

INDOOR BOWLS

Victory was sensational

SPALDING Indoor Bowls Club's ladies stormed to a sensational Trudy Bates win over their counterparts from Boston.

The game on Spalding's home territory was expected to be very tight - but the hosts had other ideas.

Spalding raced into an early lead with Boston struggling to respond to the pressure.

The Spalding ladies won on four of the five rinks by 105-81 shots, gaining a valuable 14-2 points win.

The winning rink with highest score went to Sylvia Wade as skip, aided by Betty Deaton, Dodie Darley and Judy Jackson.

● THE Lincs League over 60s team slipped to a comprehensive defeat at Scunthorpe.

Everything went in Spalding's favour for the first couple of ends, but unfortunately this changed as Scunthorpe gradually pulled clear. By the half-way stage they were ahead by 22 shots.

This lead increased to 33 shots towards the end of the game.

However, Spalding seemed to get their second wind and started hauling back the deficit to finish 93-110 down (4-14 points).

Spalding won on two of the five rinks with another rink only losing by one shot.

The rink with highest score for Spalding was skipped by Bob Power, aided by Derek Hammond, Roger Perkins and Ron Walpole.

● SPALDING'S Friendly Bowlers earned a resounding win in their annual clash with Werrington.

They established a lead in the early stages of the game and kept the pressure on from that point to win by an impressive 158-59 shots.

Despite the large shot difference, the game was played in fine spirit throughout and a good time was had by all.

Spalding won on all rinks and the highest scoring quartet was Jean Gray, Jenny Horner, Bryan Herbert and skip Bill Exton.

Captain of the day was Roger Perkins.

● THE Spalding B team were beaten at home by a team from Scunthorpe in their latest Lincs League Division Two clash.

Although Spalding were under a lot of pressure on three of the five rinks in the early stages of the game, they fought back.

From being down by 35 shots overall, Spalding managed to get within nine shots.

But Scunthorpe replied, pushing their advantage further home to finally finish victorious by 28 shots (82-110), with a points total of 2-16.

Spalding won on one rink and two others finished very close, only losing by a couple of shots.

The winning rink was skipped by John Taylor, assisted by John Culy, Ron Walpole and Len Jackson.

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HOCKEY

Disappointing loss in thrilling contest

LONG SUTTON 1st 3
HARPENDEN 1st 4

SUTTON suffered a disappointing defeat in this seven-goal East Premier B thriller on Saturday.

An even first half saw the home side take a two-goal lead with Jonny Bryan converting two short corner flicks.

Harpenden meanwhile, created a number of chances but were denied by some excellent saves from Jake Loweth before they got the goal they deserved from a scrappy finish just before half time.

The second half saw the home team missing a golden opportunity before becoming increasingly reliant on long, speculative balls that were easily dealt with by the visitors.

Harpenden quickly drew level before pulling two goals clear.

Sutton continued to surrender possession and it wasn't until the last few minutes that Nick Ellis scored to reduce the arrears.

SPALDING 1st 1
CITY OF PETERBOROUGH 4th 0

LEADERS Spalding moved four points clear after edging this exciting clash.

Spalding started the first half with a flair and confidence that has been missing from previous performances.

They continued to press and dominate throughout the first half and they were rewarded

SPALDING Hockey Club's under-12s shone at the latest Lincolnshire county tournament.

They only got promoted to League One last month and they have made a storming return to the top flight.

ATHLETICS

Valley bag new sponsorship

NENE Valley Harriers reckon future success is in the bag after receiving a generous donation from chartered accountancy firm Moore Thompson.

The club present all of its new members with a sports bag when they join the club, and Moore Thompson have given the Harriers a boost by presenting promotions officer Paddy Ivens with 150 bags bearing the club's logo.

Moore Thompson partner and Nene Valley coach Ken Maggs said: "Moore Thompson has supported the club for a number of years and I think the relationship works because the ethos of both club and business are similar.

