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THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPETITION

The Warwickshire events will soon be over, and many of you will then be going on to the Midland District events. It is important that those who have not qualified find competitions to enter so that they have something to aim at in training, and so that they can measure their progress. Details of the various Open Meets will be displayed on the notice board and these will include the occasional 'B' Grade Meet. The Graded Meets are particularly useful as they cater for a lower level of performance for competitors of the same standard. Furthermore, a swimmer who may be too fast on one stroke or distance has the opportunity to race in other events in the programme.

COMPETITION RESULTS

5.1.94 Relay Gala - Tudor Grange (36²₃yds.)

Solihull 'A' 192, C/Hill 'A' 170, Triple S 'A' 146, Soli.'B' 117, C/Hill 'B' 55, Triple S 'B' 38

With the Nuneaton Junior League (previously called the Diddy League) starting next month, we thought it would be useful to take 2 teams to this annual relay fixture. However, it meant that we were rather stretched in some age groups, and about half of our 'B' team had never swum in a club gala before. Despite this, most swimmers coped well, and there were many good splits. Of the 9yr. olds Louise Venables, Pippa Clark and Edward Freeman swam particularly well. Team Managers, especially of the 'B' team boys, had a hard job keeping track of the swimmers, and at least one missed a race when he wandered off to the machines in the foyer. You MUST ask before you go anywhere at a gala, and you should report to the T.M. when you return. Two boys in the 'A' team did flyers and there were 11 disqualifications in the 'B' team. However, almost all of these were for stroke faults (incorrect BR legs or FLY arms), or for turning over before the end in BK races. Bearing in mind that it was a 36²₃yd. pool and that some of our swimmers only train in a 22yd. pool, they can be forgiven (this time only!) for thinking the end of the pool was nearer than it was.

'A' team placings are interesting:

Girls 10 1sts, 5 2nds, 5 3rds; Boys 0 1sts, 5 2nds, 10 3rds.

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12.3.94 Round III E.M.L. - Kettering (25m.)

Stourbridge 192, C/Hill 186, Braunstone 182, Solihull 167, Triple S 162, Luton 155

We arrived by a variety of routes and, after a somewhat mixed-up start to the early relays, we proceeded to give a good account of ourselves, moving from 6th place at event 14 to 2nd by event 26. Our team was herded into the corner alongside lane 6, but our competitors on the other side in lane 1 received valuable vociferous and arm-waving support from our spectators - led by Sam and Jack.

Some of the good swims: I.M. Mike Hoare, 1.04.74. BR Damien Freeman 1.23.87; James Venables 45.65; Jonathan Baker 1.15.64. F/S Ruth Fraser 34.71; Lydia Lee 1.03.83. FLY Lydia 1.12.41; Trevor Clark 1.03.83. BK Jo Minton 1.13.86.

Nuneaton (36²₃yds.)

C/HILL 211, Chatteris 197, Solihull 'B' 186, Daventry 183, Enderby 155, Swadlincote 106

This was a satisfying conclusion to our league programme. Headed by Solihull during much of the gala, we moved well clear by event 28 and managed to hold off a strong challenge from Chatteris by winning 6 of the final 10 relays.

Good swims: F/S Stuart Pigott 23.89; Michelle Wilson 109.89. BK David Tubbs 1.08.90. FLY Pamela Schofield 1.23.70; Kate Hindson 27.30.

Many thanks to all those who helped with the running of this gala.

13th & 20th March 1994 - Wolverhampton Meet (25m.)

Once again, it is pleasing to report that we had many good swims from our small team.

National qualifying times from JO POTTER, 200BR 2.48.2, 1st; GEORGINA LEE, FLY 1.12.96; GEMMA HINDSON, 1st in 200 I.M. 2.42.54 & 400 F/S 4.57.29.

Midland consideration times from Jo, I.M. 2.36.67 3rd; Jonathan Baker, I.M. 2.25.57 and 200 F/S 2.08.73 - but it should have been better! Gemma, 1st in 200 F/S 2.25.57; Georgina 2.22.92; Michelle Jennings 2.18.95.

