



Event Report

Junior Fenland League Round One

Saturday 4 Feb 2012 - An enthused City of Cambridge Swim team burst into the new season of the Junior Fenland League on Saturday 4th February in their first round meet in March, Cambridgeshire. Braving the adverse weather conditions, they turned out in force to record an empathic victory taking 1st place in 34 of the 43 races on the night recording a 46 point win over their nearest rivals, City of Ely.

Team Captains, Sophia Rodrigues and Charlie Fynn led by example notching up 4 wins between them with Charlie improving a personal best time by almost 2 seconds in a strong 50m breaststroke swim in the 13 years and under age group. In the same age group, George Laing produced 2 personal best swims to take first place in the 50m Backstroke and Butterfly races. Wins were also recorded by younger brother Edmund Laing, swimming up an age group, in the 100m Individual Medley, Jasmine Skellern in the 50m Freestyle and Emily Biggs, rushing over from a swim meet in Hatfield, in the 50m Butterfly.

In the 12 years and under age group, Levin Graf was on top form recording personal bests times and first places in the 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke and helping the 8 x 25m Freestyle relay team to a six second victory. Hannah Lin was also swimming at her best with personal bests and wins in the 50m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly races. This age group also saw personal bests times and wins for Dale Bean (50m Freestyle, Relay) and Sasha Nsubuga (50m Backstroke) and wins for Natasha Howard (100m Individual Medley, Relay), Edward Bullock (100m Individual Medley) and Edmund Laing (50m Breaststroke).

City of Cambridge dominated the 11 years and under age group, recording wins in 7 of the 8 races. Saskia Malhotra was on sparkling form recording huge personal bests and wins in the 50m Butterfly and Backstroke races. Her training partner, Laura Hill did the same in the 50m Breaststroke and Freestyle notching a third win with the relay team. Younger swimmer, Jake Moxham swam up in the 50m Butterfly in this age group winning his race by nearly 7 seconds in a new personal best time. He later went on to win the 25m Butterfly in his own age group, 10 years and under. The same was true of younger swimmer George Whisken who took first place in the 11 years and under 50m Backstroke to join his first place win in a personal best time in the 10 years and under 50m Breaststroke race. A closely fought race saw Kayde Sylvester snatching first place and another great personal best time in the 11 years and under 50m Freestyle.

In the 10 years and under age group, Cambridge swimmers took wins in 6 of the 8 races with the girls notching up wins in every race. Agata Wrobel swam strongly to take personal bests and wins in the 50m Freestyle, 25m Butterfly and the relay. Nicole Taylor, who also hotfooted back from the Hatfield meet, recorded a good personal best and win in the 50m Backstroke and Emily Semple a win in the 50m Breaststroke. Jacek Schmidt was narrowly squeezed into second place in the 50m Freestyle race and also took second in the 50m Backstroke.

In the youngest age group of the competition, 9 years and under, 6 swimmers made their debut for the team. Cameron Wolstencroft left the opposition in his wake in the 50m Freestyle with a 7 second victory over his nearest rival. Youngest member of the Laing family, Charlotte, followed in her brothers' winning ways recording a big personal best time and win in the 50m Breaststroke race with team mate, Tristan Milligan storming to victory in a personal best time in the 50m Backstroke race. Also making their debut were Charlotte Richards, Ilyas Abouelouafi and John Sargent who all swam well to play their part in the teams victory.

The team will be knuckling back down to some tough training in preparation for the next round of the league on the 21 April.