



BLADE RUNNERS: Victorious Aberdeen Boat Club veterans Dan Davidson, Jim Steel, Richard Mathieson and Ron Wallace

# Aberdeen veterans sweep the board in big regatta

## Rowing success: Granite City teams strike gold in Scotland's main event

Aberdeen Boat Club's veteran men's squad swept the board at the Strathclyde Park Regatta.

The four rowers - Richard Mathieson, Jim Steel, Dan Davidson and Ron Wallace - have an average age of 64 and claimed gold in the open veteran events, the coxed fours, double sculls, pairs and quadruple sculls.

Wallace, stroke of the boat, said: "This early success is very encouraging. We have various other

events planned for this year culminating in competition in the world masters (veteran) regatta in Italy in September."

Various other Aberdeen rowers enjoyed success in the Motherwell event, which is the largest rowing regatta in Scotland.

Gary Wilson, of Aberdeen Boat Club, narrowly beat Lewis McCue, of Aberdeen Schools Rowing Association, in the final of the open single sculls.

Both rowers are being

considered for selection for the GB rowing squad.

McCue did enjoy success elsewhere though as he teamed with Elliot Bruce,

**"This is encouraging for the world masters in Italy"**

of ASRA, and Gary Wilson and Henry Gieseler, of Aberdeen Boat Club, to win the men's open coxless

fours. McCue, Nicholas Read, Jacob Vyse and Bruce, coxed by Ross Napier, won the men's junior 18 coxless fours while Gregor Duncan, Read, Michael Brown and Bruce claimed the men's junior 18 coxed fours title.

McCue and Bruce rounded off a nice weekend's work when they teamed to win the junior 18 coxless pairs.

The weekend was a profitable one for ASRA as the team equalled last year's

haul of 13 gold medals. ASRA also took home a total of six silver medals.

The team of Amelia Donovan, Erin Wyness, Morven Shaw and Eilidh Thomson, coxed by Isaac Ratcliffe-Smith, won gold in the women's junior 18 coxed fours.

Donovan, Wyness, Shaw and Thomson took the coxless junior 18 coxless fours as well before Donovan and Wyness teamed again to win the junior 18 coxless pairs.

Joanna Cassidy, Katherine Lawrie, Erynn Fraser and Charlotte Davie, coxed by Ratcliffe-Smith, won the junior 16 coxed fours with the team of Sade Igweke, Eilidh Mathew, Katie McLennan and Samantha Cassidy, coxed by Cara Leslie, winning the women's junior 14 coxed quadruple sculls.

The club claimed further golds in the men's restricted 2 eights, men's junior 16 eights and men's junior 14 double sculls.

## SNOOKER

# Ronnie plays it cool at Crucible

Ice-cool Ronnie O'Sullivan insists he can avoid a Crucible meltdown as he closes in on a fifth world championship title in Sheffield.

O'Sullivan credits sports psychiatrist Steve Peters as the key figure behind his wellbeing on and off the table, with the once-volatile 37-year-old former world number one now capable of keeping his feelings in check. Where once O'Sullivan could lose focus in a flash, working with Peters has prepared him for the long-haul demands of snooker's stiffest test.

He has overcome Marcus Campbell and Ali Carter and looked to have one foot in the semi-finals after racing to a 7-1 lead yesterday in his last-eight match against fellow Essex player Stuart Bingham. O'Sullivan made breaks of 79, 54, 111, 60, 87, 133 and 78.

Not since Stephen Hendry won five in a row from 1992 to 1996 has a world champion retained the title. Although O'Sullivan has complained of feeling "jaded" at his comeback tournament, after almost a year out, that is a physical issue. Mentally he is pinpoint sharp.

O'Sullivan said: "I'm managing my emotions a lot better now. In the past there'd have been a moment in my matches against Marcus and Ali when I'd have probably thought, 'I want to be out of here, I want to go home', and I'd have not deliberately lost but subconsciously I would have given up. That won't happen again, none of those meltdowns will happen."

## Golf: Tournament tee times

### BANCHORY

Late entries are available on 01330 822015 for the Cancer Research mixed foursomes on Sunday. Players from the home club unless stated tee off at 7min intervals. Abbreviations: AL, Aberdeen Ladies; B, Brechin; CB, Cruden Bay; D, Deeside; DHR, Duff House Royal; Do, Downfield; E, Elton; F, Forfar; G, Glenisla; K, Kirriemuir; Ke, Kemnay; Ki, Kintore; L, Longside; MC, Montrose Caledonia; Mo, Monifieth; Pc, Peterculter; Po, Portlethen; RA, Royal Aberdeen; RM, Royal Montrose; T, Turriff.  
8.37 - A. Young, Mrs C. Young and J. Urquhart, Mrs N. Urquhart.  
9.54 - D. Downing (Pc), Mrs S. Downing (Pc) and G. Hopkins, Mrs A. Hopkins, N. Prichard (Pc), Mrs J. Prichard (Pc) and D. Burns, Mrs M. Naylor, B. Morland (B), Mrs D. Morland (B) and J. McPherson, Mrs C. Buzza.  
10.36 - N. Esslemont (RA), Mrs R. Esslemont (AL) and R. Edon, Mrs H. Edon, B. Kidd (Do), Mrs M. Murdoch (K) and D. Murdoch (Do), Mrs J.

