

8th February 2010 – Daventry Dolphins News for January – Press Release

Biggleswade Open Meet – 23rd/24th January 2010

On Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th January, six Daventry Dolphins swimmers travelled with Head Coach Rob Sharp, to Biggleswade for their 2010 Open Meet.

Despite some of the events having been swum in December, a total of 18 pbs were recorded as follows:

Emma Bond: 100m Back (01:24:26), 200m Back (03:01:48), 50m Back (00:39:14), 100m Free (01:15:57), 400 IM (06:40:78), 100m Fly (01:33:42)

Jack Bond: 200m Back (02:49:68), 50m Back (00:36:54), 100m Free (01:11:51)

Joseph Iacovides: 200m Free (02:40:72), 400m Free (05:37:81), 200m Breast (03:41:81)

Sophie Iacovides: 200m Free (02:41:47)

Joshua Sullivan: 200m Back (02:23:25)

Rachel Sullivan: 100m Back (01:22:94), 200m Free (02:46:71), 400m Free (05:49:38), 50m Free (00:34:84)

Emma achieved a County Qualifying Time for the 400m IM. This was the first time that she had swum this gruelling event.

Joseph achieved a Regional Qualifying time in his 400m Freestyle event and improved his 200m Freestyle Regional Qualifying time, gained in December. He also gained 3rd place medals for the 200m IM and 400m Freestyle events.

Joshua Sullivan gained a 3rd place medal for his 100m Backstroke event.

Wilkinson Sword Gala – 30th January 2010

A week later, the annual Wilkinson Sword Diddy Gala was held at the Wellingborough pool, with six teams competing for the Wilkinson Sword Trophy.

16 swimmers from Daventry Dolphins competed in the gala, with the following swimmers making their competitive début for the Club: Rachel Coates, Chris D'Agostino, Austin Evans, Grace Leong, Hannah McCaig, Annabel Murphy, and Emily Sharp.

Disappointingly, there was a shortage of male swimmers, with just four boys bravely swimming the races in the 9/u, 10/u and 11/u age groups.

Despite the lack of swimmers however, a total of 13 pbs were recorded and the team gained a total of 61 points, finishing just 8 points behind Corby.

Points were awarded from 6 points for 1st place, through to 1 point for 6th place.

The final positions were as follows:

- 1st Place - Northampton - 199 points
- 2nd place - Wellingborough - 146 points
- 3rd place - Kettering - 138 points
- 4th place - Rushden - 107 points
- 5th place - Corby - 69 points
- 6th place - Daventry - 61 points

Dolphins gained the following top 3 placings:

2nd Places

- Joseph Iacovides 50m Br/stroke (Boys 10/u) 00:48:66

3rd Places

- Anna Bennett 50m Br/stroke (Girls 10/u) 00:47:03 (pb)
- Joseph Iacovides 50m Fly (Boys 10/u) 00:38:36

In addition, the event was made all the more special for Megan Jennings as she gained her very first County Qualifying Time for her 50m Freestyle, with a time of 00:39:33: congratulations to Megan.

Dolphins President, Lesley Sharp, praised the swimmers, complimenting them on the great effort they had all made. Commenting on the 13 pbs achieved overall, she said that there would have been more, had it not been for disqualifications. She added "hopefully mistakes will be eradicated before the next time the swimmers compete".

WE ARE NOW SEEKING 10 / 11 YEAR OLD BOYS TO JOIN OUR SQUADS. If you are interested in becoming a member, please check out our website: www.daventrydolphins.co.uk to find out how you can come along and trial for the Club.