

IT'S OPEN :

For the past six weeks an average of twenty swimmers have been training every evening in the School Bath, and, already, one or two are improving their times. I don't expect sensational improvements this year, but I do look for an overall rise in the standard of the Team's performance next year. The pool will close in August for certain minor repairs and alterations, and then I shall re-timetable it for the Autumn. At the moment, the full squad trains nightly, and the 'B' group has an hour on Tuesdays in addition to Thursdays and Fridays at Moseley Rd. All of these sessions are intended to be WORK sessions, and I have felt occasionally, that a few of the younger swimmers have not been applying themselves very conscientiously. This is a pity, but perhaps one can have too much of a good thing, and in such cases, I would advise a swimmer to miss the session, rather than participate in a half-hearted manner and deprive someone else who may not be so good, but who is keen to improve, of the chances of attending. I want you all to think about this, so that, next term, if you are in the first squad, you can let me know on which evenings you wish to train. I am considering having one evening for our 'Top Twelve' swimmers; another idea I have is to have 2 different members of the 'B' group along every evening to do the more advanced work.

For several months I have not been very happy about the programme at Moseley Rd. because of the lack of water space, but with two baths available this is now developing into a really worthwhile session, and the two hour period there on Thursdays is also of great value. With the integration of various sessions and groups we can look forward to a really successful year in 1973.

Not that we have done badly this year, but I regard that as merely a starting point. We have the coaching and the facilities - now it's up to you.!

F.G.T.

WHO WILL BE NEXT ?

Martin Hubbard tells me he had a very enjoyable time in the Channel Islands when he was on Great Britain 'Under 20' duty v. Holland & Spain - that brings our total of G.B. tracksuits to 3 - more please !

THE WARKS. NEWSLETTER.

The Warks.P.R.O. Ian Austerberry, is producing a County Newsletter - price 5p. and Mrs. Edwards is acting as our distributor. At the moment, we order 12 copies of each issue. If you wish to order one, let Mrs. Edwards know.

WARKS. AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS. MIDLAND LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

I had intended to analyse our performances, but time has not allowed this. However, it is done in the County Newsletter, where we head the list of Warks. clubs with 19 Golds, 18 Silvers and 12 Bronze. Our winners: Andrew Smith (1), Debbie Baker (2), Tim Welch (3), Nicky Green, Steve Rogers, Andrew Wolf (3), Martin Edwards, Dave Brook, Jackie Sheasby (3), Sue Cooke, Helen Rowson and Anne Priestley.

This was pretty good stuff, but we must not get complacent about it as our tenth position in the Midland Championships Leading Club Award was lower than last year - the girls, competing for the first time, finished sixth.

Martin Edwards did well for the Club and for himself : with a brilliant 59.9 on the Saturday evening to out-touch Brian Brinkley in the FLY. As a member of one of the Coventry Clubs said: "It was worth spending the day here just to see that race". Agreed !

Our other placings: 200 FLY. Martin Edwards, 3rd. Anne Priestley, 2nd. 100 FLY & 200 FLY, 3rd - 400 I.M. JUN. BR. Heather Rose 3rd, our Ladies Team F/S. were 2nd qualifiers for the final with Vivienne Bunting, Helen Rowson, Sue Cooke and Kate Welch averaging 71.5. They could only take 5th place, but this was still a good effort.

We have entered the National Team Races at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday evening, 12th July, and I am hoping, assuming that we can get our swimmers down there, that we shall have our best times to-date.

BUFFET/SKITTLES EVENING.

We hope to have 50 of the adults and older swimmers at this social occasion on Monday, 17th July. The price of £1.00 covers the each fare, supper and skittles - details from the organiser, Mr. Dull.

DINNER/DANCE.

Mr. Niblett is arranging this for later in the year - details later.

MATCH RESULTS.

22.4.72. v. Neath Clubs & Coventry.

I couldn't make it and learn that, as a result, the gala finished an hour earlier than usual ! Coventry. 146. C/H. 130, Neath. 122. Good swims by Richard Sheasby - 62.8. BK. 70.5. Mike Fearon. 62.5. and Tim Welch. 48.0.

