

SPORT ROUND-UP



TENNIS: Four Oaks won their opening match in the National Premier Indoor Tennis League with a thrilling narrow 3-2 victory against local rivals Sutton Coldfield last weekend. Arnie Benidor partnered Nathan Ensor defeated Sutton's second pair Allan Pengelly and Luke Issajenko 6/2, 6/2. Four Oaks second pair Richard

Broadhead and Hugh Jaques then beat the same opponents who were then beaten 6/2, 4/6, 10/6. Sutton's first pair Chris Priddle and Matt Hingley had a 6/2, 6/0 win over Four Oaks second pair. The match rested on the outcome of the battle of the top pairs.

Four Oaks were 6/2 and 4/1 up and seemingly in control but Priddle and Hingley clawed their way back to win the second set 7/6 and the third set 10/3. However, the overall victory went to Four Oaks, courtesy of winning four extra games. Pictured are Hugh Jaques, Richard Broadhead, Arnie Benidor and Nathan Ensor.

SWIMMING: Sutton Coldfield youngster Sydney Jackson claimed triple gold at the Midland Age Groups and Championships in Synchronised Swimming. Competing in the 12/u age group section, the 12-year-old Bishop Walsh pupil took gold in the figure and solo section, partnered Jasmin Lockhart to win gold in the duet and helped the City of Birmingham squad to team gold. Anyone interested in finding out more about the sport should visit www.synchro.org.co.uk for more details.



INSHORT

TABLE-TENNIS: Sutton Coldfield Table Tennis Club had mixed results from their matches this week. The A team just lost to neighbours Streetly 6-4, in their Premier Division match, with Ken Reed keeping a clean sheet by winning his three singles. George Webb won one singles. The B team also lost to Streetly 6-4 in Division One, despite Purdip Shoker winning his three singles. John Ludford won one. The C team won 6-4 over Colebridge Dinosaurs in Division One. Andy Calloway was in good form winning his three singles. Mike Cooper won one while Calloway and Andy Choi won the doubles to gain a narrow victory. The D Team lost 6-4 to Smith's Wood in Division Two. Colin Cleverly was Sutton's best player, winning all three of his singles. Brian Morris won one singles. The E team are still looking for their first win of the season. They went down 7-3 to F Jacombs in Division Two. Yasser Uddin won two singles and then joined Mohammed Abdinur to take the doubles. The F team kept their unbeaten record in Division Three this season, winning 7-3 against Streetly. Bob Graham did well to win his three singles while Roy Astle and Ken Lancaster won two singles each. Graham and Astle won their doubles.

Boldmere swim stars enjoy winning start to their West Midland defence

Swimming

DEFENDING Arena National League West Midlands Premier Division title holders Boldmere A made a spectacular start to the new season with a dominant display in the opening gala.

They won the first meeting of the season by a massive 81 points ahead of second-placed Gloucester City A with a superb team performance that featured 31 victories out of 50 races.

Gala star Kate Davies claimed club records in the girls' 100m breaststroke and backstroke, plus in the backstroke leg of the 13/u girls medley relay. She also swam up in the girls' 15/u relay and gained unofficial personal bests in all relay legs.

Ben Smith clinched gold in the 11yr/u 50m backstroke and freestyle along, while James Goodwin triumphed in the 50m butterfly. Toby Chiles took second place in the 50m breaststroke in a personal best of 41.77secs.

Harriet Gordon won the 11yr/u 50m breaststroke with a personal best of 41.80secs and came second in the backstroke, while Alice Oliver and Lily Wood claimed gold in the 50m butterfly and freestyle respectively.

There was no stopping the 13/u boys.

They won all their individual races in personal bests - boys' gala star Tom Bloor in the 100m breaststroke (1.17.98mins), Archie Langston (1.08.90) in the 100m back-



Gala stars Sarah Kelly, Ben Forrest, Tom Bloor, Kai Alexander, Kate Davies and Erin Davies. Picture by Steve Harlow.

stroke and Matt Price in the 100m fly.

Georgina Dolan claimed bronze in the 13 yr/u girls' 100m freestyle, while Rachel Wilson swam a club record of 1.06.56mins in the 15yr/u 100m butterfly and Lydia Barnsley set a personal best (1.27.23mins) in the 100m breaststroke.

In the 15 yr/u boys' events, Jake Dixon took two first places in the 100m butterfly and backstroke while Ben Stanford won the 100m freestyle and came third in the breaststroke.

In the men's open category, Joey Stanger won the 100m

butterfly in a personal best of 58.51secs, Josh Wincott set a club record of 1.06.11mins for second place in the 100m breaststroke and came third in the 200m individual medley, while Bradley Lynch took another first place in the 100m freestyle.

In the female open category Emma Smith smashed her own 200m individual medley club record by 2.5secs in 2.16.98mins and continued her winning form by coming first in the 100m butterfly.

Alex Dolan took second in the 100m breaststroke as did Givenchy Sneekes in the 100m freestyle, while Holly Lynch

finished third in the 100m backstroke.

In the relays, the team achieved a phenomenal 12 wins out of 16 races, including five club records and several individual leg records for Davies, Price, Dixon, Smith and Lynch.

Boldmere's B team, meanwhile, newly-promoted to the Premier, finished fifth in their meeting at Leamington Spa, setting 13 personal bests in the process.

Boys' gala star Kai Alexander swam up an age group in the 15/u category, coming second in the 100m backstroke with a personal best, while girls' gala star Erin Davies shone in the relays on her league debut.

Luke Davies won both the open 200m IM and 100m breaststroke, while Steven Wilson triumphed in the open 100m backstroke and came second in the open 100m freestyle.

Leo Karski took first in the 13/u 100m fly and came third in the freestyle, while Ben Campbell won the 15/u 100m freestyle and came third in the butterfly in a personal best.

In his league debut, William Cooper (11/u) took third place in the 50m breaststroke, while there were personal bests for Roan Griffiths, Rebecca Ilott, Ellen Ratcliffe, Hannah Turnbull, Anya Mee and Jamie Dark.

In the relays, Boldmere's squad of Adam Kelly, Luke Davies, Josh Holsey and Steven Wilson won the open men's medley race, with Kai Alexander and Ben Campbell assisting them to another first

place in the 6x2 freestyle relay.

Finally, the C team claimed a fine victory in Division Three at Nottingham, with Adam Hall getting them off to a flying start by winning the open 200m individual medley in a three-second personal best.

Hall also won the 100m backstroke and breaststroke, while Daniel Lynch-Davies triumphed in the 15/u 100m backstroke and girls' gala star Sarah Kelly won the open 100m backstroke, as well as coming second in the butterfly.

There were second place finishes for David Thomas (11/u 50m backstroke PB), John Curtis (15/u 100m breaststroke PB), Katherina Hall (13/u 100m breaststroke), Maia Boyle (13/u 100m backstroke), Defne Balu (11/u 50m breaststroke), Lynch-Davies (100m freestyle) and Camilla Chatfield (100m freestyle).

Picking up bronzes were Cameron Billingsley (13/u 100 breaststroke PB), Harrison Batchelor (11/u 50m freestyle), Jon Tanner (open 100m fly), Holly Bloor (11/u 50m fly) and Charlie Payne (open 100m freestyle).

Other personal bests on the night went to Amelia Van Loan, Max Southgate, Lewis Myers, Jake Markidis, Will Burley, Chester Powell (2), Lily Massey and Beatrice Adams.

Second place in the final event, the men's open cannon relay, thanks to the team of Tanner, Hall, Payne, Lynch-Davies, Curtis and boys' gala star Ben Forrest, ensured Boldmere's overall victory.

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