

Editorial.

For a Club to be successful it must have strong foundations and for many years Camp Hill have had just that. Its strength has always been in the good Diddy Teams that it has produced and many of these youngsters have eventually become vital members of the Senior squads.

In my opinion a good, healthy 'Diddy Squad' is one of the cornerstones of a good foundation and so the Gala at Nottingham in February was disappointing not because we lost, but because we were so short of younger swimmers. It is essential that we keep the 'Diddy Teams' fully operational and so a plea to all those involved with the Club - if you know of any good, young swimmers bring them along - we'll do the rest !

Fred Sharp.

All members of the Club will be sorry to hear that Mr. Sharp has been taken ill again. We all send him our best wishes and hope for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations....

To Gordon Sheasby on his well-deserved appointment as President of the Birmingham & District Water Polo League.

To Hayley Bettinson on winning the Arena Women's Sprint Final.

To Mark Crocker on taking 4th place in the Arena Men's Sprint Final.

Best Wishes to Gilbert and Joyce Ison, now in Hong Kong for a year, and very many thanks for all the work you have done for the Club, Gil.

Warks.Events.

Entries for all of these close on 17th March. DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE.

Diddy Swimmers needed.

If we are to maintain our strength, we need a regular inflow of young swimmers - I hope all members will keep their eyes open for promising 7 & 8 year olds - PLEASE HELP !

Winter Training Course.

In view of the number of competitions in the early part of the year it seemed advisable to offer a hard week's training after the Xmas indulgences. Support was good, so good that Mr. Dolman ran a supporting course for some of our younger swimmers.

The weather was not good but this had a minimal effect on attendance and on performance. Most swimmers achieved a total of 50,000 metres and the land conditioning sessions and the runs were carried out with enthusiasm. Gym and Pool sessions were held at the same time, thanks to the help given by our coaches, and the help of Martin Edwards, on vacation from Pepperdine University, was greatly appreciated by the swimmers and myself.

The aim of the course was to enable swimmers to realise how much work they are capable of, in the hope that they will increase their efforts in 1979, rather than to give an immediate improvement in times - although this has undoubtedly happened in certain cases.

F.G.T.

MATCH REPORTS.

13/1/79. Derby Meet.

Some good performances to start off the year.

Girls 11/U Debbie Fielding F/S 2nd 73.66, BR 5th 95.63.16/U Joanne Seymour BK 3rd 74.40, BR 1st 80.46; Melanie Hayward BR 2nd 81.11; Karen Gurney BR 5th 84.18; Susan Moore Fly 4th 74.0.

Boys 12/13 Paul Ford BR 3rd 82.22; 16/U Paul Woodall F/S 2nd 58.16; Gavin Cameron BR 2nd 77.0; Richard Humphries F/S 6th 60.92; 17/O Glenn Moreton Fly 1st 62.98; Andrew Davies F/S 3rd 59.20; Graham Brookhouse F/S 6th 60.86; David Beavan BR 1st 73.48.

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20/1/79

Swiss Cottage 222, Southampton 198, Watford 160, C/Hill 150, Tower Hamlets 124, Thurrock 105.

This was a stronger team than we shall have for the next two rounds and we had a fight to take 4th place - indeed our one win came in the last event - Men 6x2L F/S. Good swims by Karl Harris BR 81.1 and Andrew Davies Fly 64.8. This is our 12th year in the League and our 11th in the 1st Division, so let's stay there !

East Midland League

Coventry 258, C/Hill 224, Lincoln 156, Northampton 135, Oldbury 104, Loughborough 86.

Our first match with the new age-groups saw Coventry gradually pulling away from us to a comfortable win, but I am sure we can get closer to them next time. There were some good times over the 50m course: BR Robert Johnson 87.4, Melanie Hayward 81.4, Karl Harris 83.2 and we took 5 of the 9 relays.

26/28/1/79 Cardiff Meet.

The Club gave a good account of itself at this most competitive of Open Meets where many international representatives were competing. Finalists.

