

Paget pegged back by Sutton as derby clash ends all square

FOOTBALL

PAGET RANGERS 2 SUTTON UNITED 2

Midland League Division Two

PAGET fell foul of their inability to hold on to a two-goal lead as they drew 2-2 with local rivals Sutton United.

Paget were first on the score sheet after six minutes when the energetic Terry Carpenter fed Marcus Brown who made no mistake with a right-foot shot beyond Billy Spink in the Sutton goal.

Sutton responded immediately with Joseph Lavill twice firing over when well-placed.

Jack Skinner also lobbed Paget keeper Maguire but hit the bar and Paget's Morris wasted some good work by shooting well wide.

Paget extended their lead after the break, netting in the 71st minute as Danny Cullen forced the ball home for his first Paget goal.

Sutton pressed forward but Ashfall then wasted a good chance to extend Paget's lead when Spink saved at his feet.

Sutton pulled a goal back through substitute Sam Simmonds after 78 minutes.

Sutton immediately pressed for the equaliser and scored when, after Morris had cleared off the line, Lavill shot home powerfully with nine minutes to go.

PAGET RANGERS 2 FAIRFIELD VILLA 3

Midland League Division Two

PAGET opened their Midland League season with a narrow defeat against last season's divisional runners-up Fairfield.

Villa's John Pykett opened the scoring with a fierce shot across Maguire in the Paget goal after just three minutes.

Connor Collins doubled Fairfield's lead after 18 minutes when he shot home from the edge of the penalty area.

However, Paget began to fight back and Marcus Brown had a cross-shot well saved by the Fairfield keeper.

Brown was becoming more of a threat and was twice thwarted by the Fairfield 'keeper.

Rangers did pull a goal back just before the break as Ashfall headed home from a Mark Bennett corner.

There were no goals after the break though as Paget's Brown fired wide and then saw a shot deflected into the goalkeeper's arms.

Morris then shot straight at the keeper after a slick passing move by Paget and Pykett broke through only to shoot wide of the Paget goal.

At the other end, Fairfield substitute Harris-James saw his shot saved at point blank range by Maguire who then had to save from Collins.

Little Sutton Netball Club held a very successful fun day last Friday – and another one is already planned for next weekend. Lots of girls aged 8-13 from across Sutton had a great day with team games, drills and matches. The next fun day takes place on Friday, August 22 at Arthur Terry 9.30am-3.30pm. To book a place and for price info, email rachaelpimlott@blueyonder.co.uk



FOOTBALLSHORTS

COLRON CALL: Colron under-8s are looking for a goalkeeper. Call Jason on 07977 502547 for details.

FALCONS APPEAL: Boldmere Falcons Colts under-15s, who play in the Central Warwickshire Premier League, are looking for new players. Call Paul Smith on 07557 272723 for more details.

Heartbreaking exits for debutant Mann

SNOOKER

MITCHELL Mann endured a baptism of fire in his first competitive week as a snooker pro suffering a pair of narrow first-round exits in World Snooker ranking events.

Mann entered the first event, the Riga Open (European Tour One) in Latvia, knowing a win in his first game would likely book him a meeting with former three-time world champion John Higgins.

That looked to be on the cards when Mann led Gary Wilson 3-0 but the latter fought back to win the next two frames and completed the turnaround with breaks of 125 and 60 to triumph 4-3.

And Mann would suffer final-frame heartbreak in his second game on the Tour at the Shanghai Masters qualifiers in Barnsley on Tuesday, losing 5-4 to Alex Davies.

Mann trailed 3-1 as Davies knocked in a break but runs of 81 and 54 helped the Erdington man turn the match on his head as he led 4-3.

However, a century break from Davies (110) levelled the scores at 4-4 and he pinched a tight deciding frame.

Despite the losses, Mann will take confidence from more than holding his own ahead of the next event, the Paul Hunter Classic in Germany from August 20-24.

SWIMMING ROUND-UP

Brilliant Boldmere make it a decade of regional final spots

By **STEVE HARLOW**

Swimming correspondent

A FINE performance in the third and final round of the Division One Nuneaton and District Junior League moved Boldmere Swimming Club's A team up to second place ahead of September's regional final.

Competing at Stafford against Cannock Phoenix, City of Hereford, Bilston, Pershore and hosts Stafford Apex, Boldmere claimed 46 out of 51 top three finishes with an impressive 29 wins, 36 personal bests and three club records.

With the six league points gained, the A team now sit in second place in the league and have booked themselves a place in the regional final on September 13 for the 10th consecutive year.

The 9-year-old girls dominated their category with gala

star Kitty McAteer winning the 25m butterfly in a PB time of 20.46secs.

