

SPORT ROUND-UP

Falcons soar to a four-midable win

Junior Football

Boldmere Falcons S and S under-12s 4
West Hagley West 1

ANOTHER excellent team performance by Falcons secured victory against a strong West Hagley side. Christopher Pollard and star man Jacob Timmins both scored a brace.

Leafield Athletic Colts 1
Boldmere Falcons Colts under-10s 3

TWO more goals from Lewis Devlin and one from Connor Duke put Boldmere back to winning ways. Man of the match was Ryan Jones.

Lichfield City 1 Colron Boys under-11s 3

MATT Funge (2) and Jack Allen scored the goals to secure three points for Colron.

Rubery 2 Colron under-10s 3

AN Alfie Fleming hat-trick saw Colron claim all three points. Fleming shared the man of the match with Josh Roberts.

Boldmere Falcons Colts under-11s 5 Sheldon Royal Hawks 1

A SUPERB hat-trick from star man Harry Parker helped keep Boldmere's promotion hopes alive. A Jake Gibbons double sealed a great win.

Burntwood Dragons 2 Sutton Tigers FC under-11s 7

TIGERS remain top of the Lichfield League maintaining their impressive unbeaten start this season with a strong team performance. Goals from Jack Nation, Charlie Giblin (2) and star man Ben Smith (4).

Cadburys 1 Boldmere falcons under-10s S&S 2

LUKE Lawlor and star player Kaleem Rowe bagged the Falcons goals to earn a very good away win.

Sutton Town Reds under-10s 2 Sportsco Saints 0

SAM Foden and star man Owen Hopkins delivered superb goals as Sutton won this clash.

Four Oaks Predators under-16s 0 Northfield Town 0 (Four Oaks won 4-2 on pens)

THE Predators produced a superb performance to win on penalties.

The penalty goalscorers were Matt Dines, Connor Blunt, Alex Keeley and Jordan Gardener while goalkeeper Jacob Cross saved the first spot-kick in the shoot-out.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL: Four Oaks Football Club are starting a soccer school on April 5 for boys and girls.

It starts at 10am and lasts for one hour. The cost is £3 pound. Sessions take place at Hill West School in Clarence Road, Four Oaks.

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Sutton strengthen their grip on play-offs as rivals slip up

Rugby Union

SUTTON COLDFIELD RFC 46
SOUTH LEICESTER 24

National League 3 Midlands

SUTTON continued their great run of home victories with a comprehensive 46-24 bonus point win over a strong and competitive South Leicester side.

With the other league results going their way, with both Nuneaton in third place and Old Halesonians in fourth losing their respective games, Sutton moved six points clear in the contest for the play-off position with just three league games to play.

Unfortunately the Sutton win came at a high price with three first choice front row players unable to complete the game after injuries sustained in the opening 20 minutes.

With hooker Jamie Scott the only recognised front row player able to continue, the game had to go to uncontested scrums and as a penalty Sutton had to play the remaining 60 minutes with only 14 men.

Sutton had kicked off brightly and having withstood



Alex White goes on the attack for Sutton. Picture: Ian Worthington

early pressure the home side raced into a 17-0 lead after 20 minutes with tries by winger Nathan Burchell and flanker Simon Millard respectively.

There were also two conversions and a penalty from the reliable boot of centre Alex White.

It was at this point the scrum arrangements changed and South Leicester took full advantage with a try for number eight Andy Gates, who drove over from close range.

With scrum half Ricky Aley

adding the conversion the visitors were back in the game at 17-7.

However, the revival was short lived and Matt Black who was drafted into the second row at short notice, raced 30m for an excellent breakaway try under the posts.

White added the conversion three minutes before the break and then kicked a penalty on the stroke of half time to give Sutton a deserved 27-7 lead at the break.

South Leicester bounced back at the start of the second half scoring a try through second row Josh McLaurin, which was converted by Aley to close to 27-14 after just five minutes.

However, Sutton responded immediately with tries by fly half Josh Rolls and winger Ian Miller.

And, with White hitting the post with the first conversion but landing the second, Sutton stretched their lead to 39-12 with 15 minutes left.

Again the visitors showed their true fighting spirit and responded well to score two more tries to claim a bonus point for scoring four tries.

The final tries came from skipper Luke Coltman and winger Lee Robinson respectively with Aley converting the first to close to 39-24.

However, Sutton had the final word with a second try for Burchell.

