

Sports Centre League Round 1 Worksop Leisure Centre 21.1.12

Retford swimmers proved themselves worthy of their recent promotion to the first division of the Notts Sports Centre League by winning the first round at Worksop Leisure Centre on Saturday 21st January.

Retford's first win came from Tom Atkinson in the 13/u 100m Backstroke in a time of 1:07.45, which was followed by wins from Oliver Taylor in the 11/u 50m Backstroke (38.92), Beth Davies in the 15/u 100m Breaststroke (1:20.97) and Callum Bailey in the 13/u 50m Butterfly (33.59). The first half was rounded off with a win for Hayley Williams in the Open 100m Freestyle in a time of 59.79.

At the halfway point Retford were just ahead of Calverton and Bingham (CABSC) with 93 and 90 points respectively. Worksop was third with 85 points, Sherwood fourth (82), Falcons fifth (66) and Mansfield sixth (61).

Further wins followed in the second half from Emma Davies in the 11/u 50m Freestyle (31.90), second wins from Beth Davies in the 15/u 100m Freestyle (1:00.83) and Hayley Williams in the Open 100m Breaststroke (1:14.56) and two more wins for Tom Atkinson in the 13/u 100m Individual Medley (1:12.52) and 13/u 100m Freestyle (1:02.88) giving him a prized 'hat trick'.

With five events to go Retford held a slender lead of 6 points over CABSC. The boy's 11/13yrs Medley Relay Team (Oliver Taylor, Jacob Roberts, Callum Bailey, and Tom Atkinson) finished first, increasing Retford's lead to 8 points. The girl's 11/13yrs Medley Relay team (Leah Smith, Emma Davies, Faith Hinitt, and Anushka Bovill) finished third and the points gap closed again. The boys 15/Open yrs Medley Relay team (Owen Roberts, Daniel Gagg, Henry Bland and Corey Mead) then finished first and the girls 15/Open yrs Medley Relay team (Alice Cary, Lucy Palfreyman, Beth Davies and Hayley Williams) finished second, but ahead of CABSC - opening up the Retford lead again.

The finale was the Cannon Relay, which is a 20 x 25m relay in which two boys and two girls from each age group each swim one length. The Retford Team finished in style, beating CABSC into second place by just one second.

An exciting evening finished with Retford in first place with 192 points, ahead of CABSC on 182 points, Worksop in third with 168 points, Sherwood in fourth (155), Mansfield in fifth (125) and Falcons sixth (116).

As well as the Team's success, there were a number of individual successes during the evening with 18 PBs:

Leah Smith girls 11/u 50m Backstroke (43.90), **Oliver Taylor** boys 11/u 50m Backstroke (38.92), 11/u 50m Freestyle (35.01), **Jacob Roberts** boys 11/u 50m Breaststroke (49.07), **Anushka Bovill** girls 13/u Butterfly (35.52), 13/u 100m Freestyle (1:09.64), **Lucy Garnett** girls 13/u 100m Backstroke (1:23.06), **Faith Hinitt** girls 13/u 100m Individual Medley (1:21.06), **Callum Bailey** boys 13/u 50m Butterfly (33.59), 13/u 100m Breaststroke (1:25.23), **Tom Atkinson** boys

13/u 100m Backstroke (1:07.45) 13/u 100m Individual Medley (1:12.52), 13/u 100m Freestyle (1:02.88), **Beth Davies** girls 15/u 100m Backstroke (1:09.41), **Daniel Gagg** boys 15/u 100m Individual Medley (1:08.82), **Toby Sanderson** boys 15/u 100m Freestyle (1:01.99), **Henry Bland** boys Open 100m Butterfly (1:03.04) and **Josh Stevenson-Ganner** boys Open 100m Freestyle (59.40).

Retford Swimming Club's next event will be the annual Presentation Evening on Friday 27th January at Retford Town Hall.