Crawley SC 'Not So' Early Bird

19th/20th November 2011

A team of sixteen swimmers travelled to Crawley last weekend to take part in the Crawley SC 'Not So' Early Bird Open Meet. This level 1 gala is a national qualifier and the standard of swimmers encountered was extremely high.

Our swimmers nevertheless achieved some excellent times, and many PBs, club records, medals and even two National Qualifying Times were recorded.

11 year-old Meghan Byrne came away with four Gold medals for 100m Freestyle (1:07.43), 200m Freestyle (2:27.21), 200m Individual Medley (2:49.74) and finally the 400m Freestyle event, for which she also took the 11 and Under club record in an impressive time of 5:08.16 (5:01.79 converted to short course). Meghan proceeded to set a further two club records for her age group for 100m Breaststroke (1:29.89 LC, equivalent to 1:27.89 SC) as well as 200m Breaststroke (3:11.10 LC, equivalent to 3:07.09 SC), making third place in the competition and winning Bronze medals for both. She finally took a third Bronze medal for 100m Backstroke.

15 year-old Charlotte Newman was Edmonton Phoenix's second female medal winner of the competition. Charlotte stormed to victory in 50m Freestyle in a time of 28.59. She also took Silver for both 50m and 100m backstroke.

A further female medalist was 12 year-old Mia Hawkes who won the Silver medal for 100m Freestyle. She then proceeded to take the club record for both 12 and 13 and Under in the 50m Freestyle event in a breathtaking time of 28.74 (27.94 converted to SC), narrowly missing her British Championships Qualifying Time by one hundredth of a second.

The boys put in an excellent performance too, with 14 year-old Toby Pasmore winning Gold for 200m Breaststroke in a time of 2:42.21. Toby also won a Bronze medal in the 100m Breaststroke event. 15 year-old Ryan McCarthy was successful in both 100m and 200m Backstroke, taking Silver for both.

The meet also saw the first two National Qualifiers of the season. 16 year-old Harry Jenner achieved his National Qualifying Time for 100m Butterfly in a time of 59.62, while 13 year-old Elliot Bertram took Bronze for his age group

in the same event, having won Silver and achieving his National Qualifying Time for 1500m Freestyle the previous evening, in a time of 17:11.61.

Congratulations to all!

Thank you to coach Barry Thomas, who yet again, spent an entire weekend on poolside, showing total commitment to his swimmers.

Our swimmers (in alphabetical order):
Elliot Bertram, Meghan Byrne, Mia Hawkes, Harry Jenner, Sara Khadraoui, Ross McCarthy, Ryan McCarthy, Jessie Montague, Charlotte Newman, Tom Newman, Alex Pasmore, Toby Pasmore, Jack Ryan, Lena Soulas, Hannah Thomas, Fiona Westcough

Results link:
http://www.swimmingworldmagazine.com/results/hy-tek/Not%20So%20Early%20Bird%20Open%20Meet%202011%20-%20(11-19-2011%20-%2011-20-2011)/index.aspx