

Esso National Youth Squad.

Congratulations to Melanie Hayward on her selection for the Squad for the recent match in Sweden and on her good performance there. Melanie joined Joanne Seymour who has had some interesting trips this year - Geneva, France and Sweden. This is the sort of thing we are striving for and we have other members who are capable of achieving it - with 100% regular effort.

National League Final - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

This is at Coventry on a Sunday afternoon - WHAT A CHANCE TO SUPPORT YOUR CLUB - tickets to be ordered from Mrs. Swift.

We are taking on the strongest clubs in the country - Leeds, Beckenham Coventry, Cardiff etc and WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

F.G.T.

Diddy League 79.

1st. Round Leamington 7/4/79.

Leic. K.F. 202, C/Hill 171, Leamington 147, Leic Belgrave 138, Lutterworth 108 Wigston 101.

2nd Round Tamworth 19/5/79.

Leic Penguins 205, C/Hill 193, Bedworth Otters 169, Leamington 121, Tamworth 107, Stratford 86.

3rd. Round Leamington 23/6/79.

Leic K.F. 206, C/Hill 199, Kingsbury 178, Stratford 121, Rugby 98, Leic. Neptune 82.

For the third year running we make the final - but only just.

Street 30th June/7th July 1979.

Congratulations to Kingsley and John Walker... both boys swimming well in the Street Age Group Gala. Kingsley in winning the 9/U Fly 25.6 and 2nd in the F/S 23.5. At the same meet Andrew Watton set a new meet record in the 8/U Fly 29.1 and was 3rd in F/S in 25.7.

The second weeks Gala produced Silver medals for Andrew Hatton on BK and John Hatton in the 100m F/S with a time of 70.3. Well done, boys!

MATCH REPORTS.

Time has passed so quickly and we have had so many competitions that I have decided to list most results and P.B.'s rather than produce separate reports for all of them.

3/3/79.

Norwich Penguins 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Modernians 98, C/Hill 73.

Fly .. Susan Moore 71.2, Glen Moreton 61.8. BR Karl Harris 80.2. F/S Stevan Eggleton 57.0.

17/3/79. Round 3 Swimming League

Watford 224, Saxon Green 187, Edmonton 176, C/Hill 154, Tower Hamlets 108, Feltham 108.

BR Sue Denny 56.6, Karen Gurney 84.6 Fly Judith Tanner 27.2, Stephen Moore 25.6.

Meanwhile another team was swimming a match with the same age-groups at Southend.

Barking 214, C/Hill 196, Southend 195, Cardiff 168, Clacton 162, Norwich Penguins 141.

F/S Philippa Evans 80.7, Gaynor Simper 64.9, David Swift 61.7, Mark Groker 55.7. BK Chris Tainty 63.8, Julie Moore 76.4, John Austin 75.4. BR Robert Johnson 86.1.

24/3/79.

C/Hill B 225, Halesowen 192, Stourbridge 192, Haden Hill 160, Dudley 147.

'B' Team Match.

C/Hill 97, Triple S 67, Banbury 55.

Br Karen Gurney 82.3, Ian Scott 79.9. F/S Peter Smith 66.8.

31/3/79 Trophy Gala, Wellingborough.

C/Hill 193, Norwich 165, South Lines 154, Oldbury 148, Wellingborough 143, Wolverhampton 92.

BK Gary Shipstone 80.6 BR Paul Ford 82.8, F/S David Swift 61.2

Diddy Gala

C/Hill 168, Walsall 163, Redditch 132, Bloxwich 121, Halesowen 117, Leic KF 69.

1/4/79. Stockport Metro.

This match coming but one day after the National Short Course could have been somewhat of an anti-climax. It was not...it proved a highly exciting gala with our final victory dependant upon a victory over hosts Stockport Metro in the very last race. The match was close right from the very 1st race 'Excitement ratings' in a match like this are determinable by examining the faces of the coaches. Was it relevant that FGT's hair went grey? (perhaps old age)

More important was the swimming Hayley Bettinson cruised to victories in the 100m Fly 69.6 (Club Record) and 1.3m F/S 62.7 and finally needed to turn on some power in the relays to ensure continued success in the senior girls events. In the Boys 16/U F/S Paul Woodall powered his way to a 57.3 against very strong opposition and later repeated the performance in the BK in 67.3. After numerous years of drought we finally have lady BR swimmers. Jo Seymour easily coasted to victory in the Open BR in 80.6 soon followed by Melanie Hayward winning the 16/U BR in 81.9.