Chris Tainty 200 BK 3rd 2.13.56 Club Record

Stevan Eggleton 1500 F/S 16.38.1 Club Record

Consolation Finalists

Chris Tainty 100 BK 2nd 63.75 200 IM 4th 2.19.2(Ht)

David Beavan 100 BR 5th 71.39 200 BR 4th 2.35.78

Stevan Eggleton 400 IM 6th 4.55.3

Junior Finalists

100 BR Melanie Hayward 2nd 78.91; Joanne Seymour 4th 79.21.

200 BR Joanne Seymour 4th 2.51.60 Club Record

P.B.'s by Gavin Cameron 200BR 2.41.6, Adrian Griffiths Fly 64.1, F/S 57.41; Glenn Moreton 200 Fly 2.20.93 and good standard swims by all our competitors.

Paul Woodall was the unlucky 13th swimmer in our party spending the whole time ill in bed - there's no place like home when you don't feel well. This was a great pity as he would probably have reached 3 Junior finals, however, he must now look forward to his next competition.

27/1/79 Mansfield 268 C/Hill 228.

Mansfield proved too strong for our 'B' TEAM in a Gala which appears to have had more than its share of disqualifications. Good swims by: BR Susan Beavil 95.4, Colin Stevens 1.41.2, Andrew Coaton 77.4, Karen Gurney 82.8, Paul Ford 80.6, F/S Stephen Fielding 74.5, Philipa Evans 80.4, Claire Baker 81.5, Richard Humphries 60.5, Fly Julie Moore 79.8, Helen Raines-Smith 78.0, Paul Jones 74.8.

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3/2/79 Redbridge 400m Open Meet.

Well done John Hatton - 2nd in the 12/U 400m F/S in a time of 5m13s.

3/2/79 C/Hill 216 Bedford Modernians 159.

This match turned out to be much easier than expected, but did enable several of our younger swimmers to set P.B's: Karl Harris F/S 68.5, BR 79.0; Rebecca Cross BK 84.3; Sue Denny Fly 85.2; Georgina Brown F/S 71.2; Debbie Fielding F/S 73.2. Nice to see John Austin near his best with a 77.6 BK.

3/2/79 Diddy Gala Result.

C/Hill 230, Wednesbury 200, Warley 199, West/Hands 170, Halesowen 134

7/2/79 Arena Sprint Finals

Hayley Bettinson, representing Millfield and the Western Counties, made sure of the title with three fine swims of 27.68, 27.62 and 27.62, much to the delight of all at Camp Hill.

Mark Croker showed his class and experience in taking 4th place in the Men's event. His time of 25.73 in the quarter-final took him into the last eight by one hundredth of a second. In the semi-final his 25.38 gave him the 4th place for the Final, and, although he finished 4th in that Final, he improved his time yet again to 25.29.

F.G.T.

10/2/79 Swiss Cottage 230, Southampton 201, Cambridge Granta 169, C/Hill 130, Isleworth 128, Tunbridge Wells 108.

With a full team at Lincoln and with a number unavailable or ill this was going to be a hard one. Our target was 5th place, bearing in mind our objective of staying in Div.1 and our 4th place was a highly creditable performance.

Good swims were done by Susan Denny BR 55.3, Fly 51.3; Simon Mason BR 56.8; Ian Morris F/S 22.6, BR 28.5; Stephen Moore Fly 26.0, Michael Steele F/S 47.4; Graham Brookhouse, our only winner, I.M. 1.33.4. Nice to see Katie Long in action again, a good team performance and some good 'splits' too - Paul Rogers 37.1, Andrew Downes 42.8, Peter Brown 22.4, Karen Gurney 42.9.

F.G.T.

10/2/79 East Midlands Swimming League - Lincoln.

C/Hill 205, Radford 203, June 10 193, Grantham 135, Lincoln 123, Bilston 104

One could excuse the Radford supporters for feeling a little sick at the finish of this gala. They had witnessed what appeared to be a winning situation snatched from their grasp by a devastating flourish by the Camp Hill relay squads. The mere fact that Radford's lead had to be whittled away point by point in those last few events provided the ingredients for the most exciting of finishes.

