

MATCH REPORTS6.10.91 Dudley Distance Meet - Wolverhampton (25m)

A worthwhile opportunity to tackle some of the longer distances produced some good swims. 400 F/S Steve Jones 4.59.20; Michelle Jennings 5.14.71 (2.36.60); Jo Potter 5.13.28 (2.36.60); Rachel Nock 1st 4.46.37 (2.21.56). 200 BR. Michelle 3.11.23; Steve 2.58.06; Raymond Watson 2.59.35. I'm sure Michael Hoare and Andrew Brown enjoyed the previous day's late night party, but it was hardly conducive to good times. Simon Delves lost a 3rd place in the 200 BK with a dq on his last turn, but Rachel collected another 1st with a 9.59.32 800 F/S (4.57.17). Jonathan Baker kept going to take 2nd in the 200 FLY, 2.50.50 (1.18.86).

12.10.91 West Midland League-Beechdale (25m)

Radford 231-1/2, C/Hill 196-1/2, Nott'm. Northern 192, Luton 181, Eckington 124, Redditch 123.

This was a good start to our league season with much determined swimming and many P.B.s in this exciting inter-club gala. As usual, our men were outstanding with wins for Mike Hoare, BR & I.M., and Martin Atkins swimming yet another cunning tactical race on FLY, i.e. blast out the first 50 and then concentrate on holding the stroke and finishing - always very interesting to watch. If only others could emulate his start (Jonathan, Steve J. and others please note). An equal first in the medley team - they were certain they'd won, it led to their producing a clear first in the F/S team and collecting 35-1/2 out of the possible 42 for their group. As to our women, Jo Seymour, although stating she felt rough, collected 13 points and the evergreen Heidi Perry's BK, 1.11.25, was her fastest for some time. Master the new turn Heidi, and you'll be under 70 secs. once more. Other good swims: Andre Sheppard F/S 1.02.70; BK. Lucy Wood 41.23; BR. Kate Green 42.55; BK. Steve Dunn 1.05.52; FLY David Hutton 39.55. Michelle Jennings, Sharon Morris and Lydia Lee coped well with a heavy load of races with Lydia's FLY swim, 1.15.20, at last approaching respectability. Good swims in both relays by our 11 yr. girls. We did well, but turns and finishes are still crying out for application in far too many cases - let's work for a truly professional approach.

Lichfield (25m)

Leic. Belgrave 223, C/Hill 'B' 216, Oakengate 179, Kingsbury 179, Burntwood 136, Kettering 116.

Following a good all round effort, our 'B' team took 2nd place. Many good swims with times in some events equal to those at Beechdale - our 2 girls F/S teams both won in 1.03.05 and 1.03.91 respectively. The 11 yr. 'A' girls took 31 of a possible 36 points and 33 in the 'B'. P.B.s Richard Rivers, F/S & B/K, 1.02.73 & 1.13.19; Claire McLaughlin, BK, 41.24; Pam Schofield, BR, 44.36; Katrina Hebden, FLY, 36.77; Katie Smith 39.32; Kesree Finnegan, F/S, 33.66. Paul Tainty shrugged off the years with 2 second places & Peter Bloomer took 2 seconds. Many good relay splits including Tim Bunting, Ben Darbyshire, Tracey Collier, Alan Cooper and the 'three Debbies'.

Cork Masters 27/28 September, 1991

On a wet and windy September evening, 10 hardy masters made their way to Swansea. All of us were late but at least we made it, unlike Kevin Woodward who clearly intended to keep us waiting . . . until next year. The crossing was uneventful as most of us bunked down leaving only the serious drinkers on deck.

Arriving early if not bright on the first day of competition we made our way to the splendid hotel, and then on to the pool. We were met very warmly by the President of the Cork Masters team, who informed us that the Friday night free drinks reception was to be sponsored by Murphy's and at Saturday night's Gala dinner we would be host to the Guinness Jazz Band. Obviously the weekend was starting low and could only plummet.

Then Jane went shopping, while we went for a swim. What swimming? Oh yes, Craig Show off Norrey won everything as did Joanne "The Tart" Seymour. Good performances (in the pool) were recorded by Paul I want food" Tainty, Matthew "Has anyone seen my suitcase?" Silverton, Lido "Washing machine" Badawy and Phil "Do I have to sprint?" Woodhams.

During the Gala dinner we were to learn that we had won the best visiting team prize (not bad going for 9 swimmers in three age groups) and Phil (standing in for FGT) managed a satisfactory if repetitive acceptance speech.

It should be noted that following the performances of Messrs Merris and Seymour on the dance floor, we have been invited to Tralee next March - an event not to be missed. One event definitely worth missing was Alan Cooper's I.M. - beaten by a girlie (me!). Also in this category was Matthew's final event of the Triathlon on the boat home (swim, run, throw!).

Any report on the weekend would not be complete without mention of Phil's recital of a local Colleen's voice in the early hours; Phil clearly peeked for the 6.00 am breakfast call!!

Many thanks to Paul B. De Seymour for the video work; copies available soon.

"It was a mighty crack".

Joanne S.

