

AN EXCELL ENT START :

On looking out of my front room window at twenty to one on Tuesday morning, I saw that a minibus had drawn up outside, and, opening the door, I heard various jubilant sounds and had no doubt that it had brought a winning team back from Everton. Mr. Sheasby confirmed that we had had an outstanding win, 13 - 0, in the first round of the A.S.A. Boys' Water Polo Championship, so this news is given pride of place in this month's 'NEWS'. I have had instructions not to single out any player for a special mention as they ALL played very well. The next round will be played in Birmingham, and I am sure that many of you will come along to support the team. The date will be announced as soon as it has been settled.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS :

These are still at the extremely low rate of 25 p. and they are due now. The club session starts at 7.30 next week.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS AND AGE GROUP:

These events take place in May. I have entry forms, and advise competitors to discuss their entries with me, and to get them in in the next fortnight.

THE SWIMMING LEAGUE

Our final position in the League for 1971 was 6th out of the 24 clubs in the 1st Division. Although we could only manage 6th place in the final gala, this was still a very good effort, and gave us an improvement of 3 places on our position last year. I see no reason why we shouldn't do as well, if not better, next year. It certainly was a stimulating experience to take part in such a gala. At the halfway stage we were in 6th place, but only 2 points behind Bromley. We eventually finished 15 points behind them, a slight falling off was noticeable in the last few events, but this was understandable. A special mention for the U/12 Team who retained their unbeaten record with a new best time of 1.32.4., likewise Paul Rogers in the F/S. 21-9. Most of the team swam near their best times, with P.B.'s from Richard Sheasby (110 yds. BK. 76.3.), David Johnson & Mark Shimell (2 len. & 1 len. BR. 60.0. & 29.7. respectively). It was especially pleasing to see many good performances when the swimmers concerned were contesting the lower places in their events, that is a sign of a good competitor. That's enough about the swimmers - a word of thanks on their behalf to our large band of supporters.



MOTORWAY LEAGUE:

We completed this competition in good style with a clear win at Nuneaton, 55 points in front of the next team. I have not received the final league table, but I think we will have finished 13th. Luton were the final winners of the League. With the pressure off, there were a number of good performances at Nuneaton - that U/12 team, Andrew Smith, Paul McKenzie, Alan Deeley and Paul Rogers lowered their time yet again to 1.30.9 - they had to otherwise they would not have won the race! Here are a few of the many good swims:

Frank Smith (2 len. BK. 55.1., I.M. 1.57.8),  
Andrew Wolf (I.M. 1.35.3., FLY. 67.3.)  
Martin Edwards (FLY 65.8., BK. 75.9.)  
Dave Wakeling (F/S Tm. 40.9.).

RESULTS.

Leicester 13/3/71. CH/WH. 215. Rugby.179. Leicester KF. 167.  
Corby 128, Chatsworth 125, Nuneaton 105.

Dave Brook - BR.81.4. Richard Sheasby - F/S.65.6.  
Stephen Rogers - 2 len. BR. 54.2. Andrew Smith - FLY 28.9.  
Robin Cull - 2 len F/S. 45.3. Mike Fearon - 2 len FLY 45.5.  
Nigel Baker - F/S 21.9.

Cardiff 20/3/71. CH/WH. 234, Gloucester 227. St. Athans 189.  
Cardiff Otters 165. Soundwell 137.

Alan Deeley - F/S 77.7. Dave Brook - BR.82.3.  
Martin Edwards.- FLY.66.5. Andrew Smith - BK. 50m. 43.5.  
Andrew Wolf - BK. 70.1. Welch - BR. 50.6.  
Richard Sheasby - BK. 77.7. Some good long course times there.

OTHER TIMES.

Dave Brooks - BR. 80.9. Paul Rogers - 2 len. F/S 47.2.  
Nigel Baker - 110 yds F/S 78.6. Stephen Rogers - F/S 65.2.  
Richard Sheasby - F/S 65.1. Philip Baker - F/S 67.2.  
Nicky Green - FLY. 77.6. BK. 84.3.

WELL DONE.!

Martin Edwards - FLY. 65.6. (Club Record). 2.28.8 ;  
Andrew Wolf - FLY. 67.4, 2.28.1 I.M. 5.18.8 (C.Rec) 1.37.0.  
We all wish these two boys every success at Worthing, where they have qualified for the A.S.A. Short Course Championships in the above events. This is extremely creditable when one remembers that only ten juniors are able to qualify for each event.

BORING.!

Some of you may find these lists of times rather tedious, but I am sure you will agree that one of the purposes of a club newsletter is to report on the successes of its members.

Also, if you should keep the newsletter, it will give you a chance next year, to see how your times compare with those of the boys who were representing the Club in your Age Group the previous year. I do feel that this issue contains a most promising crop of times, they represent quite a good output too, when one considers that they all took place within 24 days!

FIXTURES:

- APRIL. Saturday. 10th. Bromley Town, Havering, Modernians, Motherwell, Redbridge. (Barkingside)  
open, U/17. U/14.
- Saturday, 17th. Gloucester, Bradford Gr. also, possibly, a German Club on tour. (Gloucester),  
open, U/17. U/15. U/13.
- Sunday, 25th. A six Club Gala arranged by the Neath Association. I am not very keen on Sunday swimming for various reasons, but have accepted this as we have cancelled the match on the previous day, and also because the event starts at 2.30. so should not involve a very late return home.

POLO.

Handbooks are now available - our first Midland League game is v. Warley at home on 16th April.