

Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club Press Release – 16th November 2009

Titans Reach Final of National Swimming League

Last Saturday 14th November Ellesmere College Titans travelled to Kendal to compete in the round two of the Arena National Swimming League.

With a team of just 26 swimmers the Titans arrived knowing that they had a real fight on their hands to reach the prestigious final on the 12th December.

Following a superb team effort in Round one, back at the beginning of October, the Titans went into this second round gala in 4th place in a league of twenty teams which include Warriors of Warrington, Ulveston, Liverpool Penguins, Wigan, Gateshead and Swim Gwynedd.

By the end of the gala the Titans had swum their way into the final by finishing in third position on the night, having faced stiff competition from two of the three teams above them in the league, finishing behind both Gateshead and Ulveston but in front of Wigan, Prescot, and Chadderton.

The final team points were as follows:

Gateshead	241
Ulveston	206
Ellesmere College Titans	182
Wigan	150
Prescot	134
Chadderton	117

Stacey Tadd once again demonstrated her status as one of Britain's most versatile female swimmers with an emphatic victory in the galas first event - the Open Ladies 100m IM in a time of 1:04.76. Later in the gala she stormed to victory in the Open Ladies 100m breaststroke in 1:10.72. Despite suffering from a severe bout of sickness former Olympic swimmer Darren Mew, demonstrated why he has been selected to represent Britain at the forthcoming European Short Course Championships and rallied to the occasion winning both the Open Mens 100m IM and 100m breaststroke events.

Over the course of the 50 events Titan swimmers secured 10 first places, recorded a total of 15 Personal Best times and broke 9 Club Records.

Head Coach Jon Pardoe said "this was a real gladiatorial contest between the might of the North and a highly talented but young Titan team. I'm glad to say that every last Titan swimmer rose to the occasion".

So congratulations to Alfie Pardoe, Robert Lau, Otilie Fairhurst, Hannah Greene, Elliot Hughes, Courtney Pickstone, David Main, Lauren Bond, Daniel Howell, Annie Mellings, Annie Jones, Stacey Tadd, Darren Mew, Jessica Thomas, Natalie Greene, Tom Lloyd,

Thomas Holland, Matt Bullanda, Michael Doyle, Jack Bacon. Naomi Craig, James Wilson, Jimmy Kershaw, Ryen Spencer-Wolfe, Sam Holland, and Eleanor Shields.

The Titans now move into the League final on December 14th knowing that a top three finish will secure them promotion to the First Division.

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 – 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 at Round 2 of the Arena National League.

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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