

SWIMMING

Golden girl Lydia boosts win streak

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LYDIA McManus and Dominic Macdonald extended Ferndown Otters' title-winning streak with three gold medals and one bronze while Macdonald became a regional junior champion.

McManus, 15, returned from the Somerset resort with three gold medals and one bronze while Macdonald became a regional junior champion.

McManus's medals included the junior and senior golds for the 50m butterfly in which she led home an Otters one-two in 29.02sec.

Nicole Scott, 15, one of Ferndown's winners in both the national inter-county and the England schools championships during the two previous weekends, took the senior and junior silver medals in 29.8.

McManus confirmed her form in the 100m freestyle, dipping



DELIGHT: Ferndown's Lydia McManus is the new South West senior and junior champion in the 50m butterfly

under the minute mark for the first time to take the junior gold and the senior bronze medal in 59.7.

Team-mate Emily Freeman, 16, was not far behind in 1:00.02.

Dominic Macdonald, 15, was also in top form, setting a personal best time of 1min 57sec to take the junior gold in the 200m freestyle.

He also sliced two seconds off his PB in the 200m backstroke (2:13.4).

Fran Hughes, 13, picked up a junior bronze in the 100m breaststroke in 1min 14sec with

SEAGULLS' MALTA MOTIVATION



CHRISTCHURCH and New Milton Seagulls coach Barry Alldrick pictured with 10 of his swimmers at a week-long training camp in Malta.

The swimmers, aged nine to 19, spent 25 hours in the water

during the Swim Week, run by former Bournemouth Dolphins coach Lauriie Dormer.

Most of them went on to record personal best times in time trials held on the final day.

The swimmers are Isabelle Frampton, Natasha Webber, Charly Green, Sam Webber, Kristy Rides, Connor Sleightholme, Nick Campbell, Emma Duffell, Stacey Angliss and Charlotte Roberts.

12-year-old national age group champion Naomi Vides recording 1:17 against older girls in the penultimate heat.

Craig Freeman, 13, was another in top form – he recorded a PB of 2:02 in the 200m freestyle.

Cat Close lowered her best time in the 100m backstroke to 1:08.6.

Otters were expecting more awards in Sunday's final session only for it to be cancelled due to poor water quality in the pool.

Coach Tony Watson said: "This was a young group of swimmers and we are very pleased with what the guys achieved. We were looking forward to another good afternoon after on Sunday."

Bournemouth Dolphins' Chris Campbell, 15, won three bronze medals, including both the senior and junior bronze in the

50m breaststroke in which he clocked 31.7sec.

He was also third junior in the 50m freestyle (25.77) and recorded short-course national qualifying times (NQTs) in the 200m and 400m individual medley (2:15.10 and 4:44.72).

Twelve-year-old Natalie Moore recorded NQTs in the 400m freestyle (4:37.25) and 200m backstroke (2:31.88) and slashed 31 seconds off her 800m time to stop the clock at 9:27.15.

"I checked on the rankings and her 400m and 800m times move her to second in the country in her age group," said coach Graham Bassi.

He added: "We took a small, select group to Weston and made fantastic progress."

KINGS OF CASTLE

THE Year Five girls' team from

Castle Court School in Corfe Mullen won a team gold medal in the South West Schools biathlon championships at Millfield.

Flora Lickiss and Kathleen Rafferty won the individual gold and silver for the 1,000m run and 50m swim and, with Eleanor Friend, also won the team gold.

They now go through to the national championships in February.

Talbot Heath School had some good results including second place from their Year Seven team.

Melissa Courtney (Talbot Heath) and Sophie Notley (St Edward's) took the Year Eight gold and silver respectively while in Year 10 Kim Rowles (Talbot Heath) was third.

Silver also went to Phoebe Notley (St Mary's, Poole) in the Year Seven category

Bassi's team powers to gala success

BOURNEMOUTH Dolphins emerged more than 40 points clear in the Adam Knight gala at Parkstone's Rossmore pool.

"We selected many swimmers on their second and third strokes and it was a good team performance," said coach Graham Bassi.

The recent merger of Christchurch Seagulls and New Milton Torpedoes enabled them

to field two teams and their A team came second with nine wins, 13 second places and 34 personal best times.

Star performers included Charne Randall and Alice Cook, who both clocked PBs in each of their four events, and Alastair Rogers and Logan Holiday with five PBs from five events each.

