

Triumphant Titans Secure Final Place

On Saturday 8th November Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club once again took on the swimming might of the North West in Round 2 of the National Speedo League North West Division.

With a team of just 16 swimmers – many having to swim up a full two age groups and compete in up to 8 events each - the Titans arrived at the competition pool in Warrington ready to do battle.

After two hours of intense competition the Titans had finished joint second with Garston, just behind Bolton but in front of Altrincham, Ellesmere Port and Leyland Barracudas and had secured enough points to capture a place in this year's prestigious final which will take place on December 13th.

The Titans team consisting of Isobel Mellings, Jamie Thomas, Courtney Pickstone, Alfie Pardoe, Hannah Greene, Elliot Hughes, David Main, Otilie Fairhurst, Lauren Bond, Annie Jones, Annie Mellings, Daniel Howell, Kate Parry, Helena Kocourkova, James Norman and Darren Mew swam their way to a total of 10 Personal Best times and 10 First places.

Titan Head Coach Jon Pardoe said "All of the Titan swimmers swam with a huge sense of pride, passion and belief. The tension was immense - but cheered on by our small but vocal army of supporters each and every Titan swimmer rose to the occasion. It was truly one of those great David versus Goliath achievements – where the underdog rises up and succeeds against the odds. It reminded me of my decade and a half of supporting Wimbledon Football Club – perhaps we are the new Crazy Gang"!

The final team points were as follows:

Bolton	208
Ellesmere College Titans	155
Garston	155
Altrincham	119
Ellesmere Port	106
Leyland Barracudas	96

The Titans now move into the final in Liverpool on December 14th where they will face Bolton, Northwich, Ashton Central, Altricham, Garston, Royston and Whitchurch.

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 24 - 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 celebrating their success

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