The atmosphere of the competition was similar to that of the Grand National the day before. This may sound excessive but 'pool side punters' were rife. Joanne Swift lost 10p to Paul Ford on the result of the 14/U F/S races in which she and Paul were both contestants. (I'm sure David Swift 'Punter extraordinaire' wouldn't have lost !)

In the 12/U age group Georgina Brown was 2nd in the Fly (51.4) and 1st in the F/S 44.6. Sue Denny won the BR 57.4 and Debbie Fielding BK 54.0. The boys were not quite so prolific but Simon Mason was 2nd in the Br in 57.9.

The relays proved our real strength. The unfortunate lack of 14/U boys however provided difficulties. Throughout the gala we had maintained 2nd place just a few points behind Stockport. We caught those points up on almost every relay until we came to the 14/U boys. Here, despite valiant efforts by our depleted, under-age squad we were 5th and 6th whereas Stockport were 1st both times. This put us back 5 points each time. We won the majority of the realys; in fact 11 out of 17.

The open relays proved very exciting with the girls winning both of theirs and the men winning one and arriving 2nd in the F/S relay. One problem arose here which resulted in a toss up for last place in the IM relay between myself and FGT...I lost...so had to swim...spectators were thus saved the 'vision' of FGT's perfect technique. The 16/U age group proved our most successful, we remained undefeated in these relays with powerful swims by Paul Woodall to give the boys two good victories.

The climax of the gala was the very last race. This was a mixed Cannon with 2 boys and 2 girls from every age-group. We went into this race with the same number of points as Stockport and maintained a very slight lead throughout the 16 swimmers to finally touch home victors of the race and thus the gala.

We returned to Birmingham with a shield, awarded to Hayley for innumerable stirring swims throughout the gala, many good performances and FGT making a mental note to take Grecian 2000 to the next gala (I'm sure many of the spectators needed it also !)

M.G.

8/4/79 Wigan Wasps 194, Manchester 184, Nova Centurion 168, C/Hill 108, Cardiff 107, Salford Triple S 93.

Although this was a 2nd successive Sunday match, and although it followed 2 Warks. Galas on the previous day, I felt that it was too good a fixture to turn down. Not unexpectedly, our performances were a little jaded and the match in the Wigan 55yd pool developed into 2 contests with our leading the second one. Still it showed us that we have a long way to go yet - and the brass band was first class.

FGT

21/4/79 B Team Match

Karen Gurnoy BR 81.5, F/S 64.9, Robert Johnson F/S 69.0

22/4/79 'Lads and Lassos Gala' Bristol

Men J 10 & S'ton 101, Soudwell & Gloucester 94, C/Hill 88, Totnes 41.

Women J 10 116, Gloucester 111, C/Hill 109, S'ton 89, Soudwell 51, Totnes 47

Fly Stephen Moore 59.7 220 F/S Stevan Eggleton 2.04.3.

13/5/79 Nova Centurion 141, C/Hill 107, W'ton Metro 86, Dudley Metro 74.

Br Richard Humphries 75.7, Melanie Hayward 78.7, David Beavan 71.7.

Bk Paul Ford 74.5, Laura Barrett 72.9 F/S Paul Woodall 57.1, Andrew Davis 57.2, Johan Swift 66.3.

26/27 May Milton Keynes Meet.

A large party travelled to Milton Keynes to defend the overall trophy which we won last year, and had no difficulty in retaining it, although the opposition was somewhat weaker. The 25m pool there seems to bring out the best in our swimmers and it would take too much space to list all P.B.'s. Some of the best: BR: Melanie Hayward 78.01, Karen Gurnoy 81.65, Edward Hall 89.80, Georgina Brown 85.32, Paul Ford 79.26. F/S: Debbie Fielding 68.53, Sarah Symonds 67.49, Ian Scott 63.71, Johan Swift 64.51. BK: Graham Bates 71.5. Fly Helen Raines-Smith 76.8, Susan Moore 70.39, David Swift 69.31. IM Debbie Fielding 2.55.76, Debbie Hadley 2.56.51.

