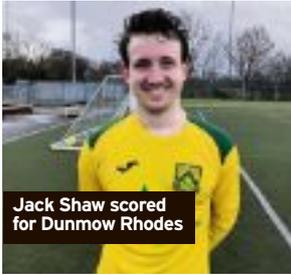


## Sport



Jack Shaw scored for Dunmow Rhodes

## Semis place for Dunmow

DUNMOW Rhodes made it into the semi-finals of the Braintree & North Essex Sunday League Division One Cup after a narrow 1-0 win over Panfield Bell.

This was the fifth time of asking to get this match played with the horrible weather conditions over last few months, so Panfield Bell gave up home ground advantage and both teams travelled to the Braintree Leisure Centre 4G pitch.

There were still strong winds and heavy showers but both sides who played well throughout.

Dunmow Rhodes had the slight advantage in the first half, kicking with the wind, but both defences were working hard and it was goalless 0-0 at half-time.

Early in the second half Georgio Paola flicked a header on to Jack Shaw who then stroked the ball into for what turned out to be the winning goal.

Dunmow Rhodes now face a trip to Witham Town on March 1.

In the Inter Competition Plate, Bocking Social beat Writtle 3-2 with Sean Pilgrim, Tom Lightly and Jordan Geisha netting. Braintree Legends travelled to Broomfield and lost 9-2, Mike Anderson and Robert Rusu Constantine scoring their goals.

Sporting 77 beat Hatfield Swan Inn 3-2 courtesy of goals from Tim Howlett, Danny Raven and Chris Cook.

Premier Division leaders Nags Head Celtic were made to fight hard at CFC Shalford, winning 3-2 after trailing 2-0 at half-time. CFC Shalford's goal scorers were Tyrone White and Matt Smith with Rory Bone 2 and Charlie Frost netting for the visitors.

In Division One, Witham Town went seven points clear at the top after sweeping aside Halstead Town 6-1 with Jacob Palmer bagging a brace and Jake Stewart, Ben Palmer, Harry Stoneham and Ryan McCormack also scoring. Ant Sleet scored for the hosts.

Stisted (George Smith 2, Luke Hammond, Kimani Sobeyejio) beat Great Bardfield 4-2 (Will Meekings and an own goal).

In Division Two, Great Bradfords hosted Witham Phoenix and won 11-0 with Owen Gray, Stefan Gray 2, Nathan Postill 2, Adam Moses, George Smith 2, Thomas Webb, James Thompson and Jordain Tighe all getting on the scoresheet.

## Medals galore for New Rickstones student

A YOUNG swimmer from New Rickstones Academy in Witham has won another crop of medals just four years after taking up the sport.

Emily Kay, a Year 9 pupil, came away from the Winter Sprint Meet at Braintree & Bocking Swimming Club with three gold medals and two silver medals in breaststroke, individual medley, back stroke,

front crawl and butterfly.

The 13-year-old also competed at the Essex 2020 Age Group Championship finals at Basildon Sporting Village.

Kay, a member of Halstead Swimming Club, devotes more than six hours each week to her training.

She said: "I watched swimming on telly four years ago and thought I wanted to do it. My dad got into it

and I joined him.

"I feel really proud of myself for collecting the medals.

"The hope for the future is to succeed in the regionals.

"I am studying GCSE PE and hope to do something along that line as a career.

"My school really helps me to build up my fitness and core strength ready for competing."



Emily Kay

# Back-to-back victories

CHELMSFORD Chieftains enjoyed a maximum points weekend with back to back victories over Kent rivals Invicta Dynamos, with the results seeing them go joint second in the National Ice Hockey League Division One South.

Chieftains were without Jaden Boolkah and James Dimond, and it was net minder Ben Clements' turn in between the pipes with joint number one shot stopper Sonny Phillips on the bench.

The visitors made an electric start and were ahead in just 15 seconds, Grant Bartlett catching Zachary Grandy-Smith in the Dynamos net cold as his shot lit the goal light to open the scoring.

But the lead was short lived as Slovakian Tomas Banovsky found a gap in the Chieftains defence and his shot beat Clements to even things up at 1-1.

At 8min 48sec Grant Bartlett spotted Ross Brears free on the left whose shot through heavy traffic eluded an unsighted Grundy-Smith to give the Chieftains the lead once more.

But just as before the Dynamos hit straight back and it was all square again at 11:17, this time Owen Dell finishing off at the back post.

Five minutes later the home team went ahead, Banovsky with the assist, as his shot was redirected by Dell past Clements at close range to make it 3-2 with 16:56 on the clock.

As the clock ran down in the final seconds the Bartlett twins, Cameron and Grant combined with the latter giving the important poke as the puck crossed the red line to ensure it was all square at the first break level with everything to play for.

The second period saw Bartlett twins once again become the thorn



Julian Smith and Juraj Huska in action during the match between Chelmsford Chieftains and Invicta Dynamos  
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in the side of the Dynamos with Grant's pass finding Cameron who slotted the puck into the net.

Dynamos had outshot the Chieftains by 37 shots to 29 in the opening two periods so they were still very much in the hunt in the final period.

James Ayling, Brears and Grant Bartlett all went close, until 45:50 when Adam Jakopin's fierce slap shot flew into the net.

Brears then found Ayling who fed the fast skating Brown who flicked the puck into the roof of the net to make it 6-3 lead with just five minutes remaining.

Invicta cut the deficit with

Banovsky again on target, but Ayling danced through the Invicta defence to slide the puck under Grandy-Smith to seal a fantastic 7-4 win on the road.

The following night at the Riverside Phillips took in the goal tending duties for the night.

Former Chieftain Juraj Huska was involved with the opening goal for the visitors as his lay-off to Brandon Webster was redirected to Owen Dell who smashed the puck past Phillips.

Chieftains came back looking for the equalising goal and it came at 25:28 when Brears and Ayling, with

the latter scoring to make it 1-1.

A minute later two quick foregoals from Darren Brown and Cameron Bartlett turned the game on its head, leaving left the visitors shell shocked.

Invicta hit back through Huska to make it 3-2 with 15 minutes remaining.

At 53:03 Ayling was on target again and it was Brears with the assist to make it 4-2.

When Invicta were given a two minute bench penalty for too many men on the ice Chieftains took full advantage of the extra man and Cameron Bartlett struck to round off a 5-2 victory.

## County cup joy for Priory Sports first team and reserves side

PRIORY Sports represented the Pope & Smith Chelmsford Sunday League in fine fashion as both their sides to progress in county competitions.

The Premier Division side hosted Hashtag United in the Essex Sunday Premier Cup with a Chinaduo Osedebe goal seeing them to a

narrow 1-0 win and a place in the semi-finals. Meanwhile, an excellent performance from Priory Sports Reserves saw them beat Santos team in the Essex Sunday Junior Cup semi-final as James Stevens bagged a brace and Steve Forman netted in a 3-1 win.

The Division Two League Cup

semi-final saw league leaders Athletico Maldon beat Brookhouse 5-3 with a brace apiece from Edward Costa and Sam Warwick plus one from captain Oliver Bishop.

In the Division Three League Cup semi-finals Writtle Reserves lost 1-0 to Chelmer Athletic, who will face

South Woodham Ferrers United Reserves in the final after they beat league leaders Waltham United 5-3. Goals for SWFU Reserves came from Max Fay, Jack French, Dan Steerwood, David Jones and a Sam Mears penalty. Replying for Waltham were Alfie Halliday plus a brace from Joseph Jones.