

SPORT ROUND-UP

Boldmere swimmers claim emphatic victory

Swimming

BOLDMERE Swimming Club's A team stormed to victory in the third and final round of the Nuneaton and District Junior League Division One season to earn a place in the regional finals for the ninth consecutive year.

Boldmere triumphed with 257 gala points, a clear 58 ahead of hosts Leamington Spa with Pershore and Stourbridge on 166 and 165 points respectively, followed by Chase and Kingsbury Aquarius.

With Northampton the only other team to gain the maximum 18 league points from all three rounds, the two teams sit at the top of the league with Boldmere in second place by virtue of less gala points.

Overall, the A team gained an impressive 46 out of 51 top-three places with 27 wins and 28 official PBs.

Oliver Carless continued his great form for the 9-year-old boys, coming first in the 25m backstroke and second in the 25m freestyle, while Luke Butcher won the 25m breaststroke and took third place in the 25m butterfly.

In the 9-year-old girls' age group, Erin Davies stormed to victory in both the 25m breaststroke and freestyle, while Nadya Sterling won the 25m backstroke and Bethan Harrison finished third in the 25m butterfly.

Abby Turnbull won both the 10-year 50m backstroke and freestyle, while Ben Smith took gold in the 50m back-



Boldmere gala stars Matthew Green, Leighton Palmer-Whyte, Jack Dobson, Aristeia Knight and Alexandra Andrews.
Picture by Steve Harlow

stroke and silver in the freestyle.

Smith also came second in the boys' 11/u 50m freestyle, while Acer Wooley was second in the 25m butterfly.

The 11-year-old girls also performed well with Alexandra Bartley winning the 50m butterfly, Lily Wood finishing first in the 50m freestyle and second in the breaststroke, while Harriet Gordon claimed silver in the 50m backstroke.

For the 11-year boys, Toby Chiles came third in the 50m backstroke while James Goodwin took second in the 50m butterfly.

In the 12-year-old age group, Megan Holder came second in

the 50m freestyle, with Aristeia Knight third in the 50m breaststroke and Hannah Turnbull second in the 50m butterfly.

The 12-year boys bagged four fine wins - Leo Karski triumphed in both the 50m butterfly and freestyle, Leighton Palmer-Whyte won the 50m breaststroke and Roan Griffiths claimed 50m backstroke gold.

Of the 19 relays, Boldmere claimed 16 top-two finishes, while the Gala Stars honours went to Knight and Palmer-Whyte.

Boldmere's B team, meanwhile, recorded 25 personal bests, five gold medals and 15 silvers as they completed their

2013 Division Two campaign as hosts at Wyndley with a very creditable fourth place finish.

Mollie Goldstone finished second in the girls' 10-yr/u 50m freestyle and third in the breaststroke, while Ben Wharton was third in the 9-year boys' freestyle and Harrison Batchelor second in the boys' 10-yr/u 50m breaststroke.

Solomon Langston came third in both the boys' 10/u 50m backstroke and butterfly, while Holly-Eva Franks claimed bronze in the girls' 50m backstroke and Beatrice Adams was third in the 11-year-old girls' backstroke.

Superb individual perform-

ances in the 12-yr/u age group were recorded by boys' gala star Jack Dobson, who won gold in both the 50m backstroke and freestyle, plus Indu Appanna who triumphed in the girls' 50m freestyle.

The 10-year girls' quartet of Franks, Goldstone, Lucy Fellows and Holly Beavan claimed gold in the medley relay and bronze in the freestyle relay.

The 10-year boys foursome of Batchelor, Tom Sherriff, Max Southgate and Langston convincingly won the freestyle relay and took silver in the medley.

The 12-yr/u girls' quartet of Madeleine Van Loan, Katherina Hall, girls' gala star Charlotte Fellows and Appanna came second and third in the freestyle and medley relays respectively.

In the mixed age group races, the girls' team of Eve Nash, Tess Ward, Goldstone,

Beavan, Adams, Rebecca Iott, Appanna and Charlotte Fellows claimed silver.

The boys' team of Pierce Ryan, Wharton, Batchelor, Langston, William Burley, Jacob Sykes, Dobson and Cameron Billingsley claimed bronze.

And the mixed freestyle team of Ward, Ryan, Beavan, Batchelor, Adams, Sykes, Charlotte Fellows and Dobson rounded the evening off in superb style, finishing in third place.

Over at Tamworth, the C team finished in fourth place on 179 points with some excellent swimmers - claiming 25 top-three places out of 51 events, including six wins.

