

REPORT SPEEDO LEAGUE 3RD ROUND

Firstly, congratulations, HADEN HILL S C are in Speedo league Division 1, 2008!!!!

What an extremely exciting gala and really good to see so much commitment from all swimmers and supporters, giving us practically a full strength squad, everyone knew that we needed at least a 5th place to consolidate our division 1 place.

Unfortunately the one and only injury (Hayley Bird, get well soon) affected our first race, 200 IM for the open girls. The question was who could Neil ask to swim???

"A 13yr Girl maybe"?? He said.

"NO", I hear you gasp.

Yes!! Along came Harriet Sadler with a brilliant swim, a massive 4 second P.B and not only that a District qualifying time as well. This set the standard for the night. If that wasn't enough she followed this with a win in the 13 yrs 100m Free.

We didn't have to wait too long for the first win of the night, the 11 yr old girls free team Lydia New, Grace Sadler, Natasha Rushton and Ellee Madigan took the 6 points easily, and with Alice Dearing on the Fly leg in the Medley relay they claimed 1st place again. Ellee continued with excellent wins in the 50 backstroke and 50 free, Alice swam a brilliant PB in the 50 fly, 1st place again. The performance of the night, (what a start this girl has) Natasha, just pipped into 2nd place in the breast with another brilliant 2 sec PB.

Next up 11 yr old boys, Michael Sekula 50 breast and 50 back, brilliant swims taking 1st and 5th places respectively, both races PB's . Jake Winwood, 50 fly (PB) and 50 free, he was in the pool before the others had even left the blocks!! 2nd places in both. They were joined in the relays by Max Clapham and Joseph Coxon where all swam to their potential.

13year old Elliot Mason had two good swims in 100 free and 100 fly Luke Morris 13 yrs Boys swam 100 back, both boys gaining PB's in their events. Michael Robbins also produced a PB in 100 Free breaking 60 secs for the 15yrs boys.

Finally wins in 100 breast and 100 free from the magnificent Kate Weaver gave us another double win. She also competed in the open girls free relay team, taking the last leg. She managed to bring the team from 4/5 place to a win after Gloucester were disqualified, a further 6 points. Well done to all, excellent performances across the team and no disqualifications. Haden Hill finishing in 4th place finishing just 2 points behind Gloucester (who we managed to draw in every round). Thanks to Steve, Lucy and Neil for their support. Looking forward to next year, Bring it on!!! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Michelle Madigan

Final Points		Relay Wins	Individual Swims Only	
Worcester 'A'	209	Girls 11/U 4x50 Freestyle	PBs	10
Walsall	195	Girls 11/U Medley Relay	1st	8
Gloucester	178	Ladies Open Free Relay	2nd	4
Haden Hill	176		3rd	6
Shrewsbury	150		4th	2
Camp Hill Edwardians	134		5th	7
			6th	7
			DQ	0