Some good swims from Hannah Loftus, BR 1.30.82; Kate Hindson, F/S 36.50; Lucy Lloyd-Roach, 200 F/S 2.43.47 and Kesree Finnegan, I.M. 2.39.78 and FLY 1.13.55.

19.3.94 Warwickshire Championships and Age Group Competitions - Coventry (50m.)

45 of our swimmers entered individual events and we came away with 11 medals, 3 National times and 21 Midland consideration times; whilst 6 of our relay teams won medals.

National Times: DAMIEN FREEMAN 1.24.94 3rd; GEMMA HINDSON, 1st in F/S 1.06.95 & BK 1.17.12.

Midland Consideration Times: Jamie Hamer; Michelle Jennings (2); Sharon Morris (2); Katie Smith; Ruth Fraser; Lucy Lloyd-Roach; Ben Darbyshire; Natalie Smith; Gemma, Jonathan Baker (2); Jo Potter (2); Georgina Lee (3); Adam Edwards (2); David Tubbs.

We had good senior swims from: Lydia Lee, 50 FLY 32.78; Stephen Tomlinson, 50 BK 1st 29.93; Mike Hoare, 200 BR 3rd; Jonathan, 400 I.M. 3rd 5.17.94; Sharon, BR 2nd 1.20.95; Jo, BR 3rd 1.22.14. It was, however, both unusual and disappointing not to have a finalist in the Men's FLY.

We had many good efforts from our young swimmers, including: BR Robert Delves 1.36.63; James Venables 1.40.91; F/S Ruth Fraser 1.15.97.

26.3.94 St. Margarets - Leicester (25m)

C/Hill 246, Braunstone 231, Leicester K.F. 209, Avon Neptune 169, Market Harborough 104, Leicester K.F. 'B' 92.

Our small team of 21 swimmers had 21 wins, several excellent times and many p.b's.

11/U Laura Payne, F/S 36.50; Lucy Lloyd-Roach, FLY 38.77. Medley relay Laura 20.50, Stuart Pigott 22.26, Lucy 18.16, Andrew Poole 17.09.

13/U Georgina Lee, BR 41.65 & FLY 33.34; Gemma Hindson, BK 35.89 & F/S Relay Ian Potter 14.54, Paul Bicknell 15.27, Gemma 14.52, Georgina 13.87.

15/U Pam Schofield, FLY 1.18.48; Jo Potter, BR 1.21.28; Adam Edwards, F/S 59.56 & BK 1.07.20; Jonathan Baker, FLY 1.06.62. F/S Team Jonathan 26.20, Michelle Jennings 29.63; Adam 27.29; Jo 30.72. Medley relay Adam 31.07, Jo 37.49, Michelle 29.89.

17/U Kesree Finnegan, BR 1.22.83; Georgina 1.11.80 FLY.

Open Mike Hoare, BR 1.10.34 & 1.01.64 FLY; Stephen Tomlinson, BK 1.02.70; Lloyd Griffiths, F/S 55.97. Medley Relay Stephen 29.63, Mike 32.68, Kesree 32.76, Rachel Nock 30.71.

We also had an easy win in the 20 x 1 length cannon.

Good effort - Good behaviour - Good result!

N.S.

Brierley Hill (33¹/₂ yds.)

Cheadle 224, Brierley Hill 187, C/HILL 178, Leamington 130, Wombourne 97, Warley Wasps 78.

On the same evening we had a Diddy Team in a gala and despite having 4 eleven yrs. at Leicester, they finished a creditable third.

FIXTURES

April 16th Warks. Championships.

23rd Avon Neptunes 'A' & 'B' Teams - 9,11,13,15, and Open.

30th Midland Masters - entries made.

May 1st Nuneaton 50's - entries made.

6th/7th Midland Senior Championships.

7th Diddy Gala - Stourbridge.

14th Junior (Diddy) League.

15th Haden Hill Meet.

21st Midlands Relays.