

Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club Press Release – 11th October 2009

Titans Ride the Victory Wave at National Swimming League Gala.

On Saturday 9th October Ellesmere College Titans stormed to an emphatic victory in Round One of the Arena National Swimming League.

With a team of just 27 swimmers – many having to swim up a full two age groups and compete in up to 9 events – and cheered on by an ever growing army of enthusiastic fans and admirers - the Titans dominated the gala, held at Woolston Pool in Warrington from start to finish – once again underlying their credentials as a significant emerging and exciting force in British Swimming.

The Ellesmere College Titans were only established two years ago, but have already been promoted twice in consecutive back to back seasons. The Titans are this year competing in the First Division which comprises of 18 teams from all over the North West. Promotion this year will see them taking on the very big and long established City clubs in the Premier League.

In their Round One gala they competed against Hoylake, Leyland, Crewe and local rivals Oswestry Otters and Buckley.

The final team points were as follows:

Ellesmere College Titans	211
Hoylelake	203
Buckley	194
Leyland Barracudas	159
Oswestry Otters	151
Crewe Flyers	128

The victory was even more impressive considering the Titans were without both Stacey Tadd and Jessica Dickons who were both competing for England at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi and emerging British Butterfly Ace James Faure who sadly had to attend his grandfathers funeral..

Over the course of the 50 events Titan swimmers secured 16 first places and over 15 Personal Best times.

Titans Head Coach Jon Pardoe said “the night was a demonstration of team spirit, sheer grit and determination and above all what can be achieved against the odds when there is a collective desire to go for it and the sights are set high. We are very confident that we have developed some of the best of most exciting young swimming talent in the UK. Today they lived up to that billing and I was extremely proud of what they have achieved in such a short space of time.”

So congratulations to Jamie Thomas, Alfie Pardoe, Poppy Evans, Elliot Hughes, Courtney Pickstone, David Main, Darren Mew, Natalie Greene, Tom Lloyd, Michael Doyle, Naomi Craig, Jimmy Kershaw, Ryen Spencer-Wolfe, Sam Holland, Anais Mee, Sunetra Chatterjee, Ellie Hutchings, Luc Jarzynski, Hector Pardoe, Luke Parker, Beatrice Roberts, Llawen Rossell-Smith, Lucy Rowland, Anouska Gwilliam, James Norman, and Elinor Haworth.

The Titans now move onto Round 2 on November 13th.

On the 29th January 2011 the Titans will be holding an Open Day to which the best young local and national swimmers will be invited. Swimmers can apply for an invitation by registering online at www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk.

Photograph 140: Ellesmere College Titans Team at Round One of the Arena National Swimming League.

Further details about joining the Ellesmere Titans can be found on their website www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk or by telephoning Jon Pardoe on 07903 641668. Further details on scholarships and places at Ellesmere College can be obtained from the College Admissions Secretary on 01691 622321 or by email at admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com.

Notes to Editor

The Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club was established in 2008, as a meeting of minds, between Ellesmere College – a school with a great sporting heritage and the parents of some of the top young swimmers in Shropshire, united in their desire to create an ambitious, positive and competitive swimming club.

The result: A centre of swimming excellence in the heart of the North Shropshire countryside.

To maintain this standard the Club adopts and implements a selective membership policy, to ensure that all swimmers share the same goal of achieving swimming success at the highest level. The emphasis is on quality not quantity of swimmers, with the Club limiting its total swimming membership to 40 - ranging from children as young as 8 upwards.

In such an environment a great deal of one to one coaching can be given to individual swimmers, and productive use can be made of underwater video analysis and specialist training equipment

Ellesmere College was founded in 1884 and is part of the Woodard Group – the largest grouping of public schools in the UK. Over the years it has been responsible for producing some of the British sporting greats including ex-England Rugby captain Bill Beaumont. It is hoped that it will produce the next generation of British swimming greats.

Issued on behalf of Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club (The Titans). For further details please contact Jon Pardoe on 07903 641668 or email jonpardoe@hotmail.co.uk. Further details on scholarships and places at Ellesmere College can be obtained from the College Admissions Secretary on 01691 622321 or by email at admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com

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