"The club provides a personal, friendly but also competitive atmosphere and Moore Thompson offers a personal but professional service



Long Sutton 1st keeper Jake Loweth makes a gutsy stop against Harpenden. Photo: SG130210-136NG



Jonny Bryan converts one of his two short corners on Saturday. Photo: SG130210-142NG (NIKKI GRIFFIN)

shortly before the break with Jason Purlant's classy reverse shot finish.

If there was a criticism of Spalding in what was otherwise a quality performance, it was the lack of killer instinct they showed.

In the final stages of the game Peterborough started to gain the upper hand, but Spalding held firm.

Spalding won four of their five games and lost just once to top their mini-league.

The tournament is played around the county in a two-tier league system, with promotion and relegation regularly taking place at the end of

to its clients.

"The geographical areas covered by the club also relate to the Spalding, Market Deeping and Wisbech offices of Moore Thompson.

"These bags have been welcomed by the club's members, many of whom will use them at all meetings and spread the name of Nene Valley around the country."

Nene Valley hold regular competitions for athletes from the age of 11 upwards, and also have a very active under-11s squad, which has grown significantly over the last few years.

They have training squads in Peterborough, Crowland and Spalding and compete in various leagues at all times of the year - providing a range of competitive standards and ensuring there is something for everyone.

ST IVES 4th 0
SPALDING 3rd 2

SHAUN Dewing's deadly double earned Spalding a well-deserved win.

Spalding drew first blood from a well-worked short corner, Martin Pocklington setting up vice skipper Dewing to fire past the St Ives' mountain of a keeper.

each month.

Peter Gray was the top-scorer last month, helping himself to an impressive haul of five goals in five games.

Spalding's successful players were Harry Bettinson, Harry Higgins, Joe Higgins,

At the other end, Daniel Barkworth made some quality saves to keep Spalding ahead.

The only thing separating the two evenly-matched teams after the break was a Dewing penalty stroke, as Spalding wrapped up the points.

LONG SUTTON LADIES 2nd 0
SPILSBY 1st 1

A LAST-GASP penalty corner denied Sutton a draw.

Sutton showed some good attacking play, but their young forwards were denied by the excellent Spilbsy keeper.

Stand-in keeper Becky Kierman showed her versatility by making some good saves, earning her the player of the match award.

SPALDING LADIES 2nd 1
ALFORD 1st 3

THE YOUNG Poachers put up a brilliant fight against the league leaders.

After a nervous start Alford went 2-0 up from short corners.

Spalding came out fighting and Amber Wild scored at the beginning of the second half.

The continued to push forward but couldn't find a leveller.

Alford added a penalty flick late on seal the win.

There were outstanding performances from Lachan Reed, Coral and Amber Wild, Emma Dalton and player of the match Annie Dalton.

Max Pearce, Luke Barkworth, Hector Moore, Jack Drury, Claude Smith-Hughes, Carlos Ortiz-Jimenez, Domenic Ibrahim and Peter Gray.

● Got a hockey story? Email andrew.clucas@jpress.co.uk and let us know.

INDOOR CRICKET

Record haul for Waltham

TOM Waltham took a record Spalding and District Indoor League bowling haul on Sunday.

The Moulton Harrox Golden Dukes star racked up 27 points as his side eased past Played and Missed by 28 runs.

After winning the toss and electing to bowl, Moulton took 15 Played and Missed wickets as they managed a meagre score of minus 19.

Knowing they only needed to bat safely to avoid defeat, the Dukes ended up winning comfortably with an average score of nine.

It was a different story for the Dukes in the next game though, as they slumped to the heaviest league defeat of the season at the hands of Spalding Grammar School.

Heath Ripley and Ivan Burgess both scored 17 as Spalding Grammar amassed a cracking score of 43.

Dukes never looked like reaching their total, losing 17 wickets as they slumped to a woeful 92-run defeat.

Burgess was once again the top performer, picking up 20 bowling points.

