

HARINGEY AQUATICS MAKES ITS MARK

The new Haringey Aquatics programme made its mark at the Middlesex Bagcats Championships 2011 at the Southbury Leisure Centre. The group of swimmers that went gained 18 medals (4 Gold, 9 Silver and 5 Bronze), this was up on the previous year's club best performance of 10. There were also 36 Finals made, up from 27 in 2010, which is a tremendous return as there were only 62 swims in total. The group of 10 swimmers (Adina Roper, Lucy Corry, Hana Mohammed, Ruby Oakes, Gulfem Turkoglu, Lizzie Hunter, Nick Makinen, Josh Philpott, Jack Pinnick-Gray and Joe Northover), performed so well that their points total placed Haringey Aquatics in 10th place in the club standings up again on 2010. This outstanding performance is made all the better when you consider that Middlesex is the third strongest county in the entire country.

The club's outstanding performer of the competition was Josh Philpott, who in 2010 won 7 medals, took his haul for 2011 to 14 and he only swam in 15 events. His total saw 4 Golds, 7 Silver and 3 Bronze. This made him the stand out swimmer in his age group, but also had him place third in the Championships Overall Best Performer list. With all that success it can be difficult to pick out something special, but he managed to do even that by breaking the County Record in the 100 Individual Medley setting a new benchmark of 1.01.99. This means that he is the best swimmer in this event EVER! So congratulations to Josh, a great achievement for all his hard work.

Among the other medal winners Lizzie Hunter picked up a Silver and Bronze in the 200 and 100 Breaststroke, with 2 personal best times. This performance was especially good as this is the first year that Lizzie has been in the senior age group. Her 200 was also a club record time of 2.56.07. Fourteen year old Ruby Oakes also showed she is fast improving with Silver in the 100 Breaststroke in a time of 1.19.17, a club record which makes her the fastest female breastroker the club has ever had! Jack Pinnick-Gray completed the medal winners with a bronze in the 1500 Freestyle in a PB of 18.15.97, a tough swim over the 60 length race.

Other swimmers who achieved final places were Nick Makinen (400 & 800 Free, 50 & 100 Back, 100 IM), Gulfem Turkoglu (50 Free), Joe Northover (100 Fly)

The overall performance of the club was another step up from the previous high of 2010 and sets the standard for the rest of the year. We now look forward to the upcoming Middlesex Development Meet which will give 42 of our younger swimmers to set times that will enable them to move to the next level of competition.

This means that at the end of this year's championships the club broke 22 Club records, had 27 Finalist's and took 10 Medals. It shows you what can be achieved in a short space of time with a positive attitude and some hard work. The coaching team would like to congratulate all those who took part and thank them for their hard work and efforts, because without that none of this would be possible.