Considering our commitments elsewhere, plus omissions through illness, the team gave a creditable performance against two teams who, to say the least, gave us plenty to think about.

My compliments to the designers of this Leisure Centre in providing a comfortable bar with an excellent view of the swimming below. More than one of our supporters (quite by accident, of course!) found this an admirable vantage point from which to view the gala.

J.C.H.

17/2/79 Havering Killerwhales Open Meet.

We assembled at Scratchwood Service Station at the London end of the M1 at 8.30 on Friday evening and arrived at Romford by 10.00, enabling the swimmers to have a reasonably early night. The competition started at 9.30 the following morning, ending at 1.00 with declared winner events in the afternoon and finals in the evening.

The competing Clubs were mainly from the London area, with a strong Southend contingent, and a coachload of Coventry swimmers arrived at 10.30 am, having set out at 6.00 am. Ages were as on the day of the competition.

Finalists: Graham Brookhouse 16/U BK 1st 67.4
David Swift 14/U Fly 3rd 70.2, 220 F/S 5th 2.15.4
Andrew Davis Op. Fly 3rd 63.81, 440 F/S 3rd 4.29.81
Melanie Hayward 14/U 220 BR 1st 2.56.0
Karen Gurney 14/U 220 BR 4th 3.02.4

There were a number of unnecessary hold-ups during the sessions, but the competition was of a good standard, and we were made to feel welcome in a pleasant and informal atmosphere.

Thanks to John Bellamy we were able to swim in 2nd place in the Men's relay, although we did not claim the medals.

We started the return journey, somewhat apprehensively, at 9.15 p.m. but road conditions were good and we were home just after midnight.

Many thanks to Mr. Kitson and Mr. Hayward for their support and for transporting the team, and to Anne P. for transport and for taking charge of the party overnight, while we were in more relaxed surroundings at Brontwood.

F.G.T.

C/Hill 190, Bristol Central 161, Cheltenham 158, Thornbury 134.

While some of us were in Essex the Club Team travelled to Cheltenham to take part in an Inter-Club match. They arrived early so we were able to have a look round Cheltenham and then proceeded to the pool to give a good account of themselves. Amongst many good standard performances I noted with interest: F/S Philipa Evans 21.7, Darren Billington 22.9, Rebecca Cross 45.9, Ian Scott 65.5, Judith Robson 68.2, BR Susan Beard 59.8, John Hatton 59.5, Karl Harris 80.4, BK John Austin 76.2, Simon Butler 26.1, Peter Smith 51.1, Fly Sharon Bush 79.3, Debbie Hadley 25.4, Stephen Moore 25.9, Chris Tainty 63.8.

And there were lots of others too.

F.G.T.

Shrops. County Open Meet.

Our third expedition on this icy Saturday was to Shrewsbury, where I am told the bad weather and a poor entry resulted in a somewhat disappointing meet. Nevertheless, our representatives brought credit to the Club by their performances.

Finalists:

Paul Woodall F/S 2nd 60.0 & 3rd 60.3; Mark Maybury F/S 6th 62.5 & 62.7, BR 6th 81.9; Paul Ford BR 1st 82.2; Edward Hall BR 4th 97.0; Simon Mason BR 6th 90.1; Debbie Fielding BK 2nd 87+, BR 3rd 96+, Georgina Brown Fly 3rd 83.0, BR 4th 93.5.

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More good performances...

Karen Gurney 1st and 2nd place medals at the Shrops. Meet with two 83.4 BR swims. Our breaststrokes were on form at the Junction 10 Meet too; Simon Mason 2nd 88.36 - that's more like it Simon; Joanne Seymour 2nd 78.52 - another consistent high class swim and respectable times from Karl Harris 79.53, Paul Ford 81+ and Gavin Cameron 76.8. Debbie Hadley won the 10/U BR and showed her all round ability with 2nd places in the F/S and BK and a 4th in the Fly. Richard Humphries continued to chip away at that 60.0 s barrier with a 60.27 F/S. Andrew Davis was the most successful of our 3 competitors at the Welsh Short Course with: F/S 58, 2.02.7, 4.25.7; Fly 63.02, BK 67.2.

