

FEBRUARY 1994

RECOGNITION OF PERFORMANCE

This newsletter covers events as far back as November, but they merit inclusion so that good swims can be recognised, and so that you can appreciate the standards at which you should be aiming.

ANOTHER WEDDING

The string of 'club' weddings in 1993 came to an end with that of Paul and Julie Tainty - our best wishes to them for a long and happy life together.

Who is next?

MATCH REPORTS

13 November 1993 - Round II West Midland League

Beechdale - (25m)

Cheadle 211.5, Radford 204, Haden Hill 199.5, Peterborough 189, C/Hill 134, Nott Northern 110

Yet again we started on 2 league galas with a number of swimmers unavailable. It is so disappointing when the dates - the 2nd Saturdays in October, November, December, January, February and March - have been known for a year and have been included in individual fixture lists and displayed on the noticeboard.

We knew we would be up against it at Beechdale and our 5th place was all we could expect. Nevertheless, the team swam well, and our efforts resulted in many pb's, including a number by swimmers who finished 6th.

F/S Gemma Hindson 32.11, Michelle Jennings 1.04.41, David Tubbs 1.01.15, Ian Potter 31.93, Lydia Lee 1.03.96

BR Jonathan Baker 1.16.80, Jo Potter, the swim of the day, 1.21.95

BK Hannah Loftus 40.18, Jo 1.17.67, David Tubbs 1.10.21 - so close to that 70 seconds barrier; Claire McLaughlin 38.84, Steve Tomlinson 1.01.20.

FLY Lydia 1.11.98, Kesree Finnegan 1.15.81, Katie Smith 34.72.

There were good team swims by the women, who averaged 29's in the 6x2 F/S and the 14/15 girls who averaged 30+ in their relay.

St Margarets (25m)

Matlock 210, C/Hill 'B' 198, Leighton Buzzard 176, Luton 'B' 165, Leic Penguins 'B' 158, Derby Phoenix 137

Rachel Nock and Trevor Clark gave the team a great start in the Open IM's with easy wins, but we failed to win any of the next 6 relays.

Nadia Rahman, with an excellent second length effort, 40.18, and Pam Schofield, 40.40 BR, won the next 2 girls' races, but we waited for 16 more races before Georgina Lee had our next win, 35.11 FLY. Jamie Hamer overhauled the opposition at the last length to win the BR, 1.14.34, and to inspire fighting finishes from Michell Wilson, F/S 32.59, and Lucy Tubbs, F/S 1.06.91, to win their races.

With 3 teams fighting for second place going into the relays, we needed extra team effort and we got it with 5 excellent wins.

Claire Franklin anchored the 11/U Medley Team to win by a fingertip and Jo Hutton came from 4th place to snatch victory for the 15/U Medley Team. The 13/U Girls F/S Team and both Open 6 x 2 Teams had easy wins. There were many other good swims, especially FLY: Georgina Lee, 1.14.85, Lucy Lloyd-Roach 40.93 and Paul Bicknell 37.72.

20/21 November 1993 - Leicester Grand Prix (25m)

Two swims in consolation finals and 2 club records for Stephen Tomlinson: 100 BK 1.00.47 (3rd) NQT, 200 2.10.85 (5th).

20/21 November 1993 - Hereford Meet

From various points in Birmingham, the party set off on a very cold frosty Saturday morning at 6.30 am for 8.00 am warm up.

Nicola set out her stall for the weekend by falling asleep en route, but immediately waking up at the first smell of food!

The pool and facilities were found to be very good and it was a popular meet with large representatives from Millfield, Borough of Kirklees, City of Coventry and Birmingham.

A long day's swimming ensued and for those who finished slightly earlier than the others, the format was Hotel (after unscheduled tour of Hereford!), MacDonalDs, Children to Bed, Adults to the Bar. For the children finishing later, no MacDonalDs, Children straight to bed and Adults to the Bar! (Ron Smith's absence was sorely missed at this point only!)

Hotel was excellent value and we awoke early for a 7.30 am breakfast to find the girls quite excited. Unfortunately, this was not at the thought of swimming, but due to the snowfall the night before!

As regards the swimming, there were several standard swims and also many good ones, ie

F/S

100 metres Gemma Hindson 1.07.66 (2nd), Pam Schofield 1.08.50, Michelle Wilson 1.10.65, Nicola Sheesby 1.15.92, Nadia Rahman 1.18.83, Lucy Lloyd-Roach 1.20.10.

