



## IN BRIEF

## Hawks continue promotion charge

**NETBALL:** Saffron Hawks 1sts are on track for promotion after a dominant win over T&M Baddow.

Charlotte Gramlick was player of the match in the 44-17 win, which moved the Hawks up to second in the table.

The 3rds avenged a 20-point loss from earlier in the season by beating HPSS 40-26. Sarah Daley was player of the match. The U13s continued their march at the top of the table with a convincing 27-6 win over Braintree. Eliana Godsall, Izzy Evans and Indy Collocott were in great form. The U14s also beat Braintree, winning 34-21. The victory kept Hawks' unbeaten streak intact as Charlotte Staniforth and Cassie Thompson impressed.

## PSG U13s through to League Cup final four

**YOUTH FOOTBALL:** Plantation Spartak U13 girls are through to the semi-final of the Cambs FA League Cup after beating Haverhill Rovers 2-0.

After a goalless first half, Ciara Bailey opened the scoring, and the second arrived soon after as PSG kept up the pressure.

Rovers worked hard to strike back but they were foiled by the resolute PSG defence and a confident performance from goalkeeper Maeve Barve.

New players from school years 7 and 8 are welcome to try out a taster session. Visit [www.psgfc.co.uk](http://www.psgfc.co.uk) for details. In the Cambs S-Tech U11 League, unbeaten PSG won 3-0 at St Ives Rangers.

PSG took a 2-0 lead into the break and added a third in the second half.

Manager Tim Piggott said: "The whole team was great; they kept their shape and looked after the ball really well and thoroughly deserved the victory."

## Plantation beat Aztecs

**YOUTH FOOTBALL:** Plantation U14 beat Aztecs Juniors 4-2 in Division B of the Cambridge and District Colts League.

Louis Eady cancelled out Aztecs' opener with a 25-yard free-kick before Jeremy Fletcher reacted fastest to a saved shot from Callum Chapman to give Plantation a 2-1 half-time lead. Ethan Morley lobbed the goalkeeper two minutes after the break to extend the lead. Aztecs pulled one back but Chapman made the game safe with a clinical finish inside the box.



■ Charlie, Darcy and Jack Stanton-Stock with Helena Dyce (on shoulders) and Luthan and Mael Bely.

## Velopark success for WaldenTRI Juniors

WaldenTRI Juniors may have uncovered another potential Paralympian in Charlie Stanton-Stock.

The club already boasts George Peasgood, a world class para-athlete who is competing in this year's ITU World Championships (*see below*), as a member and it could have another future Paralympian after the teenager took gold in the Youth Race at the Spring Duathlon, held at the Olympic Velopark.

He was not the only Walden youngster to impress on the course, which sits next to the Velodrome where Great Britain

enjoyed so much success in 2012.

In the eight and under Tri Starts, Mae Bisset won silver while Raphael Buchallet, five, came fourth. Their race consisted of 400m and 200m runs either side of a 0.8km cycle.

The Tri Star 1s tackled a 600m, 3km, 600m course. Lewis Buchallet managed to come second despite a detour into crowd after coming off his bike. Hywel Brown and Thomas Ormsby took sixth and eighth respectively, while, in the girls' race, Mia Hickey came second and Olivia Bisset third.

In Tri Star 2, over a 1.2km, 5km,

600m course, Ben Furrier and Scarlett Mitchell claimed fourth places. Scott Slater came ninth and Thomas Wisbey was 12th.

Helena Dyce took first in the Tri Star 3 race over 1.6km, 8km, 600m while team-mate Bella Hall was three places back in fourth. In the boys' race, Jack Stanton-Stock lead from start to finish to take gold while Luthan Bely, Thomas Grindal and Sam Gribben took third, fifth and eighth respectively.

Mael Bely took a silver medal in the youth category.