Altogether quite a weekend with our members doing well at Shrewsbury, Coventry, Bedford, Rhyl and Walsall !

F.G.T.

24.2.79

C/Hill B 181, Halesowen 174, Mansfield 149, Walsall 131, Bilston 115, Haden Hill 105.

Good swims by: Fly: Georgina Brown 80.4, Sharon Bush 78.8, Julie Moore 81.5. F/S Claire Baker 79.5 BR Ruth Taylor 88.7, Robert Johnson 86.1.

24.2.79 Mid. District Short Course Championships Peterborough 25m.

FIPALISTS....Steven Eggleton 400 F/S 2nd 4.10.4 Club Record, 200 F/S 3rd 2.03.2; Chris Tainty 200 BK 2nd 2.14.0 a very even swim 66/68 but out two slowly and 100 BK 4th 63.6 after a disastrous start, Glenn Moreton 100 Fly 3rd 62.4 a good effort after a 62.9 heat and a 62.3 swim-off for the 6th place in the Final, 200 Fly 5th 2.19.9; David Beavan 100 BR 3rd 71.3, 200 BR 5th 2.37.8; Joanne Seymour 200 BR 4th 2.49.6 Club Record, 100 BR 1st 77.2 Midland Junior Record; Melanie Hayward 4th 79.8 BR.

F.G.T.

24.2.79 Radford Swimming Club - Diddy Gala.

Beechdale Pool, Nottingham.

This must have been one of the most depleted teams ever to leave the gates of Camp Hill. Swimming without any 8yr old girls, only one 9yr girl and one 9yr boy, the teams were set to fight a rearguard action from the outset.

So many points were to be lost due to withdrawals on both individual and double-point relay events that one could be excused for feeling a little pessimistic about our chances. However, the team responded magnificently to the challenge and finished in a very creditable third place much to the delight of all our supporters.

This gala provided the classic example of what can be achieved even when things seem impossible if the team are prepared to give 100% effort. My thanks to the following, most diddy of Diddy teams, for doing just that and making for me personally, a very enjoyable day as T.M.

Boys: J. Walker, A. Bird, D. Young, A. Hatton, C. Rashden, J. Robinson, D. Billington, A. Round, J. Morris, S. Butler, E. Hall.

Girls: E. Foster, J. Jukes, R. Challiner, D. Ward, D. Hadley, D. Fielding, J. Tanner, P. Evans.

J.C.H.

3.3.79 The Piranha Trophy.

Clubs: Rugby, 3 Spires, West. Handsworth, Halesowen, Camp Hill.

Once again Camp Hill won the Piranha Trophy, but what a fight we had, as we were missing some of our swimmers in the 9-10 age group both boys and girls. Our main rivals, Halesowen, stretched us to the limit towards the end because of 5 disqualifications, three in relays due to fliers, but we managed to hang on to the end and won by three points. Too numerous to mention all individual winners but well done to all who helped Camp Hill make it ten out of ten wins to retain the trophy.

S.J.B.

10.3.79 East Midland League Final.

Coventry 213, Radford 173, C/Hill 171, Orion 158, Leander 142, Leicester Penguins 108.

A slightly disappointing result, in that although we were not at full strength, I still felt we had a good enough team to come a clear 2nd. Still it provided an exciting gala with Orion, Radford and ourselves in keen contention. Good swims by: Joanne Seymour I.M. 1.40.0, BR 78.4; Ruth Taylor BR 56.6; Paul Ford BR 51.3; Julie Moore BK 51.3; Peter Smith 51.3; Steven Eggleton F/S 58.0; Georgina Brown Fly 50.5 and Debbie Fielding BK 24.9.

F.G.T.