50 metres Pam 31.24, Michelle Wilson 32.19

200 metres Gemma 2.26.46 (2nd)

400 metres Gemma 5.12.00 (3rd)

BR

100 metres Gemma 1.31.37 and Nicola 1.34.20

BK

100 metres Gemma 1.21.10 and Nadia 1.25.97

FLY

50 metres Georgina Lee 34.66

100 metres Georgina Lee 1.13.62 (3), Gemma 1.17.33 (=1st), Pam 1.21.76, Lucy 1.34.15

200 metres Georgina 2.44.88 (3rd)

IM

200 metres Gemma 2.49.06 (2nd)

As you can see, Gemma was the "star of the show" and she also won the "top 11 year girl award".

A definite possibility for next year, as overall a very enjoyable time was had by all, but what happened to the boys as our party was made up of all female swimmers!

27 November 1993 - Stratford (33 1/3 m)

C/Hill 188, Kidlington 180, Avon Neptunes 'A' 135, Stroud 119

From the outset, the team elected to win this gala and with excellent support from the balcony did so with some ease, winning 24 of the 46 events, including 5 of the 6 relays, and notably 12 out of the 16 F/S events.

Lucy Lloyd-Roach was our only 10 year winner, FLY 25.51, while Laura Payne finished 2nd by 0.2 BK due to stopping 2 metres out!

Excellent swims from Georgina Lee F/S 44.34, FLY 47.55 and 1.14.76; Ian Potter, F/S 44.10, FLY 50.20 and Damien Freeman, BR 55.82, auger well for PB's on future 100's. Our 14/U performed well with comfortable wins for usual A team members and creditable swims from Dean Cross, BR 1.28.09 and FLY 1.15.72, and Russell Turner, BK 1.15.51.

Our 15/U boys won all of their races; Jonathan Baker, F/S 58.96, FLY 1.06.23 and BR 1.18.30; David Tubbs, F/S 1.01.22 and BK 1.10.54, as did our Open girls, Lydia Lee, F/S 1.05.09 and FLY and Shelley Taylor BK 1.12.91 and BR 1.21.69.

4 December 1993

We managed to turn out 2 teams on this day for useful inter-club friendlies.

Wyndley (33 1/3m)

Triple S 181, Perry Beeches 177, C/Hill 156, Solihull 123

The majority of our good swims came from the girls.

BK Nadia Rahman 25.46

F/S Nicola Sheasby 20.85, Kesree Finnegan 1.06.66, Mark Pigott 20.68

FLY Nicola 25.61 - Nicola gets excellent distance on her starts, but then loses most of this advantage by coming to a stop before starting to swim; Pamela Schofield 22.43

BR Hannah Loftus 27.11, Stewart Pigott 31.46, David Woodhall 1.22.69

Katie Brooks produced 6 good F/S swims, 5 of them as 'anchor girl' in relays with several sub 20's.

Once again, it was disappointing to see some boys competing without club caps - I'm sure that one could be borrowed if lack of money or forgetfulness are the reasons for the lapse, or is it that they do not wish to show their club allegiance?!

Halesowen (36 2/3 Yards)

Stourbridge 191, C/Hill 189, Halesowen 177, Bromsgrove 167, Brierley Hill 152, Etwall Eagles 127

A very close result in this match which we could have won if we had not also had swimmers at Wyndley. It is more important, however, to give the greater number of swimmers match experience. Good swims:

BR James Raine 1.35.07, James Venables 1.06.44

F/S Sharon Murriss 1.04.26, Georgina Lee 1.10.45, Ian Potter 1.10.08, Ruth Fraser 20.84, Matthew Millard, in his first gala, 54.97

FLY Shelley Taylor, actually venturing on 100m, 1.13.03

BK Russell Turner, 1.14.93, our most improved swim - if only he would aim for further improvement and consistency by regular training.

11 December 1993 - West Midlands League, Round III

Leamington (25m)

C/Hill 201, Braunstone 185, Eckington 180, Solihull 176, Walsall 166, Leic Knighton Fields 138

This closely-fought match was a most satisfactory conclusion to the West Midland League season. It is always good to win a league match, and an added bonus to beat Solihull and Walsall.

Several initial hitches meant that the first 10 events took 45 minutes, and the gala seemed likely to end after 10.30 pm. However, re-organised officials speeded things up and the team enjoyed the unfamiliar pool and the good atmosphere.

Good swims included Nadia Rahman, BK 39.59; Katie Brooks, F/S 30.90; Damien Freeman, BR 39.17; Ian Potter, FLY 35.07; and sister Joanne, BK 1.18.56.

The overall points score was close before the last 10 relay events and the teams swim exceptionally well to win 5 and to come 2nd in 3 of them. 'Man of the Match' was Stephen Tomlinson, who went 28.30 for 50m BK and 25.74 for the F/S. Stop telling us you can't swim F/S, Stephen, and let's see what you can do for the 100m!

