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HOCKEY

Blueharts are back on top

Blueharts Hockey Club's men's 2nds climbed back to the top of the East Men's League Division 2 South with a 5-1 victory against Harpenden.

Devon Woolley opened the scoring and despite Harpenden equalising not long afterwards, goals from Joe Jordan and Joe Ide provided a margin of comfort for Harts.

In the second half the points were made safe following a brace from the Walton-Adams twins - Harvey and Sebastian.

The 1sts, third from bottom of the East Men's Premier A league, lost 2-1 to Chelmsford.

Blueharts conceded a goal shortly before Matt Gardner was forced off with a head injury.

In the second half Chelmsford increased their lead before the Blues finally hit back from a corner, courtesy of a patched up Gardner.

The 3rds lost 6-3 against Stevenage. Tom Wallis scored a brace and Richard Middleditch also scored. The 4ths lost 5-0 to Rickmansworth, the 5ths beat Harpenden 5ths 6-0 (Ben Phillipson, Jon Hobbs, Bobby Bridges x2, Paul Krishman x2) and the 6ths lost 7-4 to Rickmansworth (Chris Slack x2, Ollie Garside x2).

Blueharts ladies returned home from Bury St Edmunds with a point after securing a draw.

Both teams started strongly, with debutant Maddy Davies linking up with Jo Floor and Eleanor Jordan on the right. Aless Stevens, Rho Keen and Kate Chapman worked tirelessly together down the left, but despite Blueharts keeping plenty of possession the game ended 0-0.

The 2nds were beaten by Bishop's Stortford in a bottom of the table clash. Wendy Chantrell scored in the 3-1 defeat. The 3rds beat St Neots 2nds 1-0 thanks to Jo Gibson's goal. The 4ths, with 10 players, lost 4-1 against Berkhamsted & Hemel. Gina Joseph was the scorer.

Brooks battles to victory

East Area fighters were out in force at Bedford Corn Exchange as Extravaganza 5 included a night of Thai boxing, K1, boxing and MMA.

Among the winners was 14-year-old Ethan Brooks from Hitchin.

Ethan, who fights and trains for East Area Thai Kick, fought a Thai boxing contest over three rounds.

After a slow first round, Ethan came out strong in the second and third rounds and showed his strength and class to take a unanimous points win over his opponent.

Also on the winning team was Thai boxer Tony Thomas who stopped his opponent with a technical knockout in the first round with several low leg kicks.

Anyone wishing to learn Muay Thai, for self defence or for fitness, contact Rob Brooks on 07885 333591.

Tag Rugby Festival

Hundreds of people turned out for the Schools' Tag Rugby Festival held at Stevenage Rugby Club last week.

The cold weather did not stop the 31 teams and 350 school pupils from competing in the successful day.

Each team played at least seven games where the top three sides in each pool progressed through to either the cup, shield or plate knock-out stage. St Vincent de Paul ran out winners in the Cup, beating Trotts Hill by three tries to one in the final.

The winners of the Shield were Wymondley Junior School who beat Codicote seven tries to four. The Plate saw Peartree Junior School defeat Moss Bury by five tries to four.

A special award for the most sporting team was made to Almond Hill who played with great enthusiasm.

In the weeks preceding the event the schools had the chance to take part in training where Stevenage's rugby development officer Dan Phoenix provided coaching in the rules and skills for the festival.

This event would not have been complete without the support of the club's lead sponsor MBDA, while the club would also like to thank the Stevenage Sporting Futures

For anyone interested in playing, contact Dan Phoenix on 07949 198341 or email rdo@stevnagerugby.com



■ Ashley Vianzon, above, on the attack for Lodge Farm School at Stevenage Rugby Club's tag rugby festival. Pictures: HARRY HUBBARD



■ Bedwell School, pictured above with organiser Dan Phoenix (back row, right), and Moss Bury School, below with Stevenage mayor Sherma Batson.



■ The girls do battle in Sunday's match. Picture: SUPPLIED



■ Lenny Dunning of Wollenwick.



■ Wollenwick touch down.



■ Jack Withers of Giles School.

IN BRIEF



■ Abigail Sunderland, Richard Thomson, Ruby Doherty.

Juniors on form

WATER POLO: Hitchin Water Polo Club racked up their first junior successes in the East Region Tournament in the 1998-and-younger tournament at Basildon.

Richard Thomson, who does his swimming training at Letchworth SC and water polo at Hitchin, was picked for the Hertfordshire first team, and played an active part in two matches.

Herts came from behind initially to beat Suffolk 11-5, and then played out a tense match against Essex which they won 8-3.

Thomson's contribution and all round commitment was commended by the Herts East European coach Edi Brkovic. Abigail Sunderland and Ruby Doherty represented Herts in the girls' competition.

In the first match, Herts beat Essex 8-2. Their second match saw them lose 14-2 to Suffolk, and as such Herts finished second in the championship.

Sports roar past Lions

KLM HITCHIN SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE: There were six teams appearing in the second round of the Herts Sunday Junior Cup.

Ickleford Sports were at home against fellow Hitchin Sunday League side Stotfold Lions and won 6-4.

The scores were level at 3-3 after 90 minutes but there were an additional four goals scored in extra-time resulting in Ickleford Sports coming out on top.

Getting the goals for Ickleford were Mark Woodhams, Axel Morris, Ian Hyde, Jack Worbey and Trevor Long plus an own goal.

Letchworth Albion won 1-0 at Hammond Street.

High-flying Whitwell's' trip to play Cannon was far more successful as they progressed following a 5-1 win.

FC Hitchin lost their away game against Oaks 4-2.

FC St Johns lost 7-1 at Sun Postal Sports.

Results
Premier Division: *Athletic Hitchin 12 AFC Letchworth 2; Breachwood Lions 1 AP Construction 1; North Herts Hatters 0 The Boot Baldock 2; West 7 Wanderers 3.*

Six Hitchin girls represent county side in win over Surrey

Six Hitchin Rugby U15 girls represented Hertfordshire in a county match against Surrey.

Megan Gregory, Rosie Inman, Holly Pomfret, Grace Spillane, Alice Tomlinson and Rachel Warren, all of Hitchin, led the Herts team to a comprehensive 59-22 victory.

Adrian Pomfret, the Hitchin Girls Rugby representative, said: "We now have one of the largest girls rugby squads in the county and so we're very proud that Hitchin Girls made up such a large contingent of the

Hertfordshire team. What is more, there were three other Hitchin girls selected, but unfortunately Megan Parry, Scarlett Welbury and Ellie Wilson were not available to play on Sunday."

John Walsh, the Hitchin mini and youth chairman, added: "We hope this success at county level will encourage more girls in the Hitchin area to give rugby a try."

Hitchin RFC has girls squads for U13s, U15s and for U18s. For more details email MYMembership@HitchinRugby.com