

WELL DONE !

We were all delighted with the Team's achievement in gaining 2nd place to Southampton at Rotherhithe and your supporters were full of praise at the way in which you all swam. I have decided to issue the March issue of the newsletter early, so as to give details of the final Gala in the Swimming League, and to give you plenty of time to prepare yourselves for another BIG effort.

On March 6th, at Lewisham, we meet Southampton, Sutton & Cheam, Reading, Woolwich, and Bromley in the Gala which decides the first 6 places in the Swimming League. Naturally we would like to win this gala, but I feel that a realistic target would be 4th place - and I must stress that we can only hope to manage this if everyone makes another all-out effort,

It's very difficult to assess our chances, as there is no doubt that there will be little difference between the 1st and the 6th in many of the races. I wonder if our U/12.F/S.Team will retain its unbeaten record, and if Paul Rogers and Nickie Green will make it a 'hat' trick in their F/S races. Just look at these times;-
F/S Round I. Sutton 2.48.9; Camp Hill 2.50.5. Round II. Camp Hill 2.49.5.

Medley Round I. Sutton 1.25.4. Camp Hill 1.27.8.
Round II. Camp Hill 1.26.3. Southampton 1.29.4. Surely we must win one of these if our team continues its improvement, even though we don't know anything about the standard of the remaining three teams in the races !

One thing is certain - you can all look forward to a really hard race on March 6th - I am sure that you will, because that is what competitive swimming is all about.

F.G.T.

RESULTS.

Feb 13th. Swimming League. Southampton 207. CH/WH. 173.
Watford. 158. Walthamstow. 145.
Barracuda. 136. Southwark. 135.

Martin Edwards. 66.3. - 110 yds.FLY. Club Record.
Andrew Wolf. 1.35.9. - L.M. Club Record
Paul Rogers 22.1. F/S.
Richard Sheasby, 76.4. - 110 yds.BK. P.E.
David Brooks. 83.4. - 110 yds.BR.
Nickie Green 45.0. - 2 len.F/S. P.B.

Feb 13th. Motorway League.

I have not got the points to hand, but we finished well back in 6th place. This was as we expected in view of the fact that our Second Team was competing against clubs that had already done well in the 1st Round. As I had hoped, however, we did have one or two good performances, notably Ian Hartland's P.B. in the 110 yds.BR. 83.8; Andrew Reeve swam a good U/12 F.S. 24.7. in fact our four U/11 U/12s ! did well in all their events. Steve Hayes & Ian Hartland managed the team most efficiently.

Feb 6th. Relay Gala. Heston.

I believe our team, somewhat depleted by Super League demands, finished 4th in this 6 club gala, although I have not got the points. The U/12 boys were our most successful age group getting 2 firsts, 1 second and 2 thirds in their events. Generally speaking the 'splits' show that our competitors did not take the opportunity to improve their club ranking on 2nd & 3rd strokes. Congratulations, however, to Andrew Reeve 26.0. & Simon Cull 26.0. on their first & second place medals in the 9 yrs & under F/S.

OTHER TIMES:

Andrew Wolf 100 yds. F/S. 56.4. 400 yds I.M. 4.50.3;
Martin Edwards. 200 yds.FLY. 2.15.7;
David Brook 110 yds.BR. 82.2. (P.B).

ADDITIONS TO FIXTURE LIST.

Sat.April 3rd. Warks v. Staffs. Age Group Match.

Sat.April 10th. Redbridge, Motherwell, Havering,
Modernians. U/14; U/17; Open. Barkingside.

Fixtures keep piling up, and I keep accepting them - I had to decline a visit to Swansea, as we were already swimming on the two dates offered, but we may go there later in the year. I cannot repeat too often that the second strings can look forward to several swims, as there are a number of occasions when we cannot hope to be at full strength e.g. at Gloucester in April, on the same date as the Eight Towns Gala at Coventry.

EVENTS IN MARCH.

Wednesday.	3rd.	Water Polo U/16 v. Walsall (a).
Thursday.	4th.	Water Polo v. Leamington Juniors (a).
Saturday.	6th.	Swimming League (Lewisham)
Tuesday.	9th	Water Polo v.Solihull. 9.00 (a).
Friday	12th.	Water Polo U/16.
Saturday	13th	Leic.Knighton Fields, Nuneaton. Rugby, Corby (St.Margarets, Leicester). U/11; U/13; U/15; U/17.
Friday.	19th	Water Polo.U/15 Team v. H.G.S.O.B.(Grove Lane)
"	"	B'ham Schools' Gala (Stechford).
Saturday	20th	Cardiff, Newport, Soundwell, Aberavon, (Empire Pool, Cardiff). U/12; U/14; U/16; Open.
Thursday.	25th	Water Polo U/16 Team. Everton.
Friday.	26th.	Water Polo v. Warley. (h),
Saturday	27th.	Motorway League.

WATER POLO NOTES.

The first round of the Boys' Club Championship on 25th March sees our U/16 Team taking the first step on a path that could lead to a set of national medals. We all wish them luck in what will be a difficult task.

The Junior Team meets Leamington in the first round of the District Championship on May 28th. A win there followed by wins against Coventry and Aston would see us as Midland Junior Champions and qualifying for the National Competition - another difficult, but by no means impossible target.

The Senior Team will be playing in Midland League Polo this season, so the polo players have a really challenging season in front of them.

MOSELEY RD.

Club Night on Friday, March 5th will be in the small pool from 8.15 - 9.30. The large pool will be closed for the week. We are hiring the second pool, and will collect 4 p. from all swimmers who attend.