

National junior squad places for sailing Venables siblings

SAILING

SUTTON sailing siblings Matt and Dan Venables have completed a successful and very busy season by qualifying for the 2010/11 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Topper National Junior Squad.

The squad comprises 24 Topper sailors and is designed to develop talented junior sailors to win medals for Britain at major international regattas and Olympic level. Matt and Dan qualified second and ninth respectively in the 24-man squad.

Matt, 14, who attends Fairfax School has also just won the final National Topper event of the 2010 season, at Carsington Water Sailing Club, in a field of 130 boats.

It rounded off a fantastic season that included finishing fourth for the Team GBR Junior Sailing Squad at the Topper Irish National Championships at Carlingford and 11th place in the World

Championships at Lake Garda, in Italy.

Meanwhile Dan, 12, who attends Bishop Vesey Grammar School, is the 2010 Topper Midland Champion, Birmingham Schools Regatta winner, and came second in the RS Tera National Championship.

Another Sutton Sailing Club ace who has enjoyed success during 2010 is Callum Healey, who has qualified for the RYA Topper National Intermediate Squad. Alex Hughes, 10, and Nia Crockford, 12, have qualified for the RYA Zone squad.



Dan Venables in action (above) and (left) Sutton Sailing Club members Alex Hughes, Matt Venables, Dan Venables, Callum Healey and Nia Crockford.

Picture: Peter Newton

Streety on the rise after solid victory

HOCKEY

Walsall 1 Streety Men First XI 2

STREETLY moved up to third in the West Midlands Premier League with this win. After controlling the game, they finally broke through thanks to Matt Bates.

Walsall then scored after a defensive breakdown but Mitch Corden sealed the game for Streety and was named Harveys man of the match.

Old Wulfrunians 5 Streety Men First XI 6 (AET)

STREETLY made progress in the EH Trophy after a thrilling clash with Old Wulfs.

After falling 3-0 down, Mitch Cordon started the fightback with Neil Curtis converting an unlikely penalty corner to make it 3-2. Wulfs responded with a goal before Curtis made it 4-3. The game turned after a save from Streety keeper Richard Bedford before Mark Page and Cordon netted.

Wulfs also scored again to make it 5-5 and it was left to Matt Bates to be the hero in extra time.

Streety Men Second XI 3 Coalville 1

INSPIRED by the evergreen Dave Peers, Streety secured a convincing win. Peers netted twice while Ben Venables also scored. Adam Walsh was named Harveys man of the match.

10-up Sutton Ladies dazzle Aldridge

HOCKEY

Sutton Hockey Club Ladies First XI 10 Aldridge 0

Slazenger EHL Women's Conference North

SUTTON Ladies bounced back from their disappointing loss at Sunderland by smashing double figures past shell-shocked Aldridge.

Jane Sixsmith put the home side ahead and she added another before the break along with captain Vicky Woolford (2), Charlene Mason and Clare Florida-James for a 6-0 half time lead.

Mason, Sixsmith and Woolford all completed hat-tricks after the break, meaning Sutton now have four of the top five goal-scorers in the league.



Vicky Woolford fires home on of her three goals against Cannock.

Sutton Hockey Club Ladies First XI 6 Cannock 4

EH Women's Cup Round Two

SUTTON got the better of Premier League side Cannock in this ten-goal cup thriller on Sunday.

Vicky Woolford slotted Sutton ahead after eight minutes, added a second from a short corner and Jen Parkinson also coolly converted a short corner for a 3-0 lead.

Cannock pulled one back but Sutton added a fourth through Sarah Mills from a short corner and Woolford completed her second hat-trick of the weekend to make it 5-1 at the interval. Celia Butler soon made it 6-1 and even though Cannock pulled three back in the space of 10 minutes, Sutton comfortably held on to book a trip to Poynton in the next round.



Jane Sixsmith has Cannock on the run in Sunday's cup win.

Boots 1 Sutton Hockey Club Men's First XI 2

ENER-G East Midlands Premier

SUTTON men's firsts produced a fine display to take all three points home from a trip to Nottingham.

Boots missed a penalty flick early on and Sutton capitalised after the break as Sam Straw combined with Jon Owens to deflect the ball past the stranded keeper.

A short corner was expertly slotted home by Alex Johnson to make it 2-0 and they held out despite Boots pulling one back.

Mansfield 0 Sutton Men's First XI 5

England Hockey National Cup

SUTTON'S youthful side dominated their first game in the national competition as Jon Owens helped himself to a hat-trick of short corners, with Chris Charles and Josh Hendon also netting.

Sutton Men's Second XI 3 Chesterfield 3

SUTTON were left to rue missed opportunities as Chesterfield twice fought back to claim a share of the points. Vyse (2) and Hardman put them 2-0 and 3-2 up but they could not hang on.

Chesterfield 2 Sutton Coldfield Men's Third XI 7

A HAT-TRICK from Taylor plus strikes from Harding, Dudley and Mak (2) gave Sutton thirds a convincing win.

Sutton Men's Fourth XI 1 Sutton Fifth XI 2

A MIKE Nicklin brace puts the fifths 2-0 up in this inter-club derby and although the fourths pulled one back, smart saves from Owen Bolton helped them hold out.

Sutton Men's Sixth XI 11 Beeston 2

THE sixths ran riot against Beeston as Finegan, Norton, Howell (3), Turner (2), Elliot (2), Francis and Hartshorne sealed an impressive win.

Boldmere swimmers impress with big performances at Stechford meeting

SWIMMING

THREE Boldmere Swimming Club squads took part in the first round of the 2010 Arena National League recently with A, B and C teams competing in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

Taking on Gloucester, Stourbridge, Derby Phoenix, Mansfield and Worcester at Stechford, the A team started where they ended 2009 - winning by 25 points ahead of

Gloucester to bag the maximum six league points.

The meet was peppered with big performances which produced 11 individual wins, 28 top three finishes and 14 new club records.

Givenchy Sneekes was voted girls' Gala Star with a second-placed personal best in the 13/u 100m fly and a win in the 100m freestyle in a new club record of 1.01.97.

Adam Kelly took the boys' award after second place in the open age 100m backstroke took

him under the 60 second barrier for the first time with a club record 59.98secs.

He also set another club record on the first backstroke leg of the open medley relay with a 27.86secs effort for his 50m stint.

Also earning maximum gala points with individual wins were Eden Harlow, Ben Campbell, Beth Grant, Jake Dixon, Luke Davies, Charlie Payne, Josh Winnicott, Emma Smith and Bradley Lynch.

Once again the A team dom-

inated the relays with 13 top two finishes and nine victories.

The B team finished fifth at their gala, helped by girls' gala star Alice Dearing who won her 13/u 100m fly. The boys' accolade went to Charlie Hackett while Tom Bloor impressed by winning the 11/u 50m fly.

In Division 3, the C team were short on numbers but still produced 25 personal best times against the A teams of Bilsley, Camp Hill, Dunstable and Oldbury.

Girls' Star of the Gala went to 12-year-old Morgan Harlow who won the 13/u 100m fly, while the boys' award went to Tom Songhurst.

Camilla Chatfield won her 100m backstroke, beating her personal best by six seconds, while Emma Buckroyd also record a personal best when winning the 100m free.

Boldmere gala stars Givenchy Sneekes and Adam Kelly.

Picture: Steve Harlow

