

THEY MADE IT !

Throughout the year Andrew Wolf and Martin Edwards have had several successes, but their main aim was to achieve selection for the Great Britain Junior Team, and it was a proud moment for those of us who were at Blackpool when the Team was announced and we heard that Camp Hill was providing both swimmers for the 200 metres Butterfly v. West Germany. After a week of 'luxury' at the Crystal Palace, they arrived at Coventry in top form and Martin provided the best race of the Match when he forced himself past a tiring German in the last few metres to win in a British Junior Record of 2m.18.2s. Andrew was a close fourth in the excellent time of 2m.21.5. Mr. Edwards had his cine camera at the ready - but, somehow, it never got started !

I know that both boys will want me to thank all of you who sent them messages of congratulations, and who turned out at Coventry to support them!

The MORAL of this story is that if you are prepared to work hard over a number of years you might find yourself wearing a G.B. tracksuit. Success is only rarely achieved easily, and both boys have had their share of disappointments over the years, and may well have more, but the important thing is to keep trying.

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RESULTS.

NATIONAL AGE GROUP.

Top-class performances from Martin Edwards, (1st in 16/17 yrs. 100m. & 200m. Butterfly 1m.2.0. & 2m.19.2. both British Junior Records) and Andrew Wolf (3rd in 200m. Butterfly-2m.22.4. and 400m. I.M. - 5m.9.9.) Good standard swims from Nicky Green (100 FLY-1m.15.0); Dave Brook (100m. BR. 1m.22.3.)

23/8/71. v. Leamington, Glos. 'B'. Three Spires, Rugby, Norwich.

I have no details to hand of this match, but was sorry to learn that a 'change' in the details of the age groups halfway through the gala resulted in our team standing little chance of winning !

11/9/71. v. Coseley & Northfield.

A win here - I haven't got the points. Some noteworthy times: Paul Atkins (110 yds. BK. 1.15.9. - definitely our 'performance' of the match). Frank Smith (2 len. FLY. - 53.0); brother Andrew (2 len. BK. 58.9); Andrew Wolf (110 yds FLY - 65.3); Martin Edwards (110 yds. F/S. 62.5); Philip Baker (110 yds F/S - 65.0.) not to mention several other good efforts.

On the same evening we also had a team at Livingstone Rd. in a triangular match with Three Spires and Leicester Leander. We finished third, and it is difficult to assess the individual swims because of the unusual length of the pool. Two, however, look pretty good; Nigel Baker (90 yds.F/S 60.3) & Tim.Welch (60 yds.FLY -49.0). Mr.Cull, our Team Manager, also put up a good performance in 'persuading' our four U/11 girls to swim all events right through the three age groups - 15 races and 6 relays !

18/9/71. Midlands Boys Club Team Championship.

Thirteen clubs took part in this event and we finished clear winners with 37 points to the 23 points of the runners-up Nottingham Northern. We have had a good run in this event - 2nd last year, and 1st the year before - I hope we can stay amongst the medals in 1972. We reached all finals and there were some good relay 'splits'. The Team: Philip Baker, David Brook, Dave Wakeling, Andrew Wolf, Stephen Rogers, Martin Edwards, Richard Sheasby and Mike Fearon.

25/9/71. Inter Counties. Nottingham.

We had 3 swimmers in the County Team: Andrew Wolf and Martin Edwards won their events and Richard Sheasby finished 3rd in the F/S-65.0. he is turning in some very consistent times now, and should come through well next season, as should our other freestylers in the Junior Age Group.

'B' Team v. Soundwell, Oldbury, & C.O.S.S.A.C.K.S

We won this match by 15 points, due, I believe, to some good swims by the girls. Good performances: Nigel Baker (2 lengths F/S.-42.5); Micky Green (2 len.FLY. 42.5); Paul Atkins (100.BK.- 70.6 & 70.7); Tim Welch -(2 len.FLY.53.8); Robin Cull (100 F/S - 63.4); Alan Deeley (2 len.F/S - 43.5).

MARKS & MIDLANDS SCHOOLS.

Dave Brook, Philip Baker & Micky Green gained Marks. selection and Martin Edwards & Andrew Wolf have been selected for the Midlands Team which swims at Southampton at the end of October. I believe Richard Sheasby will also be swimming there for Div.6.

WATER BOLO.

League fixtures are now complete and it looks as if the Senior Team will be relegated from the Midland League to Division 1. We had hoped to hang on, and the team did not disgrace itself in any of the matches, and must have gained valuable experience. The Junior Team will have finished second and will have won the team race medals.

On Monday October 4th, at 8 p.m. at Haseley Rd. we play a Czechoslovakian club team that is on tour in this country. This should be worth watching as the Eastern European Countries lead the world in Water Polo - the average age of the team is 25. Few of our senior players will be available on a Monday, so we hope to borrow a couple of players - in fact the game is something of an exercise in public/foreign relations as the visitors had a day's gap in their itinerary - perhaps some club abroad will do the same for us in the future.

The increasing strength of our Junior Team has attracted the attention of the County selectors, and Martin Hubbard, Dave Hibielt, Mike Hobbs, Steve Assinder and Richard Sheasby all played in the County Junior Team in its last match.

MR. & MRS. DAVE EUTLER ask me to pass on their thanks for their wedding present. I am sure that we all wish them many happy years together.

WELL DONE PAUL !

Paul Rogers travelled to Edmonton on September 25th to take part in the 11 yrs. 100m. Freestyle. There were 38 competitors in the event and Paul's win in a personal best time of 70.8, will have enhanced the reputation of the club outside the Midlands.

MARTIN HUBBARD starts at London University next week and I know that you would all want me to wish him well in his student life. Apart from being a good swimmer and water polo player he has had a great deal to do, in many ways, with the successful development of the Club over the past few years. I have no doubt that we shall see him as often as he can manage.

CLUB VESTS. Mrs. Baker is now looking after these.

FIXTURES.

2/10/71. Ajax Trophies Gala -v- Ilford, Basildon, Redbridge,
Chelmsford, Romford. (Barkingside
7 pm.).
16/10/71. v. Warrington, Buckley, Swansco, Walsell, Wolverhampton.
(Warrington 6 p.m.).
(U/12; U/15; u/17; Open).

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Members will recall that it was agreed at the recent Meeting at School that Westminster and ourselves would be competing as independent clubs in 1972. We had intended to complete this year's fixtures together, but it now appears that it would be in the interests of both clubs for us to compete separately. This will enable swimmers to make their choice of club, and both clubs will be able to prepare their teams for next year's events, for January and February are going to be busy months. Consequently, we shall now swim as Camp Hill Edwardians in all events - the girls will have to work hard to cover all the events in matches, the boys will have to get more than their share of points for a while, and I shall have to give details of the girls' progress in the newsletter.

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THE CLUB DINNER DANCE will be held at The Saracen's Head, Shirley, on FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER, 7.30 - 12.00. Tickets: £1-60. We shall be joining with Westminster and I hope that we can have a really good attendance and a lot of fun. TICKETS FROM MR. WIBLETT.