21.5.72. v. Orion

We were not at full strength at this match, although I think that we would have lost it in any case, but it provided some useful competition over the 100 yds distance. I have mislaid the programme so cannot comment on any times, although I remember a useful 56.1. by Steve Rogers.

21.4.72. U/11. & U/13 v. Northfield.

Our youngsters managed by Mrs. Deeley & Mr. Smith won this match by 92-89, reversing the defeat of our U/17 and U/15 the previous week.

6.5.72. B'ham v. Rest of Warks.

Not a club match, but we provided over half of the City Team - 21 swimmers. Nicky Green, with a 69.4. went thro' that 70 second barrier, while Martin Edwards gave a forecast of his forthcoming swim at Coventry with a 60.2. Ian McDougal crossed his personal barrier of 90 seconds - 88.5. (85 now, I believe), Heather Rose 85.8. and Jackie Sheasby, FLY. 88.8.

27.5.72. A relay gala at Gloucester, where we came up against strong opposition from the home club and from Darlington. I think we finished 3rd out of the 7 clubs competing.

4-6-72. Motorway - 2nd round. Leicester,

A depleted team took 2nd place to Oak St. Sheffield - good swims by Dave Brooks, 71.9. & 72.4. Andrew Smith, Mark Varney, Steve Rogers - 55.8. Sue Cooke. 63.5. & FLY. 69.2. and our Men's F/S. Team - Steve Rogers, Clive Rogers, John Lilley and Martin Edwards.

10.6.72. 'B'. Team C.O.S.S.A.S. 1st: C/H. 2nd. in this 5 club match at Bromsgrove. Tim Welch. 76.9. Frank Smith. 72.8. Mark Varney 86.8.

DISTRICT AGE GROUP. June 24th & July 1st.

CHECK CAREFULLY that your competitors' ticket gives the correct session for your event - some may have been completed incorrectly, it would be a pity to find that your race had been swum when you arrived.

These two days are your last chance to qualify for the National Competition at Leeds, so be determined. Mrs. Sheasby has offered to look after our party at the hall of residence, so you should make arrangements with her as soon as you are sure that you are going. I hope to put teams in for the F/S & Medley Relays in the 4 boys' age groups so we shall need some help with transport - both relays for an age group are held on the same day - 4 x 50 metres.

WATER POLO.

U/16. National Boys Championship

Our boys lost 4-8 to Cheltenham who then went on to win the Championship. Never mind, there will be other years!

Division 1. Our Senior Team are getting some close results although not always to our advantage, so far winning two games, losing three, and drawing one.

Junior League. Played three games, won three.

Camp Hill have had a bonanza in selection at County and District level. In the Inter County Junior Championship Warwicks.4.v.Gloucestershire 5. Mike Hobbs, Dave Wakeling, Steve Assinder, Mike Fearon and Richard Sheasby all played well in a close and exciting game.

The Inter District U/20 Championship was held at Walsall on June 9-10th. Martin Hubbard, Dave Niblett, Mike Hobbs, Mike Fearon and Richard Sheasby were in the Midland District Eleven, who won all their four matches and won the Championship. I would like to add my congratulations to Martin Hubbard on his Great Britain U/20 selection. Young Polo players note Martin has always kept up his swimming training.

Shape of things to come:

Our 1973 U/16 Team had a good win, beating Coventry 5-1 last week, in a friendly match.

Extra to Fixture List.

- Friday. 23rd June. Moseley Road. County Jnr. Championship.
CH/JR. v. Coventry JR.
- " 30th June. Moseley Road. Midland Jnr. Semi Final.
CH/JR. v. Coventry JR.

G.S.

FINALLY, THE FINAL OF THE MOTORWAY LEAGUE.

Sunday, 2.00 p.m. at Halesowen v. Orion, Oak St. Walsall,
Westminster & Santa Marina.

This is a gala that we CAN win with a great team effort - every place gets points, so you can do your bit for the club without necessarily winning your event. If we can win we go forward to the Inter-League Gala at Coventry.

How about some support from those who are not swimming?