

## Borough's amazing talent

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MASTER ESRAR AHMED BELOW



## Happy Halil

Halil Zorba bounces back after injury to win a British title.

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## Sport

### Sharks still have a chance of lifting the trophy

**BETHNAL Green Sharks were narrowly beaten by host club Clissold at the fourth East London Mini League Gala.**

With two galas left Bethnal Green still have a great chance of taking the overall trophy as they are in second spot behind leaders Leyton.

At Clissold, there were some sparkling performances once again.

In the girls under-11 there were wins for Ferdous Debissa in the backstroke and Zahra Attibbi in the breaststroke while Hannah Tune won the butterfly event.

In the girls under-12s Courtney Billbrough managed a great double, winning the two-length backstroke and freestyle while Loula Paizi won the two-length breaststroke in the under-13s.

Samuel Collins won the two-length butterfly in the boys under-13s, with backstroke gold going to Sunny Mammone.

The club's boys and girls joined forces for a thrilling victory in the 8x freestyle relay.

The team was made up of Hannah Tune, Eloise Oliver, Nikita Rours, Esme Cudmore, Edward Turner, Noah Finch-Shah, Sunny Mammone and Samuel Collins.



The Bethnal Green Sharks swimming squad

### Sport in brief

#### Olympic-styled event is a big hit

A DAY of running and jumping took place at Mile End Stadium last week when the United Madrasah Championships 2009 was hosted by the London Islamic School.

Four local boys' independent secondary schools competed against each other in a mini Olympic-style format.

The running events were the 100m, 200m and 400m and 110m hurdles while in the field pupils tackled long jump and high jump, triple jump, shot putt and javelin.

The year 7 competition was won by the London Islamic School who also proved successful in the year 8 event while East London Academy topped the year 9 standings.

### Islanders are in double trouble

**ISLAND Community Cricket Club's season has been blown off course by The Ducks.**

The club were looking unflappable, but have now suffered a cup defeat and a league defeat in quick succession.

In the cup, never a happy hunting ground for ICC, they were beaten by 38 runs after The Ducks smashed a whopping 182 for three in 16 overs.

Mo Rahman was 49 not out in reply for ICC, but they found it hard to keep up with the required run rate and finished on 144 for seven, Rob Jones and Kirk Fleming also managing decent knocks.

It ended a 16-match unbeaten run for ICC and lightning struck twice in the league last week when they were again under the cosh.

This time The Ducks scored 123 for seven in their 16 overs, a more reachable target thanks mainly to the bowling of Stollery and Fleming.

However, despite a brisk 21 from Tanjeem Chowdhury, ICC were struggling with Ahmed Farooq impressing with the ball for Ducks who reduced their opponents to 96 for seven from 14 overs.

# Amin leads the way



Usamah Amin



Vishnu Naidu



Harry Mainstone



Rezwan Hussain

BY DAVE BROWN

**MORE than 70 taekwondo enthusiasts descended on Bishop Challoner School in Whitechapel last week for the third Hadri Taekwondo Club Championships.**

Competitors from Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest, the club's host boroughs, battled it out to become the next club champion.

Nearly 40 students repre-

sented Bishop Challoner School with 28 of them from the the Little Dragons programme.

Between them they managed to win 29 medals, 12 gold, ten silver and seven bronze.

Master Esrar Ahmed organised a two-month training regime to prepare all students and he was proud of his efforts.

"The results speak for themselves," he said, picking out some exhilarating matches fought by Salah Kidri, Rezwan

Hussain, Danyyal Seasy, Harry Mainstone, Mohammed Malki and Nadim Miah as the high-lights.

The overall winner Usamah Amin who fought courageously to get the gold medal. The juniors and adults did not hold back either. Gabriel Cancel, Vishnu Naidu and Saba Akbar all secured golds for the seniors.

"Our students are achieving fantastic results and the talent in Tower Hamlets is amazing. We have plenty of spaces for

more students and want the next Olympic gold medallist to come from this borough," added Esrar Ahmed.

"We are seeing a new generation of martial artists and future sports stars from Hadri Taekwondo."

Classes run on the following days: Thursday 7-9pm (10-plus years), Saturdays 12.30-2pm (ages 4-9) and Saturdays 2-4pm (10-plus years).

For more details contact Esrar on 07946 376435.

### Wapping tempts stars of tomorrow

TWO new sports activities will be launched in Wapping next month.

A soccer academy for three-to five-year-olds will be held in Wapping Park off Tench Street every Saturday from 12-1pm starting on September 5.

The cost is £35 for a ten-week course.

The same date sees the start of tennis sessions for ages five to 11 in the park from 1-2pm. Classes cost £20 an hour.

For more details call Dennis St Croix on 07956 095218.

### Halil fights back for new British record

TOWER Hamlets weightlifter Halil Zorba won the British Championships last week at Lilleshall after fighting his way back from injury.

Zorba was one of 45 competitors in action and his efforts earned him a place in the international squad.

Despite very little training Halil lifted strongly to win the 77kg category with a snatch of 110kg and a clean and jerk of 156kg to set a new British record.

The victory keeps Halil on course for the Commonwealth Games in 2010.