

Editorial.

Despite the arguments for and against, the British Olympic Association will be represented at Moscow in July. Not all sports will be sending a team but the swimmers are going and it will be interesting to see how times and standards have improved since Montreal, though the absence of the Americans will be sorely felt.

The British squad will be a small one and our main hopes seem to rest with Duncan Goodhew - let's hope he can do a Wilkie!

S.K.Herde.

Our German friends will be visiting us Friday to Monday 31st Oct/3rd Nov. I understand they plan to fly to Elmdon this time. No further details but offers of accommodation, ideas for entertainment etc will be welcome.

Into Europe....

Melanie swam at Gerona, Joanne and Linda in Copenhagen, Johan and Heidi at Brussels and Joanne at Marseilles - great stuff - what about you boys?!

Girls' Sprint F/S.

We now have two girls on 62+ and another two on 63+, so at last we are getting some reasonable results in this event. Who is going to be the first one under 62 (all you need is 29+/32), and when are we going to get a 4 x 100 team under 4.10.0 - answer to both questions - soon, I hope!

Which reminds me.....

How pleasing it would be if our girls-teams could wear a club costume for relays - delighted though we all were with a certain team's performance at the National Age Group last August, it did not LOOK like a team.

Warks. Jun. Water Polo Championship.

Well done our Junior team - who despite losing several players to Aston, still managed to beat them by the odd goal and went on to beat H.G.S.O.B. likewise in the final of this event.

Still a problem.

A year ago I commented on the general fall-off in our club strength at the bottom end - not only in ability but also in numbers. Unfortunately, at a time when we are swimming at a really standard, this is still to some extent, our problem area. May I reiterate the plea that I made last March please - keep your eyes open at school galas etc, and if you see a promising swimmer bring him or her along.

Swimming, Running and Shooting.

Congratulations to Graham Brookhouse (1st), David Swift (2nd) and Jonathon Cox (4th) for their individual performances and team win in the Midlands U/18 Triathlon.

Graham followed this up by winning the National Event at the Crystal Palace with David taking a creditable 4th place.

Sponsorship.

We have had some degree of success in our efforts to obtain a sponsor for the club but it did not materialise as expected. The company concerned was Arrow Chemicals and we have received just under 300 in the form of a donation to our club funds as opposed to a direct sponsorship.

There is an advantage in such an arrangement in that we are not tied to any one organisation and still have freedom of choice and complete autonomy.

The disadvantage is that the donation may just be 'one off' exercise or hopefully, now that it has been started, an annual event, and that the sum of money donated is not large.

However, on the brighter side, if other parents of our swimmers could obtain donations of this form from other 'no strings attached' sources we could still retain our identity and independence but boost the club funds accordingly. It may be worthwhile considering asking companies to sponsor an annual swimming meet or even an event in same to present medals and trophies and hopefully attract greater participation from competitors and spectators.

Food for thought :

F.G.T.

MATCH REPORTS.

East Midland League

Round 1 12/1/80.

C/Hill 245, Coventry 'B' 161, Orion 160, Wellingborough 143, Northampton 127, Notts. Northern 124.

A comfortable win in the 25m pool at Wellingborough. Good swims included: BK Paul Ford 70.4; Jonathon Robinson 40.0; ER David Beavan 70.8; Fly Kingsley Walker 37.2.

Round 2 9/2/80.

6/Hill 207, Notts. Leander 194, Santa Marina 164, Derby 142, Wolverhampton 134, Halesowen 115.

Notts. Leander led us until the 27th race of the 46 event gala and then we gradually eased ahead to our 13 point win, having made our task a little more difficult by the loss of 11 points through disqualifications. Good swims: Linda Beasley BK 69.5, F/S 64.1; Stevan Eggleton F/S 57.0; Susan Denny Fly 49.5; Glenn Moroton Fly 61.6; Jonathon Robinson BK 25.3.

A good result when a number of 'regulars' were unavailable.

Round 3 8/3/80.

Coventry 199, C/Hill 191, Notts. Leander 161, Radford 156, Luton 147, Leics. Penguins 113.