Lauren Knight won the 25m breaststroke (21.28secs PB) while Lowri Bevan also won the 25m Freestyle (16.82secs PB) and touched second in the 25m backstroke.

Niamh Mold made up the quartet to win both freestyle and medley relays.

In the boys' 9-year age group, gala star Charlie Wood won the 25m backstroke and came third in the 25m breaststroke in a PB of 23.59secs.

Xander Heeks won the 25m freestyle also with a PB of 17.97secs.

Sam Woodhall and Pierce O'Dwyer made up the relay foursome, taking first in the freestyle relay and second in the medley.

Erin Davies (10Yr/u) was once again in fine form, win-

ning both 50m breaststroke and freestyle (31.50secs PB), while Nadya Stirling achieved two PBs and two seconds in both 50m backstroke and butterfly.

Joined by Charlotte Jones and Irisha Powell, the four easily won both medley and freestyle relays, the latter in a cracking club record of 1.03.40mins.

The 10 Yr/u boys' quartet of Oliver Carless, Ellis Taylor, Luke Butcher and Daniel Banks likewise also took maximum points from both their relays.

Carless narrowly missed out on a 50m freestyle and backstroke double when he was just touched out in the back.

Taylor took first in the 50m fly in a PB of 16.52secs and Butcher claimed second in the breaststroke.

There were two more relay

victories for the 11 Yr/u girls of Holly Bloor, Abbey Turnbull, Mollie Goldstone and Erin Davies.

Swimming up an age group, Davies impressively yet again won the 50m breaststroke.

The 11-year boys nearly matched the girls' relay performance but Acer Woolley, Jamie Dark, Ben Smith and William Cooper came a close second in the medley relay.

Acer won the 50m freestyle in a PB time of 32.06secs with two seconds for Smith in both 50m back and fly and the same for Will Cooper in the breaststroke.

Girls' captain Lily Wood had a fantastic night with two super displays in the 12 Yr/u 50m backstroke and freestyle, not only winning both in PB times but setting two club records of 33.45secs and an unbelievable 28.94secs respectively.

Alice Oliver won the fly and Harriet Gordon set a PB taking second in the breaststroke.

Joining the threesome, Alex Bartley helped secure two super wins in both medley and freestyle relays.

In the 12 Yr/u boys' age group, both Woolley and Smith swam up to support captain James Goodwin and Toby Chiles. Against tough opposition they managed third in the medley relay with Chiles finishing second with a PB in the breaststroke.

In Division Two, the B team finished the 2014 season five places higher in the league than last year in 15th position. Their third round Stars of the Gala were Beatrice Adams and Hitesh Jhall.

In Division Three, the C team maintained their 12th-place league position. Stars of the Gala were Holly Clutterbuck and Jack Redman.



(l-r): Boldmere gala stars Kitty McAteer, Beatrice Adams, Jack Redman, Hitesh Jhall and Charlie Wood with medals sponsored by Appella Fitness. Picture by Steve Harlow.

Kearney shines in Swansea

STREETLY School's para swimmer Tully Kearney was once again in record-breaking form at the ASA Welsh Nationals.

The Boldmere Swimming Club member – who won a bronze medal at the IPC World Championships in Montreal last year on her senior international debut – was in great form on the second day of competition at the Welsh National Pool in Swansea.

She broke the SM10 world record in the 400m individual medley in a time of 5.31.79mins, which also lowered the British record held by Dame Sarah Storey by nine seconds and the European and World records held by Elodie Lorandi of France by four seconds.

This achievement was her second recent success follow-



Tully Kearney broke a world record at the Welsh nationals in Swansea

ing on from the recent British Gas International Meet in Manchester.

In her signature event, the 400m freestyle, Kearney finished in 4.45.79mins in the multi-classification final, well ahead of the field and, more importantly, took the overall gold medal.

She was multi disability points ahead of Ellie Simmonds, who on this occasion had to settle for silver; with visually impaired swimmer Hannah Russell taking the bronze.

Fab five for super Simmonds

ELEANOR Simmonds bagged five medals – three gold and two silver – and smashed one of her own world records at the IPC European Swimming Championships in Holland last week.

Simmonds won gold in the SB6 100m breaststroke, the SM6 200m individual medley – beating her previous world record by 0.34secs as she came home in 3.04.07mins – and the S6 400m freestyle.

The 19-year-old also won silver in both the S6 100m freestyle and the S6 60m freestyle in Eindhoven.

But, unsurprisingly, it was the world record swim in the 200m individual med-



Ellie Simmonds added five more European medals to her collection

ley that pleased the Boldmere Swimming Club life member the most.

Simmonds said: "I knew I was on course for a world record after the opening butterfly leg so I just wanted to go as fast as I could after that."

"Every race means a lot to me and it is great for me to push myself. I gave it everything and was so happy it was a world record."

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