

## Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club Press Release – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009

### Titans Just Miss Promotion at National Arena League Final

Last Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December Ellesmere College Titans travelled to Lancaster to compete in the final of the North West Arena National Swimming League.

Following superb team performances in rounds one and two, back in October and November, the Titans went into the final with expectations running high – even though they were without the gladiatorial presence of Olympic swimmer Darren Mew who was competing at the European Short Course Championships in Istanbul.

In a league of 20 the final comprised the best 8 teams – Gateshead & Wickham, Ulverston, Warrington Warriors, Alsager, Chorley Marlins, Hoylake, Liverpool Penguins and Ellesmere College Titans. To gain promotion to the First Division the Titans needed to finish in the top three, but in the end had to settle for joint fourth place.

The final points were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Hoylake	289
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ulverston	255
3 <sup>rd</sup> Gateshead & Wickham	254
4 <sup>th</sup> Ellesmere College Titans	224
4 <sup>th</sup> Warrington Warriors	224
6 <sup>th</sup> Alsager	211
7 <sup>th</sup> Chorley Marlins	167
8 <sup>th</sup> Liverpool Penguins	149

Commenting on the Final, Titans Head Coach Jon Pardoe said “I just want to say a big thank you to everyone who took part in this year’s Arena National League Campaign - both swimmers and supporters alike. The atmosphere and team spirit throughout the three rounds of competition were excellent and I am exceedingly proud of what we have achieved in such a short space of time. We undoubtedly have some first class young swimmers with huge potential and we live to fight another day. Make no mistake - next year we’ll be back with a vengeance”.

Further details about joining the Ellesmere Titans can be found on their website [www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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 – open to both pupils and non pupils of the school.

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 28 - 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.

Photos: 1)Titan swimmers (from left to right) Annie Jones (age 14), Lauren Bond (age 12), Jimmy Kershaw (age 13), Elliot Hughes (age 12), Tom Lloyd (age 11) & Alfie Pardoe (age 12) at the final of the Arena National League.

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