

Seagulls move up

CHRISTCHURCH and New Milton Seagulls were the biggest movers in the overall points table at the Dorset championships.

While Ferndown Otters and Bournemouth Dolphins battled for county supremacy, Seagulls quietly amassed 1,258 points to move into third place for the first time.

The result underlines the club's impressive progress during a five-year period which has seen Barry Alldrick appointed head coach and the merger of Christchurch and New Milton clubs.

After finishing in a lowly eighth place with just 61 points in 2005, Seagulls rose to sixth with 311 in 2006, fifth with 687 in 2007, fourth with 940 last year and now up to third.

Ferndown topped the points table with 2,330 just 31 ahead of Dolphins.

"This is the official competition as determined by the county and we are really happy to win it again," said Otters coach Tony Watson.

Age group points (top five): 1 Ferndown 2330, 2 Dolphins 2299, 3 Seagulls 1258, 4 Tornadoes of Dorset 1156, 5 Poole 646.