

# Citizen Sport

JR gets in the swing with an official handicap

■ GOLF ■



JR Ellis is the youngest member at Abbey Hill Golf Club to receive an official handicap for the 18-hole golf course.

Sunday sees Abbey Hill holding their U17 junior medal tournament and, with an official handicap of 36, JR can now enter. Needless to say the six-year-old is one of the youngest contenders and will be up against some fantastic older players.

JR, from Medbourne, started playing about 10 months ago and has already won a number of prizes ranging from trophies and medals to golf clothing.

He trains as often as he can and is now working hard to compete in the HSBC Wee Wonders tournament and the Junior Real Open with the finals being played at St Andrews, Scotland, and The Belfry, Birmingham respectively.

Added to this he has been formally invited to take part in the US Kids 2009 European Championships at the end of May in East Lothian, Scotland. The determined little chap only ever has three things on his mind – golf, winning and.... Mars bars.

## Horwood look to recruit umpires for new term

■ CRICKET ■

GREAT Horwood Cricket Club are looking for two umpires to join them for the forthcoming season.

Horwood are running three teams in the Oxford Cricket Association League this year and need keen cricket lovers to help them with their umpiring duties.

Whether you can commit to the season or just help with a few games please get in touch for more information.

For anyone willing to help there is a payment of £50 per match and free membership. Please contact Gary Lee on 01296 712772 for more details.

## April quiz night

■ QUIZ ■

NORTH Crawley Bowls Club is staging a quiz evening at 7.30pm in the Cranfield Campus Social Club on Friday April 17.

Entry is £5 on the night and for more details please contact club secretary Sandy Henry on 01234 750500 or 01234 391413.

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# Olney's sixth win increases the gap

■ SOUTH WEST TWO EAST ■

OLNEY put further distance between themselves and the bottom three in the table with a 17-12 win at Wallingford on Saturday.

This was Olney's sixth win in 17 games and they made a flying start with a penalty from Dave Smith giving them an early 3-0 lead. Olney remained in control and Smith was successful with a second penalty to extend the lead to 6-0.

The visitors then turned the ball over and surged upfield before conceding a penalty for not releasing the ball. The hosts took a quick tap penalty but again Olney prevented a Wallingford score.

The hosts did finally reduce the gap with a penalty but although Olney missed out on a couple of try-scoring opportunities, Smith kicked a third penalty to make it 9-3.

Wallingford were also punished just before the half time whistle with a yellow card to their tall second row forward.

Play remained tight, Wallingford converting a second penalty after a crossing offence but Olney remained the more dominant force, although several fine moves still failed to bring a try. And Olney were made to pay for this when the hosts levelled the score with a third penalty.

But the try Olney had been waiting for finally arrived when Edwards caught a high ball and fed full back Rhys Peakman who shook off several tackles to score.

Wallingford again hit back with a drop goal and they missed a further penalty before Smith increased Olney's lead to 17-12 with yet another penalty awarded for offside.

Olney lost prop Dean Henrickson to the sin bin in the dying minutes and they were forced to defend in numbers as Wallingford ran several penalties that came their way.

This was indeed a fine all-round performance. Olney scrummaged well with several strong individual runs from Jack Sutton and prop George Stanton with some great cover tackling from flanker Stuart Howkins and a solid performance as usual from second row Sean Heatley.

>> Olney 2nds gained a 51-5 win over unbeaten league leaders Milton Keynes, the tries from Mike Durose, Mark Redman, Chris Small (2), Thierry Paul (2), Ian Fletcher (2) and captain Patrick Leahy with Glyn Dodd kicking three conversions

>> Saturday sees Olney at home to third placed Reading.

## Bletchley safe from relegation worries

■ SOUTH WEST TWO EAST ■

IT HAS been confirmed there will be no relegation from the South West Two East at the end of this season and this is probably extremely fortunate for Bletchley Rugby Club.

Bletchley's scheduled fixture at table toppers Maidenhead on Saturday did not go ahead with Bletchley unable to name a replacement prop in their squad.

Rugby Football Union rules state that sides must name a 'spare' prop in their squad, referees asked to check this at the start of each game.

With a mounting injury

list Bletchley found they could name a full team but not name a replacement prop and had to call the game off.

With first team players also having to be registered, Bletchley were unable to call up replacements from their second and third teams.

The position of prop is considered an extremely specialised position with safety the key factor.

This leaves Bletchley in the bottom two in the table with four wins from their 18 games, although they have

now had two points deducted. They are four points adrift of Reading Abbey and face a tough fight if they are to get out of the bottom two.

Saturday sees them travelling to face basement side Henley Wanderers. Club officials are hoping their injury problems ease in time for this game and that they are able to field a replacement prop.

A club official said this week: "We are probably very fortunate there is no relegation this season with the league expanding to accommodate 14 teams.



**BALL CARRIER:** City's Stuart Tomkinson escapes the clutches of a Marlow opponent.

Picture: Dave Langfield.

## City made to work hard

MILTON Keynes Rugby Club boosted their chances of a top two place with a 19-11 win over Marlow on Saturday.

The win keeps them third in the table but they trail Marlow by just one point with a game in hand although they are still four points behind Buckingham with a game in hand.