Gala Stars Alexandra Andrews and Matthew Green won the 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle respectively, while the 10-yr/u girls' quartet won the 4x50m medley relay and came second in the freestyle.

SWIMMING: Perry Beeches Sutton Swim Squad enjoyed a fantastic weekend at the Boldmere Water Carnival. It was a real scorcher both in and out of the water, with 42 personal best times out of 50 swims.

The nine swimmers who took part were Dominic Blackwell, Jessica Deans, Dominique Gomez, Andrew Gulliver, Katie Gulliver, Jessica Jones, Jamie Keyte, Pia Tonks and Sancha Tonks. Blackwell (pictured) achieved a Midland District qualifying

time in the 100m freestyle, the first time he had swum under a minute in this event. He also won a gold medal in the 50m freestyle.



MOTORSPORT: Sutton driver Andy Cummings and team-mate Bradley Ellis were unable to match the heroics of their victory at Oulton Park a week earlier as they struggled in the Silverstone sunshine. The home of the British Grand Prix played host to the UK round of the Radical European Masters Championship, with Cummings and Ellis contesting the class for Radical SR3s. Cummings qualified sixth in class and moved up to fourth in

race one by the time he handed over to Ellis, who eventually brought the team home fifth in class. The duo started race two on pole thanks to Ellis's efforts in qualifying and as well as retaining the class lead he climbed up to 12th overall as the pit stop window opened. Cummings fought hard but was unable to hold the class lead and the team finally finished 15th overall which was fifth in class.

INSHORT

GOLF: Moor Hall duo Cameron Clark and Lee Clarke agonisingly missed out on a trip to Gleneagles by a single shot in The Lombard Trophy qualifier at King's Lynn. Clark and Clarke shot an eight-under-par 64 in Norfolk but were pipped by a 63 from Chris Smith and Kane Mayes of Fynn Valley Golf Club. The Suffolk pairing will now play in the £43,600 grand final which will be held at Gleneagles in Scotland - the venue for next year's Ryder Cup - on September 3-4.

TENNIS: Little Aston Tennis Club's men's second team beat Four Oaks 4-0 to secure promotion. The ladies' team won a very close match against Weoley Hill to keep their hopes of promotion alive. The men's third team beat Chantry 4-0, with youngster Luke Joyce playing very well on his debut. The mixed Tigers beat Four Oaks 4-0 and secured promotion, after missing out by one point last year. The mixed Lions drew with Penns, while the men's first team lost a very close match to Archery 3-1 and need points from their remaining matches to stay up.

GOLF: Rob Rock's last route into The Open was closed off last weekend as he missed the cut at the Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open. After missing out in Open qualifying, Rock could have sneaked in to the Muirfield line-up this week by winning at Castle Stuart but it was not to be as two level-par rounds of 72 saw the Belfry ace miss the cut by three shots.

MOTORSPORT: Sutton Coldfield racing driver Stewart Lines had the champagne corks popping last weekend. He picked up his maiden victory in the prestigious VW Racing Cup at the famous Spa circuit in Belgium. After qualifying in pole position, Lines did not have the best of starts to race one as he was beaten away by fast starting opponent Tom Barley. Despite the early setback, Lines recovered to slipstream his way past Barley, securing an early lead. However, he had to eventually settle for second place behind his own team-mate Martin Depper. Lines would not be denied victory in race two, though, and after poleman David Sutton and championship leader Aaron Mason both led early on, the Sutton man made the decisive break. It resulted in yet another close-fought battle right up to the chequered flag, but on this occasion it was Lines who claimed the victory, ahead of his team-mate Depper.



Stewart Lines cracks open the champagne on the podium.



MARTIAL ARTS: Four young Sutton students from the Mark Hayes School of Tae Kwon Do enjoyed medal delight at the recent 10th Open Tae Kwon Do World Championships at the Skydome Arena in Coventry - an event that attracted more than 3,000 competitors from over 30 countries. Hudson Mitchell (middleweight) won two medals - one gold and one bronze - while Max Thomason (middleweight) claimed two bronze medals. Aaran Holmes (lightweight) and Horatio Gilmore (lightweight) were both unlucky not to win any individual medals but both

picked up silver in the team events. Instructor Hayes said: "I'm so proud of my boys, they train so hard every week and really are an asset to my club. They all stepped up in weight divisions for this event and to come home with so many medals against bigger opponents is amazing. If anyone wants to come down to the club for a free lesson and join our team they are more than welcome." The club trains on Mondays at Mere Green Community Centre from 5.15-6.15pm. Pictured (l-r) are Gilmore, Holmes, Mitchell and Thomason.