19.10.91 Diddy Gala-Dudley (25m)

Perry Beeches 208, Stourbridge 196, C/Hill 146, Triple S109, Shrewsbury 75

F/S Gemma Hindson 17.18

BR Ed. Bissenden 20.94, Michelle Jennings 1.28.59, Jonathan Baker 1.30.85

BK Tracey Hands 23.08, Katrina Hebden 1.23.70

FLY Jonathan 1.17.10, Laura Flynn 39.82, Gemma 21.96, Katie Smith 16.20

27.10.91 Leeds Relay Gala (50m)

Our sixteenth year in this event saw us way behind in points at the end of the gala. The unavailability of 9 of our original team of 52

swimmers was most unfortunate, although it has to be accepted that the half term holiday is likely to affect availability. Most of our good splits were on F/S. Gemma Hindson 38.66; Nicola Sheasby 39.42; Jo Hutton 32.78; Michelle Jennings 31.8; Kate Green 33.69; Adam Edwards 31.95; Jon Baker 31.10; Ben Darbyshire 28.78; Jamie Hamer 28.75; David Tubbs 31.10; Ian Potter 37.02. BR Toby Casstles 42.30; Jamie 37.23. BK David 36.45.

9.11.91 W.M.L. Round II Bedworth (25m)

Perry Beeches 236, Northampton 205, Derby 174, C/Hill 157, Luton 145, Cossacs 121.

This was another enjoyable event with plenty of good competition, although the venue - a deck-level pool - was somewhat cramped, the starter choosing to stand in the chute outlet, & the lane ropes nothing more than ropes. Our times in 24 of the 50 races were better than in the first round. We had 8 P.B.s mainly in F/S. Kate Brooks 33.36; Wayne Poole 34.17; Rachel Nock 1.04.40; Andre Sheppard 1.01.19; Michelle Jennings 31.20. BK Adam Edwards 36.04; Amy Waterhouse 1.19.99. FLY Jo Potter 36.59. Our 11 yr. girls won their F/S team & our men had convincing wins in their two relays.

Cannock (33-1/3m)

Cheadle 257, Coalville 180, P. Beeches 172, Chase 161, C/Hill 'B' 142, Bicester 126. By all accounts this was a badly organised, hence late-running gala, with one relay having to be re-swum at the end.

Encouraging times: BK Claire McLaughlin 26.09; Katrina Hebden 52.38
BR Peter Bloomer 57.41; Jamie Hamer 1.20.71
FLY Katrina 52.38; Katie Smith 24.81; & Jamie rose to the challenge on finding himself in the Open FLY with a P.B. of 1.13.00; Ben Darbyshire 1.15.42, but with a best 50m of 31 + he really must go much harder and approach 70 secs.

Some good relay splits - Pamela Schofield 21.03; Alan Meeris 37.33; Peter 45.09; Simon Sanghera, in his first swim for Camp Hill, 22.91.

10.11.91 Ladies League Gala - Cheslyn Hay (25m)

Our girls team shared the trophy with Stourbridge and, despite the previous evening's competition, produced a crop of good times. Well done Sam's team.

F/S Jo Hutton 31.63; Sally Jo Jennings 1.07.86; Katie Smith 14.85
BR Sally Millard 38.30.
BK Michelle Jennings 38.22.
FLY Jo Potter 35.49

16.11.91 Diddy Gala - Solihull (33-1/3m)

Triple S 228, C/Hill 217, Solihull 187, Stourbridge 168, Bedworth 141, Solihull 'B' 59.

A close match with our 12 yr. swimmers dominating their group, but with our inexperienced 9 yrs finding the going hard. Nevertheless, they gained valuable experience and the match provided useful information towards the selection of next year's league team.

FLY Jo Potter 51.76; Jon Baker 47.62; Pam Schofield 24.67
BK Claire McLaughlin 55.63; Lucy Wood 26.84; Tracey Hands 31.90
F/S Ian Potter 22.76; Jo Hutton 45.27; Adam Edwards 42.87; Kate Brooks 47.31
BR Gemma Hindson 31.65; Damien Freeman 31.44; Mark O'Connell 32.42; Natalie Smith 1.00.37; Michelle Jennings 57.80; Toby Casstles 59.35.

Several good splits, including Wayne Poole, FLY 22.65.

23.11.91 Halesowen (36-2/3 yd)

Haden Hil 233; Kidlington & Gosford 222, Orion 193, C/Hill 171, Halesowen 121, Haden Hill 'B' 74.

We were looking for a 3rd place here, but it was not to be. Once again we took few points in the bottom age group with our 9 yr boys only collecting 8 points in 6 races. We really do have a problem here. Although we have at least ten boys in the age group, most are training too little to expect much improvement.

F/S Wayne Poole, beginning to get moving, 1.15.51; Katie Brooks 1.16.47.
FLY Natalie Smith 59.60; Wayne 53.19
F/S Lisa Darcy 54.78; Ian Potter 49.92 - an excellent effort; Michelle Jennings 1.09.98; Adam Edwards 1.09.39.
BR Toby Casstles 1.35.05 - his second good swim in a fortnight; does this mean that he has made up his mind to become a swimmer?

Good F/S splits, Hannah Loftus 25.63; Toby 20.92.

Tewkesbury 25(m)

Perry Beeches 260, Tewkesbury 217, C/Hill 188, Tamworth 144, Bicester 104, Brecon 95.

A number of good swims:

BR Matthew Silvertown 1.16.12; Tom Green 1.24.20; Sally Millard 1.25.77; Pam Schofield 1.36.91.
BK Alan Cooper 1.12.20; Ruth Payne 1.32.00.
F/S Peter Bloomer 1.11.39.
FLY Raymond Watson 1.13.19.

WELL DONE!

Andrew Brown, member of the Div 6 Team which won F/S & Medley Relays at the English Schools Nationals.

Andrew Green, silver medals in the National Diabetics Championships - 50 & 100 BR and bronze in the 50 (36.23) & 100 F/S.