

Weekender Sport

Dragon boaters scorch to victories

DRAGON boat racers from the Dearne Valley made a splash at a major championships.

Team Manvers Dragons from Manvers Waterfront Boat Club in Wath brought home not one but two trophies from the British Dragon Boat Race Association's Midlands National Regatta at the National Watersports Centre in Nottingham.

Trevor Coldron, Waterfront's dragon boat section leader, said: "It is a great achievement and a proud moment for both me and the team because we only started in 2019 and have been racing against the elite from around the country."

Manvers Waterfront Boat Club is a multi-sports club open to all. It majors on canoeing, kayaking, dragon boating, stand-up-paddle boarding, angling, triathlon, quadrathlon, open water swimming, running and cycling. Members compete nationally and internationally under the Team Manvers banner.

The Manvers Lake site, off Station Road, operates 364 days per year, dawn until dusk and often beyond.



The winning Manvers Waterfront Boat Club dragon boat racers and (left) in action in Nottingham.

Little wins the battle of the Toms

HICKLETON'S Tom Little overcame Wath's Tom Stanley to win the Sheffield Amateur Matchplay at Lindrick.

Both Toms had hard-fought tugs of war in the morning semi-finals against Chris Smith and Jim Tasker before the Hickleton man beat the Wath man by the same margin in an excellent final. Tom will receive his trophy at the Sheffield Union dinner in November.

Meanwhile, it was a story of what has been for local players in the Yorkshire Amateur Matchplay at Rotherham Golf Club.

George Mason and Charlie Daugherty both had excellent chances of making the final before going out in the semi-final and quarter-final respectively.

George got to the last four after beating Dalton Richardson (2up), Ben (3/1) and Lewis Harrison (3/2), coming up against Max Berrisford. Max himself has been in fine form this year, being a recent winner on the Yorkshire of Merit. It was Max who advanced to the final courtesy of a 2/1 win.

For Charlie, at 4up after 8 in his final match, thoughts had probably turned to the semi-final when on Adam Walker produced some superb play.

Adam played Rotherham's (10,11,12) in just eight shots to reduce the deficit and three more back 9 birds to beat the Huddersfield man, who was Waterfront's Luca Houlgate in the final. Luca advanced to the final where he eventually was crowned the winner of the competition.