

Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club Press Release – 5th October 2009

Titans Make Waves at National Swimming League Gala.

Last Saturday 3rd October Ellesmere College Titans competed in Round One of the 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 8 events - the Titans arrived at the Leigh Sports Village complex near Wigan ready to do battle.

Having moved up a division last year the Titans were facing clubs from all over the North of England. By the end of the evening they had swum their way into overall second position just a few points behind Gateshead but in front of Wigan, Chorley, Swinton and Chadderton.

The final team points were as follows:

Gateshead	218
Ellesmere College Titans	207
Chorley Marlins	192
Wigan	161
Swinton	140
Chadderton	120

Having just returned from this years World Swimming Championships in Rome, Stacey Tadd lead the way for the Titans with an emphatic victory in the galas first event - the Open Ladies 100m Individual Medley (IM) in a time of 1:06.98.. Not to be outdone former Olympic swimmer Darren Mew won the second event of the gala, the Open Mens 100m IM, in 1:00.70. Inspired by this double winning start the Titans held onto first place in the overall points tally until the final few races when tiredness finally took its toll. Over the course of the 50 events Titan swimmers secured 12 first places, recorded a total of 20 Personal Best times and broke 11 Club Records.

Head Coach Jon Pardoe said “the night was not really about individual performances. Instead it 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. Against big town and city clubs, founded decades of years ago, with hundreds of swimmers to select from – the Titans definitely did both Ellesmere College and the town of Ellesmere proud”.

So congratulations to Jamie Thomas, Alfie Pardoe, 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, Michael Doyle, Jack Bacon. Naomi Craig, James Wilson, Jimmy Kershaw, Ryen Spencer-Wolfe, Sam Holland, Tessa Murphy, Emily Bond and Eleanor Shields.

The Titans now move onto Round 2 on November 14th.

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)438 = Darren Mew

2) Speedo = Young Titan swimmers celebrating (from left to right -:back row- Natalie Greene (aged 10), Annie Jones (aged 14), Thomas Holland (aged 11), Sam Holland (aged 13); front row: Alfie Pardoe (aged 11), Hannah Greene (aged 13), James Wilson (aged 12), Elliot Hughes (aged 12).

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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