This was a cracking game to watch, the win not sealed until the final six minutes. It started at a fast pace with Marlow applying the early pressure, but the home side hit back and opened the scoring with a penalty from Andy White.

There was little to choose between the two packs, Marlow seeing one penalty attempt drift wide before they had a man sin-binned for kicking a City player to the floor, this after the player had already been warned after swinging a punch.

It was Marlow who scored the first try, scrambling the ball over the line

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and when City were penalised for handling in a ruck, Marlow extended their lead to 8-3 with a penalty.

And the visitors then moved into an 11-3 half time lead with a drop goal.

City were back on the attack early in the second half but they missed one golden opportunity to score before White converted another penalty.

Handling in the ruck saw City awarded another penalty. White again successful with the kick and the home side were now just two points adrift.

Milton Keynes camped themselves on the Marlow line and the decisive try came when Dan Pearson flicked the ball up and Andy Williamson scored.

The icing on the cake soon followed when White converted another penalty.

Saturday sees City at Chipping Norton.

■ JUNIOR RUGBY ■

## Olney youngsters lift Bucks Plate

OLNEY U14s lifted the Bucks Cup Plate with a 24-0 win over Buckingham, the tries from Andrew Lane (2), George Adams, Marcus Goss and two conversions from Stuart Livesey.

>> Olney hosted the Alliance Cup competition last weekend, with 650 children aged from U9 to U12 level in action, the U9s becoming champions.

They beat Towcester B 11-0 with tries from Cobie Chapman (2), Joshua Day (2), Thomas Murray (2), Lockie Sear (2), Dominic Blor-Rimmer, Taylor French and Tom Wam and then beat Men's Own 6-1 with the scores from Day (2), Murray (2), Barnaby Ollerhead and Tom Smith. They then beat Daventry 6-1 with the scores from Murray (2), Simon Boyce, Day, Taylor French and Izaak Soul and a 7-0 win over ONs followed, the tries here from Chapman (2), Oliver Davidson (2), Murray, Ollerhead and Soul.

After winning all their pool games they went on to draw the final 0-0 with Towcester, winning the title on countback thanks to scoring a total of 30 tries while conceding just two, their player of the tournament award going to Cobie Chapman.

Olney U10s beat Casuals 2-0 with both tries from Basil Combes, beat Bletchley 2-0 with the scores from Combes and Jamie Mitchell, beat Daventry 4-0 with Jack Dalton (2), Hamish Bull and Harry Wam the try scorers, beat Towcester 3-1 with the tries from Bull, Wam and Ted Hicks and they then lost out 2-1 to Old Northamptonians in the final, the try from George Davis.

>> Olney U7s were involved in the Alliance Cup festival at Bletchley and they too became champions.

The A team beat Buckingham 6-3 with the tries from Joseph Brock (3), Thomas Brooks (2) and Rhys Evans and they beat Brackley 6-3 with the tries from Brooks (3), Harry Thomas (2) and Brock. A 6-3 win over Old Scouts A followed and here the tries were scored by Brock (2), Brooks (2), Owen Davies and Harry Thomas.

The semi-final resulted in a 4-3 win over ONs, Brooks, Brock, Thomas and Oliver Beteridge the scorers and they then beat Bletchley A 6-2 in the final with the scores from Brooks (3), Brock, Danny Trott and Davies.

The B team beat ONs B 4-1 with tries from Luke Becker, Joshua Lyon, Joshua Wheeler and Jack Jordan and then beat Men's Own 3-2 with Jordan, Xander Hughes and Oliver Shoreland the scorers.

A 4-0 win over Bletchley B followed, the tries from Lyon, Joshua Kleczkowski, Hughes and Wheeler.

The semi-final resulted in a 5-4 defeat against Bletchley A, the tries from Wheeler (2), Kleczkowski and Jordan, the side then losing out 5-2 to ONs in the play-off for third and fourth places, the tries from Nathan Allen, Tomos Mather.

>> Bletchley U8s, sponsored by Aetna UK Ltd, staged the Alliance Festival at the weekend.

Bletchley A won their pool by defeating Long Buckby B 6-3 and Buckingham B 7-3 before drawing 2-2 with Long Buckby A. In the semi-final they lost out 6-5 to Casuals while the play-off for third and fourth places, they beat Towcester 6-5.

Their try scorers were Shea Minty (7), George Hendry (7), Bronwyn Tagg (3), Daniel Wells (3), Robert McIntosh (3), Thomas Sharp (2) and Leo Johnson.

Bletchley B lost out 6-0 to BBOB in their pool before falling 5-2 to both Casuals and Daventry.

Their best performance came in their play-off match against Buckingham despite losing 7-5, their tries from Oliver James Bowen, Cerys Minty, Joshua Luce and Harrison Underwood.

>> Bletchley U17s gained a 34-5 win against Salisbury at Swindon in the first knock-out round of the National Bowl to gain a south west regional semi-final place.

The tries came from Haydn Donaldson, Josh Peters, Daniel Read (2), Michael Clements and Josh Sprules with two conversions from George Harman.

>> Bletchley U16s completed the double over Chesham with a 22-10 win in the league and cup double-header, their tries from Luke Dale, Mark Tarrant and Nick Machin with Tarrant two conversions and a penalty.

>> Olney U16s were 20-10 winners over High Wycombe, tries coming from Will Clifford (3) and Will Jones.

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