

April 1996

**COLIN VARNEY**

I am very sorry to report that Colin has died. He had suffered from ill health for a long time, but refused to let it interfere with his poolside work, which meant so much to him. He will be greatly missed by our polo players and young swimmers and we extend our deepest sympathy to Joyce Varney and to sons Karl and Mark.

**OMISSION**

Apologies to **Kesree Finnegan** for failing to include her name in the list of National Rankings: 50 FLY, 74th, 31.80.

**Mr MOORE - Thank you!**

Colin Moore, having changed his job, has had to give up coaching at our, Moseley Road session. Three of his children were very good FLY swimmers at County level, and Colin ran the Moseley Road session for several years, returning after a break, to coach the younger swimmers. The club is grateful for his contribution and we hope that he may be able to assist again at some time in the future.

**MEMBERSHIP and A.S.A. REGISTRATION**

Polly Sheasby is dealing with this with her customary efficiency - please settle outstanding payments NOW.

**SELECTION**

Congratulations to **Georgina Lee** on her selection for the Great Britain Junior Team for a seven Nations Match in Holland, 6th/7th April.

**Georgina** has been selected for 100/200 FLY.

We provided 7 members of the Team which won a County Match at Milton Keynes on the 28th January, **Georgina, Gemma Hindson, Nicola Sheasby, Jo Potter, Katie Brooks, Michelle Jennings and Jonathan Baker.**

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### 13th/14th January - Wolverhampton Meet (25m.)

There were many good swims and a good share of the medals for our entrants in this Meet, with competition from 50 clubs from as far afield as Bristol, Llanelli, Oldham, Tiverton and Norwich.

400 F/S Gemma Hindson 4.34.99, Georgina Lee 4.35.74, Kate Hindson 5.16.88.  
BR Kate 1.28.05, Jon Sheasby 1.33.13.

IM Georgina 5.07.45 CLUB RECORD, Gemma 5.10.01.

200 F/S Georgina 2.11.92, 100 F/S Jon 1.08.63, Ian Johnstone 1.14.03,

Lucy Lloyd-Roach 1.09.43, Kate 1.10.15, Sally Jones 1.11.93.

FLY Nicola Sheasby 1.14.69, Jon 1.21.59.

200 BR Jo Potter 2.45.16, Kate 3.10.65.

200 FLY Lucy 2.48.27.

200 BR David Woodhall 2.40.43.

### 19th/20th January - Geneva International Meet (50m)

This was a busy weekend of high-level competition at the 29th year of this Meet for our two girls - not to mention their coach. We had to leave our hotel at 7.30 a.m. for the heats commencing an hour later. Lunch was taken at the Pool, back to rest, and then off again for finals at 4.00 p.m.

Our best swims: Georgina Lee, 200 IM 2.29.93, 3rd, 200 FLY 2.29.64, 5th, 100 F/S 1.02.75, 100 FLY 1.08.00, 4th. Gemma Hindson 100 F/S 1.01.94, 200 F/S 2.12.78, 4th, 200 IM 2.33.71, 6th.

A good swim too from our Geneva resident Craig Norrey, F/S 56+.

### 20.1.96 Trophy Gala - St Margarets Leicester (25m.)

C/Hill 215, Leic. Neptunes 190, Leic. Knighton Fields, 178, Leic. Penguins 171, Coalville 145, Leic. Belgrave 140.

Our team took the lead at event two and remained ahead throughout the gala. Several took advantage of the 'fast' pool to record good times, including:

F/S Ruth Fraser 1.08.35, Chris Hutton 1.04.02, Jon Sheasby 32.60, Jon Baker 55.59.

BR Kate Hindson 1.29.59, James Venables 1.27.25, Rob Delves 1.23.62, Jo Potter 1.18.36.

BK Stephen Gregory 43.64, FLY Paul Bicknell 1.10.52, Ben Darbyshire 1.03.41.

### **27.1.96 Trophy Gala - Leamington (25m.)**

C/Hill 150, Stourbridge 148, Kidlington 130, Leamington 114, Stourport 69, Daventry 58

This was our second trophy win in consecutive weekends, giving prospects of a good season. Everyone tried really hard and we seemed to be destined for second place, only for Stourbridge to fall back with two crucial disqualifications. Particularly pleasing were the performances of our 9 yr. groups and team discipline was very good.

**Ruth Fraser** and **Nicola Sheasby**, doubtless looking back wistfully on their own 'Diddy days', were most helpful with the team.

### **27th/28th January 1996 Dudley Meet - Wolverhampton (25m.)**

**Kate Hindson**, 400 F/S 5.05.94 - MQT.

### **3.2.96 Cheslyn Hay (25m.)**

Stafford Phoenix 228, Dove Valley 195, C/Hill 184, Boldmere 124, Phoenix 'B' and Dove Valley 'B' 74.

This was a good performance, with a number of our swimmers being at other competitions.