He crossed for an excellent score following a superb break by Sutton skipper and full back Dave Edwards.

White added the conversion with the final kick of the game for a personal tally of five conversions out of six plus two penalties.

The Warwickshire wonders

Swimming

BOLDMERE swimmers produced another 50 medallists as they took the club's combined total to 114 in the third and final week of the Warwickshire Championships.

Fifteen reached Championship finals with four more named county champions and two junior (16/u) champions.

In the boys 100m Freestyle, it was a podium 1-2-3 lockout in the final with Bradley Lynch winning the Championship title, just touching out Joey Stanger into silver position by only 0.05 seconds.

Ben Stanford (14) took the bronze but was crowned Junior Champion as the fastest 16/u.

In the age group categories, the trio claimed the medals for the 15+ age while Ben Stanford and Ben Campbell were the 13/14 gold and silver medallists respectively. Roan Griffiths won the 10/12 silver.

There were more freestyle medallists in the 400m where Stanger retained his title in a time 4.10.43mins, eight seconds ahead of Steve Wilson for the championship silver, with both also claiming the same 15+ age group medals.

Ben Stanford earned championship bronze but was the 10/14 age gold medal winner ahead of Campbell.

In the boys 200 IM, Luke

Davies cruised into the final with the fourth fastest time but turned it up a notch with a four second quicker time to easily win the County title in the final.

In the 13/14 age group, Stanford won yet another gold ahead of Campbell in silver.

Griffiths picked up another medal with an 11/12 silver and Acer Woolley a 9/10 bronze.

Both Stanford and Campbell set new best times in the 50m backstroke to take 13/14 respective gold and bronze as well as making the final with Luke Davies. Leighton Palmer-Whyte came away with an 11/12 bronze.

The fourth county title went to Alice Dearing in the 50m fly final but also managed to duck under the 30 second marker for the first time in the heats with a time of 29.99secs to win the 15+ age group gold.

In the girls 100m breaststroke, Alex Dolan and Emily Gordon claimed the 15/18 age group silver and bronze to qualify second and third fastest for the final, where they finished in the same position to claim respective championship medals.

Dolan won the junior county title for being the fastest 16/u.

The final championship medal was won by Morgan Harlow with silver in the 200m fly, after claiming gold in the



Boldmere swimmers show off their awards. Picture: Steve Harlow

15+ ahead of silver placed Katie Richardson and bronze placed Rachel Wilson.

Alice Oliver won the 11/12 silver medal in a new PB time.

Richardson picked up another silver in the 400m free earlier in the morning session.

There was a 1-2 in the girls 9/10 50m freestyle with gold and silver going to Erin Davies and Nadya Sterling.

Lily Wood picked up the 11/12 bronze.

There were four age group medals won in the boys' 200m

breaststroke with William Cooper finishing in the bronze position of the 9/10 age group, as did Leo Karski in the 11/12, behind Griffiths claiming top spot gold.

Stanford also picked up a 13/14 bronze with a five second personal best.

Woolley set a personal best in the 50m fly, claiming the 9/10 silver while Karski, Griffith and Stanford won silver, bronze, silver respectively.

In the two 11-16 year relay events, the girls quartet of Dolan, Wilson, Dearing and Harlow took the bronze in the

INSHORT

GOLF: Walmley Golf Club's eight-strong team won the Sutton Coldfield and District Junior League Title for the first time since 1993.

The squad included Walmley's Junior Champion Golfer of the year Jamie Calvert but also the club's overall champion golfer Tom Jones.

Jones also won the President's Salver for best performance of the year while Calvert won the President's Plate, awarded to the runner-up.

Top performer in the Sutton and District league matches was Claudia Haywood, who also won the most improved lady golfer award.

Also among the winners at the Junior Annual Awards Dinner were nett club champion James Harman; Easter Trophy winner Bo McGrail and life member trophy winners, Tom McGrail, Jack Cantwell, Ben Holland and Matt Ryan.

JUNIOR RUGBY: Seven lads from Sutton helped Greater Birmingham win the North Midlands rugby tournament last week. Forwards Hugh Mcmenamin, Syakir Saiful, Lewis Belton, Louis Hanlan and Luke Reynolds as well as scrum half Harry Mitcham and centre Sam Grimshaw were in action. After a sticky first game against Herefordshire, winning 17-14, Greater Birmingham turned on the style running in nine tries against a shell-shocked Black Country side, winning 51-0.

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