Hosts Ferndown finished third place but were pleased with a

set of results that included eight wins, 12 second places and 17 PBs.

Lucy Hargreaves and Chris Wignall were both double winners for Ferndown, Hargreaves taking the 13/u 100m breaststroke in 1:28.71 and the 12/u 50m freestyle in 32.02, Wignall the 13/u 100m backstroke (1:13.21) and 100m freestyle (1:05.53).

Their other winners were

Elliot Wilks (11/u 50m back 38.73), Lucy Kirkham (10/u 50m breast 46.89) and the girls' 11/u freestyle and medley relay squad of Zoe Taylor, Shannon Horton, Gemma Platts, Amy Rawlings and Lucy Kirkham.

Result: Bournemouth Dolphins 236, Christchurch & New Milton Seagulls A 194, Ferndown Otters 187, Tornadoes of South Dorset, Hamble 119, Christchurch & New Milton Seagulls B 77.

BOWLS

Trio are given trophy debut

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BOURNEMOUTH duo Joan Halliwell and Julie Hudson and Dolphin's Wendy Hardy have been given their Atherley Trophy debuts by Dorset.

They will line up in the first round of the English Women's Indoor BA inter-county championship against Cornwall at Isca, Exeter, on Friday, November 17.

However, one notable absentee from the side is Julie Saunders – the Bournemouth indoor skip and 2005 national outdoor singles queen. She is bound for New Zealand to represent England in the World Singles Champion of Champions event in Christchurch later this month.

Dorset have a psychological advantage over Cornwall having beaten the Duchy 15-2 (142-100) in their opening match of the South-West Counties Women's League campaign at Poole.

Jean Revell, Sheila Goddard, Sue Jennings and Moonfleet skip Margaret Crawford stole the show at the Dolphin with a 36-15 card.

Bridport's Sue Hosking (22-16), Jenny Andrews of Dorchester (24-19) and Moonfleet's Sheila Baker (25-22) gained the other Dorset points.

Dorset Atherley rinks: Jan Jones (ED), Dov Seacombe (IP), Kath Desmond (M), Viv Mansell (IP); Frances Hewett (Br), Wendy Hardy (D), Margaret Clapp (Br), Sue Hosking (Br), Freda Yates (Dr), Elizabeth Messer (ED), June Searle (M), Sheila Baker (M), Pamela Daters (Br), Annie Bowden (Br), Diane Sekjer (ED), Annette Hallett (Dr); Julie Hudson (Bo), Lyn Howard (D), Joan Halliwell (B), Ros Gwatkin (Dr). Jean Revell (B), Sheila Goddard (M), Sue Jennings (Dr), Margaret Crawford (M). **Reserves:** Linda Johnson (Bo), Ruth Neary (M).

Key: ED (East Dorset), IP (Isle of Purbeck), M (Moonfleet), Br (Bridport), D (Dolphin), Dr (Dorchester), Bo (Bournemouth)

Dolphin dish out a beating

DOLPHIN dished out a 14-2 (96-65) beating to Five Rivers in the Bowls Marketing Wessex League Coastal Division.

Home skips Derek Ames (29-13 against Terry Spreadbury), Brian Shepherd (20-16 against Bob Tanner) and the travelling rink of Ben Paulley (29-17 against Dennis Shipp) secured the Poole club's biggest win of the campaign.

Roger Blackie was pipped 19-18 by Mike Crook of Five Rivers at Salisbury.

Bournemouth marched in 14-2 (101-76) against Bridport. Clive Bunford (31-16 against Ken Anticott) and Steve Chalker (24-16 against Bill Payne) at Kings Park and away-dayer Chris Daniels (24-12 against Ivor Parker) put Bournemouth in command despite the 32-22 defeat suffered by Brian Frith against John Hooper.

East Dorset slipped up 12-4 (76-68) to Wellworthy where Mike Grimdsdale (24-15 against Kevin Vincent) and Bob Sprules (17-16 against Graham Reed) shone for East Dorset.

Other result: Dorchester 4 (74) Moonfleet 12 (82).

Latest points: Moonfleet (played three) 44, Dorchester (3) 34, Dolphin (3) 28, Bournemouth (2) 28, East Dorset (2) 18, Five Rivers (3) 17, Wellworthy (3) 16, Bridport (3) 5, Dolphin Blues (2) 2.