This Sunday's fixtures there is a top of the table clash between Long Sutton Sacks and Spalding CC, while Spalding Grammar take on the Dukes again.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Football: UniBond League First Division South (3pm) - Belper Tn v Market Drayton Tn; Cammell Laird v Quorn; Chasetown v Leek Tn; Goole v Mickleover Sp; Grantham Tn v Rushall Olympic; Kidsgrove Athletic v Willenhall Tn; Lincoln Utd v Carlton Tn; Loughborough Dynamo v Stamford; Sheffield FC v Brigg Town; Spalding Utd v Shepsheaf Dynamo; Wilton Albion v Glapwell.

● **Hereward Teamwear UCL Premier Division** (3pm) - Bourne Town v Northampton Spencer; Cogenhoe United v Blackstones; Daventry Town v Newport Pagnell Town; Desborough Town v Yaxley; Long Buckby v Wellingborough Town; Rothwell Corinthians v Raunds Town; Sleaford Town v St Ives Town; St Neots Town v Holbeach United; Stotfold v Deeping Rangers.

● **Chroma Sport & Trophies Peterborough & District League** (2pm): Premier Division - Coates Athletic v Pinchbeck Utd; Moulton Harrox v Leverington Sports; Stamford Bels v Crowland Town. Division One - Powerleague AFC v Long Sutton Athletic. Division Two - Castor & Ailsworth v Gedney Hill. Combination Division One - Deeping Sports Res v Moulton Harrox Res; Long Sutton Athl Res v Netherton United Res; Pinchbeck Utd Res v Wimbington FC Res. Combination Division Two - Leverington S Res v Crowland Town Res.

● **Cropleys Suzuki Boston & District League** (2.15pm): Division One - Holbeach Bank v Sutterton; Spalding Harriers v Swineshead Inst Res; Spalding Town v Wyberton Res. Division Two - Tydd St Mary v Old Dons Res; Westside Rangers Res v Spalding Town Res. Division Three - Skegness Town A v Spalding Harriers Res.

● **Barclays Brokers Willoughby Cup**: Round Two - Fosdyke v Old Dons (1.45pm).

Hockey: NE14 Hockey East Men's League Premier B Division - Letchworth 1st v Long Sutton 1st. 3NW - St Ives 2nd v Spalding 1st; 4NW - Long Sutton 2nd v Horcastle 1st (2.30pm); Spalding 2nd v Rutland 2nd. 5NW - Spalding 3rd v Ely City 3rd. 6NW (N) - Boston 2nd v Long Sutton 3rd; Bourne 3rd v Spalding 4th; Alford & District 1st v Spalding 5th. Green Structural Ladies League - Long Sutton 2nd v Louth 3rd.

Rugby: Midlands Two East (North) - Notts Moderns RFC 1st v Spalding RFC 1st (2pm).

SUNDAY

Football: Spalding Sunday League (10.30am): League Cup semi-final - Murrow Bell v Station Gates (mh) (Ref: J Truman, assistants T Woolley & S Elliot). Division One - Aintree v Britannia Revolution (P Hayes); Cowbit & Wheatshaf v Punchbowl (R Camm); Inter Fenway v Harchester Utd (J Fowler). Division Two - Fenway v Jubilee (Castle) (R Donadel); Gosberton v FC Spalding (mh) (D White); Riverside Hotel v Sutton SJ (B Ingham); Whaplode Drove v Pied Calf (J Mowatt).

TUESDAY

Football: UniBond League First Division South (7.45pm) - Brigg Town v Belper Town; Carlton Town v Shepsheaf Dynamo; Leek Town v Glapwell; Willenhall Town v Cammell Laird.

● **Hereward Teamwear UCL Premier Division** (7.45pm) - Bourne Town v Rothwell Corinthians; Long Buckby v Northampton Spencer; Stotfold v Sleaford Town.



Paddy Ivens (left) and Ken Maggs show off two of Nene Valley Harriers' new sports bags.