

## **Press Report – Success at the Final Round of the Leicester Diddy League 2010**

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Daventry Dolphins supporters were treated to a thrilling display of competitive swimming at the final round of this year's Leicester Diddy League, held at Hinckley Leisure Centre.

There was a fantastic atmosphere and team spirit throughout the evening and the Dolphins performed exceptionally well, achieving 20 pbs and 37 top 3 places out of 48 swims, giving them a total of 167 points and putting them in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall at the end of the evening.

The team consisted of swimmers aged between 9 and 12 years, with some of the younger swimmers having to compete above their age group as well as in their own, in order to gain valuable points for the team, as there was not always a swimmer of that age available to swim on the evening.

For Emma Bond, Jack Bond, Joseph Coleman, Sophie Iacovides, Kimberley Mann and Rachel Sullivan, this was their last appearance at the Diddy League as they will be too old to compete next year and this was therefore a fantastic finale for them after having represented their Club at this competition for several years.

Head Coach, Rob Sharp was so delighted with the result and the swimmers' performances, that he was stuck for words on the evening itself, however later mused "to come in third position in the first two rounds was a fantastic achievement in itself, but to win in the final round is a sensational achievement. For the whole gala there was an electric atmosphere produced by the swimmers and parents, something that will be replicated in future competitions. For me this is what swimming and swimming coaching is about, having the extraordinary highs and this gala certainly gave me that. Each individual that has represented the club over the three rounds should be proud of their performances". Below are listed the top 3 placings.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Events:** Megan Browne (9/u 25m breaststroke), Emily Sharp (10/u 25m freestyle), Joseph Iacovides (10/u 25m freestyle), Rachel Sullivan (12/u 50m backstroke), Jack Bond (12/u 50m backstroke), Anya Bennett (10/u 25m breaststroke), Ellie Davies (11/u 25m freestyle), Hannah MacCaig (9/u 25m backstroke), Sophie Iacovides (12/u 50m freestyle), Bea Bridge (9/u 25m freestyle), Joseph Iacovides (10/u 25m butterfly), 12/u 4 x 25m girls freestyle relay team, 11/u 4 x 25m girls freestyle relay team, 9/u 4 x 25m girls medley relay team, 10/u 4 x 25m girls freestyle relay team, 11/u 4 x 25m girls medley relay team, 12/u 4 x 25m girls medley relay team, 12/u 4 x 25m boys medley relay team

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Events:** Mungo Bridge (9/u 25m breaststroke), Joseph Iacovides (11/u 25m butterfly), Austin Evans (9/u 25m backstroke), Kimberley Mann (12/u 50m breaststroke), Joseph Coleman (12/u 50m breaststroke), Alex Gibbons (11/u 25m breaststroke), 10/u 4 x 25m girls medley relay team, 10/u 4 x 25m boys medley relay team, mixed age/sex 8 x 25m breaststroke relay

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Event:** Alex Gibbons (11/u 25m butterfly), Emma Bond (12/u 50m butterfly), Jack Bond (12/u 50m butterfly), Emily Smith-Williams (10/u 25m butterfly), Ally Marshall (11/u 25m backstroke), 9/u 4 x 25m boys freestyle relay team, 12/u 4 x 25m boys freestyle relay team, 9/u boys 4 x 25m medley relay team, 11/u boys 4 x 25m medley relay team, mixed age/sex 8 x 25m cannon relay.

The team and supporters returned home, minus voices but with much to celebrate and with great anticipation of future success in next year's competition.