Brown (Mo), T. Parker, Mrs Y. Elrick and N. Pickering, Mrs A. Pickering.  
11.53 - D. Robertson (F), Mrs J. Leslie (F) and J. Duncan (E), Ms M. McNeil (E), T. Cole (MC), Mrs E. Cole (RM) and N. McKim (Ke), Mrs N. McKim (Ke), W. Miller (Mo), Mrs A. Chree (Mo) and S. Middleton (CB), Mrs L. Edmondson (CB), A. Taylor, Mrs K. Taylor and K. Law (Ke), Mrs K. Law (Ke); R. Hamilton (K), Mrs D. Hamilton (K) and R. Raeburn (F), Ms D. Coull (K); L. Bradley (K), Mrs S. Bradley (K) and A. Clapp (F), Mrs M. Clapp (K).  
12.35 - T. Wotherpoon (G), Ms E. Tulewicz (K) and G. Wilson (Pc), Ms Y. Rical (Pc); G. Spindler, Mrs D. Spindler and M. Rattray, Mrs M. Rattray, A. McCallum (L), Mrs H. McCallum (L) and S. Kidd (L), Mrs L. Kidd (L); L. Durno (CB), Mrs M. Durno (CB) and H. Nicoll, Mrs T. Beattie (D); J. Kinsella (T), Mrs Kinsella (T) and M. Clarihew (T), Mrs Clarihew (DHR); R. Garden (Ki), Mrs M. Garden (Ki) and R. Lewis (K), Mrs C. Lewis (K).  
1.31 - P. Richardson, Mrs S. Richardson and partners.  
2.06 - K. Allan, Mrs M. Allan and H.

Jones (Pc), Mrs W. Jones (Pc); B. Dawson, Mrs C. Dawson and C. Delanzo (Po), Mrs L. Delanzo (Po).

### MORAY

Late entries via the online booking system on our website: www.moraygolf.co.uk, or telephone 01343 812018 for the seniors' open stableford at Moray (old course) Lossiemouth on Monday. Competitors leave the tee in threes at 9min intervals and are from the host club unless stated. Abbreviations: A, Aboynay; An, Auchterderran; B, Banchory; Bu, Buckpool; BP, Balbirnie Park; C, Cawder; Ca, Cartuke; CB, Cruden Bay; Cr, Craik; D, Dufftown; De, Deeside; DP, Douglas Park; E, Elgin; F, Fortrose; Fo, Forres; G, Garmouth; HC, Haggis Castle; HP, Hilton Park; Hz, Hazlehead; In, Inverurie; K, Kintore; L, Leven; LG, Letham Grange; ML, Murcar Links; MO, Muir of Ord; N, Nairn; Nb, Newburgh; ND, Nairn Dunbar; Nm, Newmachar; No, Northern; O, Oldmeldrum; Pc, Peterculter; RA, Royal Aberdeen; S, Strathlene; Tb, Tarbat; W, Westhill.  
7.27 - D. A. Terron, N. Bellingham, G. Madigan; D. A. Stewart, N. Stewart, partner; J. S. Rae, L. Clark, R. G. Macpherson; W. Duncan (D), J. C. Macgregor, E. O'Hare (Ca); J. Duncan (Fo), J. Cuthbert (LG), G. J. Probert; J. A. Baillie, J. R. Gardiner, C. J. Macleod.  
8.30 - P. Tomisson (N), J. Martin, A. Cowie; J. L. Duthie (S), F. Murray (S), J. Hamilton (S); H. Marshall (S), B. Aitken (S), R. Montosh (S); D. Stott (Hz), G. T. Smith (Hz), I. Forbes (E); I. Winn (BP), J. Murray (B), I. Tasker; J. A. Watson, S. M. Crane, G. G. Whyte (No).  
9.24 - W. Beagrie (K), M. Gray (K), W. Jamieson (In); H. Clunas (ND), M. Mann, C. C. Vincent; B. Gasburn, M. R. Bradley, N. Stewart (HC); R. Crane, A. A. Hepburn (E), R. G. Main; R. Atison (De); I. J. M. Clark (De), A. Towns (De); J. Kennedy, G. Steel (DP), M. Donaghy (C); R. R. Adams, C. J. Adams (CB); B. Milne (ND).  
10.27 - J. Dow (ND), R. Wallace (ND), A. Terris (L); A. Gall (De), T. McLean (Cr); A. M. Clark (Cr); W. F. Thomson, G. McIntyre (An); R. Herd (Cr); H. Milne (MO), P. Tripp (MO), D. G. Davey; W. C. McDonald (MO), D. G.