18 December 1993 - Haden Hill President's Cup Gala -
Wednesbury (25m)

Haden Hill 192, C/Hill 167, Walsall 153, Hereford 135

Our last gala of 1993 produced several excellent swims and we did well to finish second.

BK Nadia Rahman 39.57 and 1.24.52; Ian Potter 1.22.32;
Michelle Jennings 1.19.20; Adam Edwards 1.07.39

BR Jo Potter 1.21.37; David Woodhall 1.19.83; Kate Green
1.29.83

FLY Kesree Finnegan 1.14.31; Jonathan Baker 29.60 and
1.06.61

F/S Katie Brooks 1.07.25; Lydia Lee 1.03.38; Adam 59.63

Special thanks to Alex Clark for getting changed again to swim an extra event.

8 January 1994 - East Midland League Round I

Derby (33 1/3m)

Derby 239, St Ives 210, C/Hill 185, Luton 158, Wisbech 130,
Nott Northern 122

This was an exciting gala, during which we were always contesting 2nd place with St Ives. Trailing by 13 points after 21 events, we closed the deficit to 2 points by event 28, but fell back steadily during the final relays. The following began the year with pb's:

BR Louise Morgan 29.77; Damien Freeman 1.26.78

FLY Paul Bicknell 1.30.12; Lucy Lloyd-Roach 25.10

F/S Ian Potter 1.09.53

There were many good relay splits, and it was no surprise that the 11 year girls won both of their races, having won 3 of the 4 individual events. The Open F/S relays proved to be very exciting, with good splits all round, especially Lydia Lee with an anchor time of 40.89, and Jonathan Baker and Adam Edwards, 36.51 and 36.74, showing that they can compete well at senior level.

9 January 1994 - Stourbridge Diddy Meet, Wolverhampton (25m)

This mainly 50m sprint meet was supported by 53 clubs from as far afield as Cambridge, Liverpool, London, Pembroke and Exeter. Our 13 competitors did well. Awards were made to the 8 finalists and our best swims came in the 12/13 IM, GEORGINA LEE AND GEMMA HINDSON, 2.45.20 (3rd) and 2.46.02 (4th) respectively.

Placings

F/S Gemma, 4th 31.84; Ruth Fraser, 7th 34.40
BR Damien Freeman, 2nd 38.32; Louise Morgan, 8th 46.06;
James Venables, 8th 45.77
BK Gemma, 8th 38.34
IM Lucy Lloyd-Roach, 8th 1.28.36
FLY Georgina, 3rd 34.20; Gemma, 3rd 35.54; Kate Hindson,
2nd 42.30; Lucy, 8th 41.08

Other Good Swims

F/S Robert Delves 33.38; Hannah Loftus 34.85; Kate 37.38;
Rachel McLaughlin 40.72; Georgina 31.77
BR Kate 49.94; Hannah 41.88
BK Nadia Rahman 39.20; Lucy 42.20

15 January 1994 - Rugby (33 1/3m)

Rugby 242, Stourbridge 231, C/Hill 191, Leic Penguins 164,
Bedworth 100

It was rather strange that this Diddy event should be 'age on the day', thereby losing the opportunity to study the progress of the new age groups. It did, however, provide good opposition.

PB's

F/S Georgina Lee 1.09.50; Matthew Millard 24.16; Katie Brooks 1.07.81; Mark Pigott 1.11.56
BR Louise Morgan 29.17, but she needs to train more to enable her to finish her races better; Damien Freeman 54.83
FLY Paul Bicknell 1.28.61, he is gradually reducing his time, but really needs to do more swimming; Georgina 47.69

There were several good relay splits, and Gemma Hindson, with 5 of her 7 swims on FLY, was able to have an energetic evening.

Corby (25m)

C/Hill 'B' 212, St Ives 'B' 208, Daventry 184, Leicester 164, Treonte LE 143, Coventry 'C' 105

This was a very keen contest, with St Ives and ourselves level on 194 after event 47. We had to beat them in the last 3 events, and made no mistake about it by winning the relays convincingly.

Good Swims

BR Hannah Loftus 1.32.62, not unexpected, but a good pb;
Sally Millard 1.24.64; Andrew Brown 1.14.74

F/S Kate Hindson 38.32; Chris Hutton 1.16.36; Loyd Griffiths, that man who keeps on turning up unexpectedly, 58.15

BK David Tubbs 1.11.02, how about a sub-70 s in the Warks?
Ian Johnstone 48.11

FLY Kate 44.46

FIXTURES

February 5th Bilston Meet - entries made

12th East Midland League Round II

18th Lichfield

18th/19th Wycombe Meet - entries made

26th Bromsgrove Diddy Relays

March 5th Solihull Diddy Relays - 2 teams

12th East Midland League Round III