

# SPORTS

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## VARYING DEGREES OF SPORTING SUCCESS AWAY FROM GIBRALTAR

Last week was a particular case of many local sportsmen and women competing away from the Rock, with some notable successes.

Probably the biggest of these was Dylan Duo and Justin Broton winning the British Darts Organisation (BDO) Torremolinos Pairs amongst international class opposition – no mean feat. This is a first for local darts and they join a list of the famous to have won the Trophies.

At the other end of the sporting scale, our smallest sportsfolk the 8 year old rhythmic gymnasts participated with honourable mentions at the 'C' level competition in Palmones.

Success is no stranger to the Calpean athletes who compete regularly around the Campo and they returned from Fuengirola and Seville with plenty of distinction.

Travelling much farther – and higher- were Gibraltar's Junior netballers. They were competing in the European Netball Championships at Cardiff, Wales against all of the UK's leading young netballers – a massive test for our best.

Not competing as yet are GASA's leading half dozen swimmers arrived at Melbourne, Australia to take part for the first time ever at the World Championships – Now that's the greatest challenge for any sports person from our little Rock.

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### DARTS

## Striking 'Gold' at Torremolinos

Dylan Duo and Justin Broton had both tasted semi-final success at last year's BDO international 'Torre' Open and Gibraltar's 'Kronenbourg 1664' Open and paired up to win at Torremolinos last week – a first for local darts.

Their names and Gibraltar will be inscribed in the BDO Year Book and Diary, joining the renowned Peter Evison (World Masters champ.), Paul Williams (Finland Open), Aaron Turner (Youth World Masters) and Dennis Owens to name but a few.



Dylan and Justin

### ANGLING

## TARIK TAKE ON THE WEATHER

The weather forecast predictions were not very good for Tarik's first outing of the season, but still 14 anglers took to 6 boats. All the boats had to shelter around on the east side of the Rock because of the westerly winds anticipated. Charlie Lara caught the biggest fish of the day, a good 18lb. Conger Eel; he also won the aggregate with 59.08 points, followed closely by a newcomer to the Club- Steve Segui with 56.04 points. Steven caught three different species and nine fish in all, which was very good considering the conditions. Tony Triay took 3rd, positions just 4.4 points behind Steven. This coming Sunday ( 25th.) will be the second outing so members should remember to register at the EFSA club in Queensway before Saturday evening. If the weather improves, we can be sure to see many more fish at the weigh-in. Sunday's start- 7.45 am on Sunday at the Club.



### ATHLETICS

## BAGU LEADS CALPEANS' SUCCESS IN FUENGIROLA

Aaron Bagu took time off from the GAAA Track Trials to claim the overall Juvenil title at the annual Fuengirola road league. His confident performance on 11 March earned the points needed to secure the title, following his second and first places in the previous two races.

Agustin Molina won the last and longest race in the series in 25:08, while Bagu in 26:14 finished 7th overall out of 160 mostly adult runners. Another Calpean, Richard Blagg, finished 13th in 27:52 but second in his Junior category, for both the race and the league. Julian Franco declined to run the last race, as too long to be compatible with his training, but won second place in the Juvenil league on the basis of his first two races.



Aaron Bagu



Richard Blagg

## HAVELAND BEATS 4 HOURS IN SEVILLE MARATHON

Christine Haveland beat the 4-hour mark at the Seville Marathon in what appears to be the fastest marathon ever run by a Gibraltarian woman.

The rower, triathlete and occasional distance runner Haveland maintained a steady pace to finish 3 hours 59 minutes and 40 seconds from the start of the race, or an official 3:59:12 measured electronically from the moment she crossed the starting line. Her performance awaits ratification from the GAAA as a possible national record. Just two weeks before the Marathon, Haveland pushed herself to the limit to claim third place female in the Seville Half Marathon. She now plans to concentrate on Triathlon for the summer.



### NETBALL

## LOCAL GIRLS LEAP HIGHER

While Gibraltar's young netballers travelled to the European U17 Championships hopeful of some successful results, they recognised that 'little Gib.' was facing much greater international opposition.

In quick succession over the weekend, they lost to England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales - strong opposition indeed.

England won the tournament, followed by Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland and Gibraltar.