

> Triathlon

WaldenJNR defeat Cambridge

WALDENJNR finally beat local rivals Cambridge Tri in the annual Mob Match.

A record 210 competitors turned out for the event at Friends School, Saffron Walden, with Millie Denyer, Marnie Dunlop and Beth Aris giving WaldenJNR a clean sweep in the under-eight girls' category.

In the older age groups, Charlie Passfield won the 17 to 19 age group, while his brother Marco Passfield won the Tri Star 3 category for 13 and 14-year-olds. There was further success for the boys in the 15 and 16-year-olds' section, where Ross Broomfield came home in first.

In the Tri Star 2 section, Helena Dyce and James Fraser were the clear winners in their respective girls' and boys' races.

Emma Sarginson and Ciara Broomfield finished third and fourth in the girls' race, with Luhan Bely and Charlie McNeil third and fourth in the boys' event.

In Tri Star 1, for nine and 10-year-olds, Elliot Wood won, while Evie Upton finished just ahead of Innes Dunlop in the girls' race.

Pro Ironman triathlete Lucy Gossage was on hand to present the prizes.

WaldenTri's Pete Thompson produced a top performance at the National European sprint

qualifier duathlon in Middlesbrough.

The triathlete continued his extraordinarily successful season on a dangerously wet and windy day.

Thompson completed the 5km run, 23km cycle and 2.5km run in 1hr 9min 54sec to take second place in his 55 to 59 age group. And he was only beaten by the reigning European champion.

Thompson, who is 56, was in the top 60 overall, out of 348 athletes, beating many younger competitors and it saw him qualify automatically for the British team for the 2015 European Sprint Duathlon Championships.



Keep on running: WaldenTri's Peter Thompson in action.



Effort: Action from the annual Mob Match.

> Cricket

Stand-in skipper excels in defeat

ADRIAN Grinonneau made a big impact with the bat, but the stand-in captain was unable to prevent Saffron Walden losing by four wickets at home to Copdock & Old Ipswichian in the Gibbs Denley East Anglian Premier League.

The hosts made a good start thanks to openers Jack Sneath (34) and Lloyd Paternott (30), but 63 without loss soon became 67 for 3.

Grinonneau, who was filling in for the injured Giles Ecclestone, freed his arms after lunch and whacked 90 off 78 balls as his team registered 186 for 9 from 44 overs.

But, although Andrew Winton snared 3 for 63 and Alex Hancock bowled well at the death, Copdock paced their innings perfectly and reached 190 for 6 with one

ball to spare.

There was also one wicket apiece for Steve Atherton and Alex Marjoribanks, but Chris Warn hit 64 and Jed Cawkwell was unbeaten on 44 for the visitors.

"I had a good partnership with Jamie White, so we thought we had enough on the board, but they got off to a flying start," said Grinonneau.

"I dropped a catch in the slips and we dropped their guy who got a quick 40.

"We stayed in contention, but they batted very well in the end and paced their innings nicely, and we couldn't get their run rate up to put them up against it.

"We were never able to apply pressure. It's hard to defend on our pitch as it's big and you can pick up ones and twos."

The result leaves Walden sitting third from bottom in the table after three games, although they have a game in hand over some of their rivals due to having not played in the second week.

In Tucker Gardner Cambs & Hunts Premier League, Division Two, Saffron Walden II drew with Newborough after some good individual displays from their players.

Youngster Jonathan Brace took three wickets and Philip Salt claimed four as Newborough posted 200 all out.

And Cameron Taylor (69) was the top scorer as Walden held on for the draw, with their innings ending on 156 for 5.

The team are seventh in the table with 48 points to their name.

Brace hits fantastic ton

JONNY Brace struck 174 not out as Saffron Walden under-16s beat Gidea Park & Romford by 378 runs.

He was supported by Spencer Hill (102) and George Wardle (37) as Walden scored 425 for 5.

Gidea Park were skittled for 44, thanks to Tom Middle (3 for 18) and Josh Preston (3 for 10).

The under-14s beat Thriplow & Whittlesford by one wicket.

Thriplow scored 123 for 4 but Walden held on despite late pressure in their innings

to score 124 for 9. Tom Pluck (43) was their top scorer.

The under-10s won their first CYCA league match against Linton Village.

Linton won the toss and batted first but Sam Spaxman took four wickets as they were limited to 191.

Ben Wiseman hit 31 not out as Walden eased to victory, finishing on 308 for 2.

The under-nines beat Epping Foresters.

Walden posted 266, before Ruel Shepperd took 3 for 1 as Epping were restricted to 185.

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