The next race in the series takes place on Sunday, April 12. Sign up at [www.veloparkduathlon.com](http://www.veloparkduathlon.com)

## South African silver medal for Peasgood

## TRIATHLON

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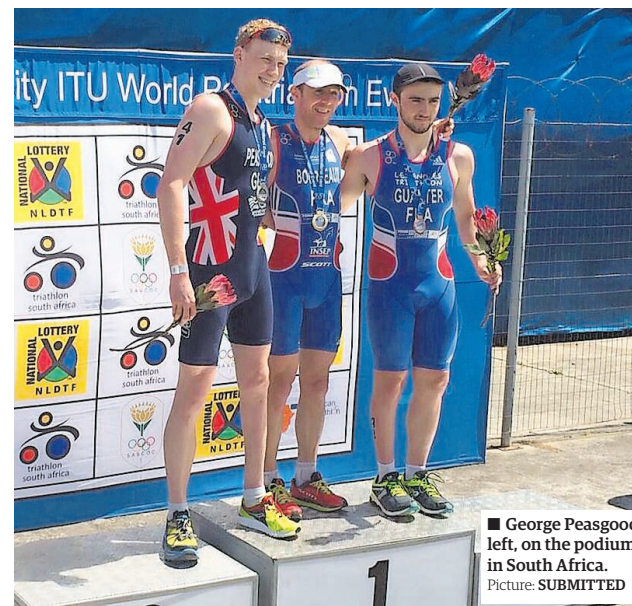
Saffron Walden athlete George Peasgood claimed second place in his first International Triathlon Union race of the year.

Held in Buffalo City in South Africa, the first round of the ITU World Paratriathlon Series consisted of a 750m open water swim with a beach start into the 16-degree Indian Ocean, a two-lap 20km bike and a 5km run along the beachfront.

Following Peasgood's move to the University of Loughborough, where GB squad is based, to study sports science, he has put in considerable effort in his training and this was reflected in him posting the fastest swim split of the day in 12mins 35secs.

This enabled him to maintain the lead right through the bike section, with him only being passed during the run, which is his weakest discipline of the three.

The 19-year-old, who two years ago was the youngest ever paratriathlon medallist, was one of six members of the Great Britain squad participat-



■ George Peasgood, left, on the podium in South Africa. Picture: SUBMITTED

ing in the hotly contested PT4 class, where athletes have either a below elbow or below knee impairment

This inaugural event in the 11-race

series set the scene in a year that countries will compete to gain places for the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

## CRICKET

## Head coach puts his faith in Thomas

Saffron Walden's Daniel Thomas might be one of the newest faces in England's Learning Disabilities cricket team, but head coach Derek Morgan insists this won't stop him throwing him in at the deep end Down Under.

Aged just 20, Thomas is a relative newcomer to the Three Lions environment having first joined up with the squad last summer.

But despite having been around for less than a year, Morgan has seen enough of Thomas to name him in his 15-strong squad heading to Australia.

England are set to take on Australia in four one day internationals and two T20 matches, the first of which gets going on March 17.

"Daniel is one of the most recent additions to the squad who joined in the summer of 2014," Morgan said. "He's a fascinating young man with lots of interests. He was a torch bearer for the 2012 Olympics and has done lots of work around promoting disability issues in his home area."

"He's a tremendous ambassador for the squad and is working exceptionally hard to stake his claim for inclusion in the team."

Back in 2011 England's Learning Disabilities cricket team white-washed their Australian rivals 2-0 in a Tri-Nations competition, and Morgan believes lightning can strike twice with Thomas' help.

"They are a fantastic group and it's just about managing them well," he added. "The added incentive of it being a traditional rivalry when we go out there in their environment is a fabulous challenge for me as a coach and for the players."

ECB is an inclusive organisation providing support and a pathway for disability cricket from grassroots to elite. Follow the England Learning Disability squad in Australia at [www.ecb.co.uk](http://www.ecb.co.uk). To find out how to get involved in Learning Disability cricket contact your local cricket board.

## Runner-up for Ashdon lifter

Ashdon powerlifter John Moran competed in his first UK Championship this weekend and picked up the silver medal.

Moran, who trains at Just Gym on Shire Hill has qualified for the World Finals to be held in June.

The 57-year-old competes in the Masters section of drugs free powerlifting. This was only his second competition in the fast-growing sport and he was thrilled with the progress he has made.

Moran is also a prospective conservative candidate for Newport in the forthcoming Uttlesford District Council elections.