27/28 May.

Our Club effort was directed to Milton Keynes but the 16/17 group were not catered for there and these with the addition of some enthusiasts from the younger age-groups who 'doubled up' took the club into 3rd place in the overall points table. By all accounts this turned out to be a most attractive and well-organised event with most handsome medals - all due credit to the organisers from Orion S.C. Relay teams did well...8 teams - 4 firsts, 1 second, 2 thirds.

31 May/2 June Welsh Long Course Championships.

Stevan Eggleton 1500m 17.14.5(2nd), 200 F/S 2.04.80, 400 F/S 4.26.1

Andrew Davis Fly 62.71, 200 F/S 2.05.44, 200 Fly 2.24.41.

Melanie Hayward Fly 71.67, 200 BR 2.58.86, 100 BR 79+ 3rd.

David Beavan BR 73.22 and a good 26+ 50m F/S.

23/6/79.

C/Hill 250 Leics. Belgrave 238

Alan Cooper F/S 63.8, Sharon Bush Fly 77.59, John Austin F/S 67.7.

Ladies League

Our Senior team required the help of some older swimmers who, seeing that the Club 'name' was at stake, soon put matters right and we came out winners of Division 1.

The Novices and Juniors both won their Zones without difficulty and without team changes. Well done CAMP HILL!

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West Midlands Triathlon (Shoot, run, swim) 25/3/79

Wet, cold and windy conditions did not deter our Camp Hill members as you will see by the following results:-

Gold..... Karen Gurney, Graham Brookhouse.  
 Silver..... Alison Gibbons, Susan Gurney, David Swift.  
 Bronze..... Ruth Chaliner, Andrew Coaton.

Rosettes were awarded to seven other members who were placed. Our Junior girls, boys and men's teams each finished first and were presented with plaques.

The National Final took place a few weeks later with David Swift taking the Gold, Congratulations ! Better luck next time to all others who competed. Further information... West Mids Biathlon (Run and Swim) will take place sometime in November 1979.

Water Polo.Boys Under 16 Championship.

After a marvellous year, winning both League and Midland District titles we were now hoping for further success by winning a National title. In the first match against North Devon Dolphins we started off rather nervously but by the third and fourth period we had settled down into playing some good water polo, running out easy winners.. Camp Hill 11 North Devon Dolphins 4. Unfortunately the second game against Hamilton was a different story. After the first period we were losing by 2 goals. Then due to some bad defensive play we fell even further behind. At the end of the second period the score was Camp Hill 2 Hamilton 5. During the latter part of the game we did start to get things together and pull one or two goals back. We were winning a lot more possession but lost count of the number of times we hit the woodwork. Unfortunately matches are all about goals and we just did not score enough of them. Final Score... Hamilton 7 Camp Hill 4.

In the third and final game against Planthill we played some of the best polo seen in the tournament. A team that has been a bogey side to Camp Hill for many years was just no opposition on the day. If only we could have played like this throughout the day ! Score Camp Hill 8 Planthill 4.

Final Placings      1. Hamilton  
                          2. Camp Hill  
                          3. Planthill  
                          4. North Devon Dolphins.

A big thank you to all the Club Officials and Parents who worked so hard to make the tournament a success.

T.A.

WARWICKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS 1979.

The 'added' list gives a detailed account of the individual performances. The Relay teams fared as follows:

Girls.

Jun. F/S 1st 1.17.6 Gurney, Barrett, Simper, Moore.  
                  2nd 1.18.9 Allen, Brown, Raines-Smith, Swift.  
 Jun. Medley 1st. 2.16.9 Barrett, Seymour, Moore, Simper.  
                  2nd. 2.19.3 Moore, Hayward, Raines-Smith, Gurney.  
 Sen. F/S 1st. Gurney, Moore, Leach, Brown.  
                  Med 1st. Barrett, Seymour, Moore, Leach.

Boys.

Jun. F/S 1st 1.09.9 Woodall, Swift, Maybury, Allen.  
                  Med 1st Woodall, Cameron, Maybury, Allen.

Sen F/S 1st. Baker, Green, Woodall, Tainty.

THOUGHTS.

Most definitely our best championships ever - counting individual and team medals we took 109 out of a possible 240. We took 7 out of 8 team events, losing thro' a rather harsh disqualification.