



Hockey

Abingdon's U16 and U18 squads showed the quality of their play last term; at the local four-school tournament the U18s only lost out to Radley on goal averages, whilst the U16s won the tournament without dropping a single point. It is significant that twenty-six Abingdon players have been selected to attend Junior Academy Centres, the basis of the county squads. It all bodes well for the forthcoming season. ■

Selected for England: Rugby

Fifteen-year-old Theo Brophy Clews has been selected for the England U17 rugby squad for the forthcoming season. Theo, who is a key member of both the Abingdon 1st XV and the Berkshire U16 squad, is also registered with London Irish where he has been identified as one of the 'Gold' group of young players. ■



New Rugby Kit



Selected for England: Hockey

Will Carter Keall, who represented the South of England in their all-conquering team at the Futures Cup, has been picked to represent England in the U16 hockey squad for the Four Nations Invitation Tournament next Easter. ■



Black Belts and National Champions

At the English National Karate Championships in September, Joshua Valentine won bronze for his Kata (forms) and gold for his Kumite (sparring) and was selected to compete at the World Karate Championships for Children, Cadets and Juniors at Novi Sad, Serbia in October.

Magnus Gregory is a U14 National Kayak Champion in six events having won six gold medals at the National Marathon and Sprint Championships last summer.

At the UK Championships in Liverpool in November, Thomas Shaw was awarded his black belt in the Korean martial art of Kuk Sool Won. ■



Sailing

In a new sailing venture, seven novice sailors spent a weekend on board a yacht in the Solent learning the ropes of offshore sailing.

The weekend was designed to give them a chance to learn key skills like how to navigate – especially important in the crowded Solent – man-overboard drill, and the no-less-important skill of how to make a perfect cup of tea whilst afloat. ■

