

## **DIDDY LEAGUE REPORT- WELLINGTON A - ROUND 1.**

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of April Wellingtons Team A travelled to Stetchford in Birmingham for round one of the Nuneaton and District Diddy League.

Things didn't get off to a good start with the coach arriving over ½ half late resulting in us reaching our venue 20 minutes later than expected, not good preparation for our swimmers 😞

However swimmers and parents rose to the challenge and we managed to get all swimmers on poolside for a reduced warm up in record breaking time .

We knew that with the loss of some of our more experience swimmers we could face some challenges this year, however our concerns were dumfounded.

Our under 9 girls and are under 9 boys teams who are new to competitive swimming listen to the coaches and put into practice everything they have been taught over the last few weeks. We still have some more work to do as they have only just start their journey but on Saturday they didn't put a foot wrong they all swam to their best and they all did what was asked of them. Special mention should go to Kaitlen Hope who is currently only swimming in the Wednesday teaching groups well done Kaitlen and well done under 9s.

I would also like to mention Becky Wallace and Chloe Cowie who both took on the challenge of swimming up an age group in the 50m fly well swam girls.

Also mention goes to Eden Sears Lewis Dickinson and Gabriel Wong who all swam up an age group .

The under 11 girls held on to last year's success by starting off their campaign by comfortably winning both the under 11 girls freestyle and medley relays keep up the good work girls.

Wellington finished 6<sup>th</sup> with 133 points 5<sup>th</sup> were Broadway with 141 points a team we have again in the next round. Unfortunately we had 5 disqualifications on the night losing us some very valuable points, one of the DQs was a coaching error in the boys 11 and under relay sorry lads it won't happen again 😞

We appreciate a lot of the swimmers are in experienced so will be carrying out some more diddy practice details will follow shortly.

## **Diddy League Report Team A – Round 2**

Last Saturday Wellingtons Team A travelled to Stafford for round two of the Diddy league.

With 6 of our squad missing re injury and other sporting commitments we had to make some last minute adjustments which didn't worry our swimmers who took on the challenge.

Thank you to all the parents and designated drivers for getting all the swimmers to the pool in plenty of time, enough time in fact I was able to take a team photo look out for this shortly on the website.

Becky Wallace got the gala off to a great start gaining a personal best in the girls under 10 50m free. Some other notable performances on the night was by Mia Harris in the 10 and under 50m breast gaining the only first place of the night, our 10 and under girls relay team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in both their medley and freestyle relays and Eden Sears who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 25m, 10 and under butterfly missing out on first place by a touch.

There was also a huge improvement on the number of DQs from the last round with only 2 none of which were for relay take overs so a very well done.

We came away from the gala thinking Broadway had just beaten us again. However another club had picked up some discrepancies in the recording and as a result the final positions have been amended putting us 5<sup>th</sup> with 110 points and Broadway 6<sup>th</sup> with 92 points.

All the coaches were very proud on how all the swimmers showed fighting spirit and kept pushing for the wall. Some swimmers moving themselves up from 6<sup>th</sup> position on the turn to 3<sup>rd</sup> at the finish.

Draw for round 3 is yet to take place so venue yet to be decided but date is fixed for 22<sup>nd</sup> of June please can I ask all swimmers to confirm asap if available.

# Diddy League Report -Round Three

On Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June the A team travelled to Walsall for the last round of Diddy league 2013.

Straight away it became apparent that we faced our biggest challenge yet swimming in a 33m pool.

The swimmers however rose to the challenge and dug deep to make those finishes and gain valuable points on the board.

Noticeable swims were by Becky Wallace in the 66m back gaining first place, Gabriel Wong in the 66m breast, just missing out on the touch and Luca Symington in the 66m fly.

There was a huge improvement in the number of DQs receiving only one in the 9 and under 33m fly. In this race all but swimmer was disqualified so that shows how tough it was to swim that extra 8ms.

Half way through the proceeding we were doing well in a strong 4<sup>th</sup> position, sadly we were unable to hold onto this position and finished in a very close 6<sup>th</sup>.

As we go to press the final results have still not been published. We are currently fourth from bottom with 243 points added to that will be 1 point from the last round putting us in relegation zone for next season.

We shouldn't be disappointed with this as in division 2 we were up against much bigger stronger teams that train 8-10 hours a week.

We sadly have to say goodbye to our 12 year olds who move up from diddys . Special mention goes to Jess Rotchell, Bethan Knowles and George Levitt who have swam every year in Diddys from 9-12 well done, we wish you all success in the future.

Finally special thanks go to the team of helpers.

Sue Nock for all the support and help she has given me and for running the B team.

Di, Gill and Tim for acting as officials for all three galas.

Glen, Beccy, Karen, Pete and Chris for chaperoning and supporting the swimmers on poolside.

Also a big thank you to all the parents for ferrying their kids to training and giving up their weekends to come and cheer us on.

And last but by no means least for all the swimmers for their hard work and commitment.

Without you all Diddys wouldn't happen.

Here's to next year's GOAL finalists in Division 3!!!!!!

Helen

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