We approached the gala wondering if we could get that second place which would take us to the League Final in September, for our team was weakened by the clash of dates with the Solihull Schools and Welsh Short Course Championships and by illness. Despite that or perhaps, because of it, we put up one of our best performances, taking the lead at event 5 and holding it till event 38. Everyone, whatever their place gave 100% effort in the 50m pool, there were so many good swims including: BR Sue Denny 84.2, Simon Mason 83.0, Ruth Challinor 46.3, Melanie Hayward 77.2; F/S Ruth Challinor 34.4, Joanna Seymour 63.4, Linda Beasley 63.9, Georgina Brown 66.7; BK Peter Smith 74.2, Jonathon Robinson 40.7, Linda Beasley 69.4; Fly Lido Badawy 66.6, Sue Denny 33.6.

So, on Sunday 21st September at Leeds we take part in our sixth consecutive National League Final. The other finalists are Millfield, Coventry, Beckenham, Leeds, Newcastle, Hatfield and Stockport Metro - quite a line up !

Swimming League - London.

It was decided to swim our 'B' team in this League as 2 of the rounds clashed with the E.M.L. The first round saw us finish 3rd, but the 2nd round proved to be a disaster with the team arriving halfway through the gala and taking the inevitable 6th place. In the 3rd round our task was to avoid relegation; unfortunately the team was weakened by the demands of the E.M.L. teams and other clashes. However a 5th place just kept us there and we look forward to more successful participation in 1981.

Midland District Short Course Champs. Nuneaton. 22/23 Feb.

Our best Short Course Championships for 4 years.

Stevan Eggleton 1500m 2nd 16.36.93; 400 F/S 2nd 4.14.40;
Glenn Moroton Fly 3rd 60.11 - he can't get much nearer to the 'minute' without going under it !

Linda Beasley 2nd Jun.F/S 63.19(Club Record in Heat - 62.38),BK 3rd 70.45;Jo Seymour 200 BR 2nd 2.45.06,200 IM 3rd 2.29.14, BR 1st 74.63; Austin Swain 3rd Jun.BR 73.20;Craig Norrey F/S 3rd 55.03(Club Record in heat 54.81),Melanie Hayward Fly 2nd 68.30(Club Record);BR 3rd 76.68; Chris Tainty BK 3rd 63.60, IM 3rd 2.19.38;Lido Badawy Jun.BK 2nd 66.86.

Welsh Short Course - 8 & 9/3/80.

Heidi Perry BK 69.76 2nd and 2.27.39 2nd; David Swift 1500 18.23.8 3rd;Andrew Davis Fly 2.18.27 3rd.Good F/S swims by Johan Swift 62.56 and 2.16.16.

MEETS....

Harrow Dec. 7/9

Linda Beasley Jun.BK 1st 68.6,Jun.200 BK 1st 2.27.4;Melanie Hayward BR 2nd 76.6;Joanne Seymour BR 3rd 77.2;Men's Medley Team 3rd 4.18.7; Girl's F/S Team 3rd 4.18.3(Beasley,Barrett,Seymour,Swift.)

Age Group:

Paul Ford IM 2nd 96.4;BK 2nd 69.9;BR 2nd 77.7;F/S 1st 61.4; Lido Badawy Fly 1st 66.7;BK 1st 69.7;F/S 2nd 63.4;Debbie Fielding BK 2nd 50.6;F/S 2nd 43.2;Johan Swift F/S 2nd 64.5.Girls 12/13 Teams.. 1st F/s; 2nd Medley.Boys 12/13 Teams 1st Medley and F/S.

Derby 19/1/80

Simon Mason BR 3rd 83.44;Lido Badawy Fly 2nd 67.11,BK 2nd 69.11; Debbie Hadley F/S 2nd 72.85,BR 1st 92.31;Laura Barrett F/S 2nd 64.02, BK 1st 70.53;Susan Moore Fly 2nd 71.75.

Walthamstow 19/1/80

Joanne Seymour BR 3rd 77.25.

