50m freestyle, silver in the 11-13years 100m breaststroke, and claimed a county title in the 400m freestyle. In the latter, sandwiched between two City of Coventry 15-year-olds, she swam a calculated race to win the Vale Cup.

Stanger set new club records to take bronze in both the 100m and 400m freestyle, while Kelly also set a club record in winning the 50m backstroke.

Dawson retained the Ainslow Cup for Boldmere by

taking the 100m backstroke county title – to add to her junior title and Carlton Cup – then followed up with a silver in the 50m fly.

In the 100m breaststroke, Swinhoe also claimed both county and junior champion titles with her new 15-year-old long course club record of 1.19.19mins while Emily Gordon won gold in the 11-13years age group and a bronze in the senior final.

Alice Dearing added to her collection with two more golds in the 11-12 years 50m and 200m fly, while Kelly, aged 13, claimed a bronze in the latter.

In the boys' 50m fly, Boldmere dominated the podium with Matt Price, Ben Campbell and Tom Bloor taking gold, silver and bronze respectively.

Butterfly success continued with Steven Wilson winning gold in the 11-12 years category, to add to his silver in the 50m backstroke

Four Boldmere boys – Ben Gambles, Adam Kelly, Chris Little and Steven Scarrott – made the senior fly final, with Kelly snatching the bronze from Gambles despite the latter setting a faster time and club record in the heats.

Ben Stanford took his second gold of the meet in the nine-years 50m backstroke, ahead of Matt Price, whose silver

matched his 200m IM medal at the start of the day.

There were bronze medals for Ben Campbell in the nine-10 years 200m breaststroke and Jake Dixon in the 11-13 years event in a new club record.

In the 10-years 100m 'time trials', Eden Harlow and Laura Richardson secured second place finishes in the breaststroke and backstroke respectively.



Kelly Dawson (100m backstroke county champion and junior champion) and Adam Kelly (50m backstroke county champion).
PICTURES BY STEVE HARLOW.

Slow second round costs Brennan near miss

RECTORY ABC boxer Paul Brennan narrowly lost out to Aston ABC's Tyler Smith at Charlemont Bowling Club, in West Bromwich, last weekend.

Brennan started well in the first round, throwing solid straight shots and showing good defence.

The Rectory boxer slowed his work rate as the round went on and Smith started to get into it but the round finished even.

Boxing

Smith threw the straighter shots in round two and Brennan was too quiet on the attack as the Aston ABC edged the round.

The third and final round saw Smith attack at the start of the round but Brennan threw some strong and effective

straight shots. The judges scored Smith as the winner but Rectory coach Phil Brennan was pleased with the display.

He said: "Paul did really well. "The club were delighted by his performance – it was a low work rate in the second that cost him the fight and that is easily rectified."

Anyone interested in joining Rectory ABC should call 07737 616265.