**BK Rachel McLaughlin** 39.09, **Jamie Sumner** 38.56, **James Paterson** 21.07, **Hannah Massey** 21.30.

**BR Stuart Baker** 23.46. **FLY Sally Jones** 37.65, **Ian Johnstone** 39.77.

Our 9 yr. teams continued to show good form by winning their four relays.

### **3rd/4th February 1996 Bilston Meet - Wolverhampton (25m.)**

This was an excellent weekend, with medals galore - too many to be listed - and **Gemma Hindson** taking home an attractive glass goblet as female 'swimmer of the Meet'.

Many good times were recorded:

**Jo Potter**, **I.M.** 2.33.60 and a determined 200 **BR** 2.44.70.

**Jon Sheasby**, three Midland Qualifying Times, **F/S** 1.07.99, **BR** 1.33.17, **FLY** 1.18.93.

Sister **Nicola**, improving her **FLY** to 1.13.48. **Ian Johnstone**, a **F/S** p.b. of 1.12.40.

**Lucy Lloyd-Roach**, 200 **FLY** 2.45.24 MQT. **Kate Hindson** hitting form with **I.M.**

2.48.65, 200 **F/S** 2.29.50 and 1.09.38 triple MQT. **Ruth Fraser** **F/S** 1.07.03 MQT.

**Gemma**, **BR** 1.19.86, 200 2.48.65, **BK** 1.11.90, **FLY** 1.09.72, 200 2.30.94, 400 **F/S**

4.29.44. **Kesree Finnegan** 400 **F/S** - getting close to that sub 60s. - 1.00.68 and doing well to place 3rd in the **BK** only two races later.

**Robert Delves**, trying really hard, **BR** 1.22.85, **F/S** 1.03.89, showing what he would be capable of if he were to put a quarter as much effort in his training. There is still some hope that **Jon Baker** also might get the message when seeing less talented swimmers finishing ahead of him in the **F/S**, although he did redeem himself somewhat with a gutsy **FLY** swim of 1.03.95.

**17/18th Feb. '96 - High Wycombe (50m.)**

**Lucy Lloyd-Roach** and **Kate Hindson** travelled to High Wycombe in search of long course swims. **Lucy**, 200 **FLY** 2.45.92, **Kate**, **IM** 2.49.62 - 1st, **BR** - 2nd, **F/S** 3rd.

**23rd/24th Feb. '96 - Leeds (50m.)**

Other long course swims for **Georgina Lee** and **Gemma Hindson**.

**Gemma**, 200 **F/S** 2.11.86, and **Georgina**, 200 **FLY** winning the B Final in a time of 2.22.58 to gain selection for the G.B. Junior Team.

**24.2.96 Leicester (25m.)**

Leic. Neptune 139, Leic. Belgrave 128, C/Hill 124, Knighton Fields 115, Melton Mowbray 103.

Without the 6 disqualifications which we suffered, we should have won this match - never again, please!

**F/S Rachel McLaughlin** 32.95. **BK Stephen Gregory** 20.73. **BR Kate Hindson** 40.25, **Ewan Martin** 20.52, **FLY Carl Reed** 17.65.

**16.3.96 Schools' International - Stockport (50m.)**

**Gemma Hindson**, Junior 200 **IM** 1st 2.30.44.

**2nd/9th/23rd March '96 Warwick. Championships & Age Group - Coventry (50m.)**

We always seem to perform well in this event and this year was no exception. Details of our medals will be listed in the next 'News' but here are a few reflections on the performances. Our 12/U boys did surprisingly well in view of their somewhat erratic training, with **Jon Sheasby** taking bronze in the **F/S**, 1.08.00. We then have to move up to the 17/18 & Open with mostly 'standard' swims. There was a pleasing win in the Men's **F/S** Team and **Jon Baker** had a good win in the 50 **FLY**, 27.23. **David Woodhall** picked up more medals in the **FLY** rather than in his main stroke and **Steve Dunn** showed that he can still compete with a 26.00 in the **F/S** Team.

**Kate Hindson** was a quadruple winner in the 12 yr. girls, and **Sally Jones** and **Rachel McLaughlin** produced good sprints. **Ruth Fraser** had some encouraging swims and **Lucy Lloyd-Roach** did very well in her **FLY** swims. **Gemma Hindson** was the overall Age Group Champion, collecting many medals and showing marked improvement in her **FLY** and **BK** races. **Georgina Lee** was in a highly competitive mood typified by her winning the Open **FLY** & **F/S**, 1.01.11, with only three races separating them. **Jo Potter** collected some **BR** medals, but I thought her 1.13.86 **FLY** was her best swim.

**Hayley Bettinson** showed that she can still tackle a long course sprint with a strong 'anchor' swim in our winning **F/S** Team.

Discipline was good with one exception - a 13 and a 14 yr. girl playing about in the nappy changing room and being reprimanded.