Junction 10 9/3/80

Kingsley Walker F/S 2nd 48.06,Fly 2nd 54.93;Joanne Seymour 15/16 BR 1st 77.53,OP BR 2nd 78.60,OP IM 2nd 96.61, 15/16 IM 3rd 98.03; Melanie Hayward 15/16 BR 2nd 79.03, OP BR 1st 78.35;Lido Badawy BK 1st 69.04, Fly 1st 66.28; Linda Beasley 15/16 BK 1st 69.30, OP BK 3rd 70.76.

Gloucester 16/3/80

Debbie Hadley BK 1st 84.82, F/S 3rd 72.90.

Shropshire

Ian Saunders BR 1st 95.40.

MATCHES....

26/1/80.

An enjoyable 'B' Team match in which we finished 2nd to Coventry, the other clubs being Trimplees, Derby, Leamington and Boldmere. Good swims by Jonathon Cox F/S 59.5;Andrew Round Fly 55.2 and Austin Swain BR 74.5, while Craig Norrey in his first swim for C/Hill did a P.B. of 65.6 in the Fly.

26/1/80

Another 'B' team at the Ferry Pool, Oxford.

C/Hill 159, Harcourt 130, Brierley Hill 113, Casterton 60.

2/2/80

C/Hill 169, Leics. Belgrave 136, Oxford 132, Wellingborough 121, Chalteris 84

We easily retained the Welsh Trophy and good swims included: Laura Barrett IM 2.32.9, BK 70.5;Debbie Fielding F/S 68.8;Peter Smith BK 73.1; Glenn Moreton Fly 60.4;Simon Mason BR 81.0;Sue Denny BR 82.9.

16/2/80

C/Hill 'B' 256, Southwold 209, Cheltenham 204, Cirencester 175.

Good swims: Stephen Moore Fly 51.8; Karen Gurney BK 77.5, BR 82.9; Julian Swain F/S 65.8; Craig Norrey F/S 56.6.

F.G.T.

1/3/80 Piranha Trophy - Coventry.

The teams competing were:-

Camp Hill	Avon	Neptunes	West.	Handsworth	Rugby	3 Spires
180		128		108	107	98

Camp Hill's diddy team were once again at Livingstone Rd. Baths, Coventry defending the Piranha Trophy for the eleventh consecutive year.

Determined to keep the trophy at Camp Hill, our team began by winning the first three events. The boys and girls maintained this excellent performance throughout the gala, winning 22 out of the 42 events, placings never dropping below fourth.

This fine team effort was highlighted by the 12 relay events of which Camp Hill won 9 and came 2nd in three.

Well done everyone...here's to the twelfth time!

C.M.

22/3/80 Diddy Gala.

Thamesdown 195 C/Hill 193 Cheltenham 187 Heath Town 176 Tewbury 166

Somebody wasn't concentrating as a disqualification in the final relay lost us this gala.

23/3/80.

C/Hill & Stockport Metro 219, Sheffield 146, Darlington 144, COSSAES 143, Cumbria 140.

We shall remember this Sunday match for a long time. Despite the cramped and overcrowded conditions it proved to be a most worthwhile competition. Stockport led us by a few points throughout the gala - despite our winning the last 5 F/S teams, with one to go all seemed lost, however a 6th win with Stockport finishing 5th saw us finish level, and as visitors we came away with the Swizzals Matthew Trophy. Rarely do we have such complete team involvement in a gala; rarely do our supporters have to stand through-out a match - but it was definitely one not to be missed. Now for the return in September - book your places.

There were many good match swims, in particular Johan Swifts Club F/S record of 62.3, Austin Swain's 72.3 BR and Mr. Hayward thought our anchor man in the F/S Team Simon Garside (24.9) was going through the end of the bath!

National Short Course Championship - Salford 4/7 April.

Our party of 11, our largest number of qualifiers to-date, swam generally either standard performances or below form. The better swims included: Steve Eggleton 6th 1500 F/S 16.23.76; Glenn Morceton Fly 60.93; Joanne Seymour and Melanie Hayward qualified 11th and 12th for the BR with Joanne winning the Consolation Final in 75.44 (Melanie did a similar thing at last year's Long Course - rather risky). Joanne took 11th place in the 200 IM with a 2.28.82 in the consolation final.

F.G.T.