

# Journal Sport

## Tanya shares the title

NEWMARKET based Tanya Bracegirdle has fulfilled her dream of winning the East Anglian women riders' point-to-point championship but she shares the honour with her rival, Lisa Rowe. Both had winners at Cottenham on Saturday and finished with 52 points each.

Bracegirdle had an extra ride in the last race but Lonesome Dove - a 33-1 shot - was withdrawn after spreading a plate before the start. With five points for a win and points awarded down to fifth place, the championship hinged on the result of

the Ladies' Open. Zoe Turner on Sound of Jura pipped Rowe (Shedid) on the line and Bracegirdle picked up two crucial points by finishing fourth on her last ride on Fort Hall, who has now retired at the age of 15.

Bracegirdle had earlier won the Intermediate race aboard Ovac Star after Rowe took the Members event with Horace. After the disappointment of having Lonesome Dove withdrawn from the last race Bracegirdle said it was bad luck but she would have been happy to just get round on her.

### IN BRIEF...

SAM Ormbo from Mildenhall has been selected for the England Under-15 Schools' hockey squad of 18 for a trip to France at half term. The Culford Schoolboy played left-back in the England Schools Under-15 A side which beat Wales at Newport last week.

■ The Wicken Football Cup final between Fordham and Soham United could not have been closer.

Fordham lifted the trophy, winning 4-3 on penalties after normal and extra-time failed to produce a goal. Both sides struck the woodwork twice in normal time and Fordham goalkeeper Chris Nunn saved two spot-kicks in the shoot-out.

■ Eight teams made up of men and women took part in the first mixed six-a-side football tournament at the Ross Peers Sports Centre at Soham.

Winners were Ethical Pharmaceutical from Ely who won all of their five games including the final in which they defeated a side called Benny from the sports centre 1-0. Victoria Christensen got the goal.

The Ethical squad was Peter Braybrooke, who was outstanding in goal, Daniel Adams, Jonathan Dillon, Alan Sutton, Stephanie Poole, Victoria Christensen and Sarah Shornew. They didn't concede a goal in the competition.

#### CRICKET RESULTS

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE CAMBS SENIOR LEAGUE

Division One: Burwell 246-7, Fordham 247-7. Division Two: Stapleford 138-6, Balsham 139-0.

CAMBS JUNIOR CUP

Haslingfield 170-4, Lode 156.

LOWER JUNIOR CUP

Burrough Green II 40, Schering 44-

## BATSMEN SIZZLE IN THE DRIZZLE WITH 646 IN 90 OVERS

# Runs feast in derby match



● Steve Grinling



● Kevin Poole

MONUMENTAL. That's the best description for the batting performances of Mildenhall and Tuddenham in Saturday's Suffolk Premier Cricket League derby match when an amazing 646 runs were scored in 90 overs.

After about a dozen overs the bowlers had little better than a bar of soap to bowl with because of the rain but at 17 for 2 Mildenhall were in trouble when Rick Handy went out to join Steve Grinling.

What happened next made Mildenhall history. Superlatives would not do the innings justice. The facts speak for themselves, their unbeaten stand producing 309 runs.

Handy set a club record of 178 not out including 16 fours and nine sixes while Grinling recorded an unbeaten 113 (11 fours) as Mildenhall amassed 325 for 2.

Many teams would not have taken up the challenge but Kevin Poole and Daren Hayward came out ready to do battle.

They demonstrated that you don't have to hit untold boundaries to chase a score of 300-plus but this was partly due to the athletic fielding,

bearing in mind mistakes were bound to be made in wet conditions. Hayward finally fell for 133 (10 fours and 2 sixes) with the score at 298, hence 607 runs were scored between the third and fourth wickets of the day.

Poole must have been the country's most disappointed man, carrying his bat but failing to score the 12 required off the final over. He ended 159 not out (10 fours and one six) and Tuddenham were just four adrift on 321 for 2.

Mildenhall made a much more modest 184 for 8 at Sudbury on Sunday. This revolved around a stylish 37 from opener Robert Wilden.

However, it wasn't until Grinling joined Handy, batting at seven and eight, that the fireworks began. Grinling hit 41 (18 balls) and Handy 39 (22 balls).

Martin Lyes roared in and reduced Sudbury to 9-3 but Rajiv Seth made his intentions clear, smashing the ball all over the ground for 48, but when he departed Sudbury were in trouble at 69 for 5. However, Mark Foster contributed an invaluable unbeaten 64 and with Dave Simpkin (30 not out) saw Sudbury to a four wicket victory.



● Rick Handy



● Daren Hayward

## Inter-town rivalry at the Dome

TEAMS from three towns converge on the Dome Sports Centre at Mildenhall on Saturday for the second Festival of Sport competition staged by Forest Heath Council.

A fun filled day is promised for participants and spectators alike and the event co-ordinator, Steve Moore, said there will be no charge for admission to the general public.

"It's very much an event for spectators who are welcome to come along and watch teams from Mildenhall, Brandon and Newmarket compete in 15 sports," he said.

These include junior and senior obstacle races which, says Moore, are designed to make the day's proceedings even more fun. Another new sport in this, the second year of the inter-town challenge, is tug-of-war.

#### CO-ORDINATORS

The sports centres in each of the towns have got together their various teams but any sports enthusiast wishing to take part should contact their respective sports centre as soon as possible in case they need numbers making up.

All junior events will take place on Saturday morning and those for seniors in the af-

# Play the Numbers game

## Ruth runs