Spark (MO), M. J. MacKay (MO); D. MacKay, R. MacKay (Pc), P. Walker (CB); D. Gallier (O), I. MacKinnon (ML), P. Jackson (ND).  
11.30 - D. Bingham (Nb), R. Denning (Nm); J. P. Westwood (ND); R. Punton (RA); J. S. Clement (De), P. Guthrie (Pc); D. Copperthwaite (ND); A. Robertson (ND); J. Langford (ND); W. Lawson (Tb); W. W. Bruce (Bu); J. Smith (Bu); J. Murdoch (E); A. J. Laird (De); W. G. Methven (RA); A. Marsh (E); R. Scott (A); B. Anderson (A).  
12.24 - C. McConnachie, M. J. Sharp, A. G. Neish; A. R. Burnett (De), R. E. M. Stirton (De); F. J. Mitchell (De); A. A. Lees, A. R. Souter, J. Munro; R. Cameron (ND); S. Henderson (ND), partner.  
1.0 - E. Robertson (Pc), J. Diver (HP), M. J. Dean; M. Sherret (W), partners; D. Rae (W); R. B. Caldwell, partner; P. Forsyth, R. D. Grant, E. J. Wilson; J. Dennis, G. Pickles (G), partner.  
2.03 - W. Donnelly (F), partners; P. Smith, K. Russell, A. Green (F).

the mixed greensomes open at Murcar Links on Sunday. Competitors leave the tee in pairs at 10min intervals and are from the host club unless stated. Abbreviations: AL, Aberdeen Ladies; B, Brechin; C, Caledonia; F, Forfar; H, Hazlehead; I, Insh; In, Inverurie; K, Kilmacollm; L, Ladybank; Lo, Longside; N, Newmachar; No, Northern; P, Peterculter; Ph, Peterhead; RA, Royal Aberdeen; S, Stonehaven.  
9.0 - L. Vincent (I), B. A. Vincent (I) and V. H. Wilson (AL), A. E. S. Wilson (RA); J. Martin (C), J. Murphy (No) and J. Henderson (I), J. M. Henderson.  
9.30 - N. Fraser (Lo), R. Daniel (Lo) and F. Lamont (S); G. Lamont (S); K. Pottinger (H), D. Henderson (N) and K. Emeleus (H), I. Martin (N).  
10.0 - R. Myles (F), A. Myles (F) and R. Mitchell, L. Mitchell, J. Moir (L), B. Donaldson (L) and P. Fraser (P), P. Guthrie (P).  
11.50 - N. Porter (Ph), A. Porter (Ph) and D. McNiven (Ph), E. McNiven (Ph).  
12.0 - S. Queen (H), D. Queen and D. Marshall (P), K. Marshall (P); M.

Mitchell (B), E. Auld (B) and S. Foster (K), D. Foster (K).

### STRATHLENE

Late entries are being accepted on 01542 831798 for the Alex Farquhar open at Strathlene on Sunday. Players will tee off in threes at 10min intervals and are from the host club unless stated. Abbreviations: B, Buckpool; F, Forres; HC, Haggis Castle; HP, Hilton Park; I, Inverness; K, Kemnay; P, Peterhead; S, Swanstone.  
7.30 - D. Mair, K. Michie (F), W. Calder (K); J. B. Reid, R. Cormack, E. Clark (B).  
8.0 - S. B. Herd, I. Duthie, partner.  
8.30 - D. Joel (I), B. Gunn (I), K. McKenna (S); G. Cruickshank, C. Tawse, M. Johnston.  
9.0 - G. Young (B), W. Bruce (B), partner; W. Robertson, J. B. Thain (B), partner; N. Stewart (HC), A. Dunn, partner.  
10.0 - W. Wood (B), N. Rumbles (B), S. Siewwright (B); B. S. Storch; B. J. Storch, D. Anderson; M. Graham, D. B. Clark, W. McIntosh (P).  
1.30 - J. A. Driver (HP), partners.

### MURCAR LINKS

Late entries will be accepted, during office hours on 01224 704354, for