

BOLDMERE SWIMMING CLUB

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Orcas dominant at County Championships

Boldmere Swimming Club who produced another outstanding performance at the Warwickshire County Championships held at Coventry on 1st/8th/15th March could arguably claim to be the strongest club in the county after a huge contingent of 71 Orcas amassed another major medal total from 391 individual swims and the 20 teams that the club fielded in the relay events.

Swimming 313 Long Course Personal Bests, and smashing 39 Club Records, the club's swimmers brought home an unprecedented 23 Gold, 19 Silver and 23 Bronze medals, with Holly Lynch (Open Champion in 400IM, 200IM and 200Fly) and Kathryn Fowler (Open Champion in 100 Back) taking the major honours.

Numerous juniors demonstrated the vast amount of potential in the club with Penny Whittingham (4 Golds), Emma Smith (3 Golds) and Karol Bukowski (3 Golds) winning overall titles in the 10Yrs, 11Yrs and 12Yrs Age Groups (using the Bagcat Points System for all their times), closely followed by Jake Dixon (9Yrs), Bethany Grant (9Yrs) & Matthew Hyde (11Yrs) who finished 2nd, and Philip Hewitt (13Yrs) and Joey Stanger (14Yrs) who finished 3rd in their respective age groups.

Age Group Gold medals were also won by Alix Swinhoe (100Fly, 100Breast, 200Breast), Jenny Fowler (200IM), Jordan Youngman (50 Free), Hannah O'Brien (200 Free) Charlie Payne (200 Free) and Jake Dixon (50 Fly), while Lucy Gale and Caitlin Horsley (both winning two Silvers), Charlotte Weston, Elliott Walker, Givenchy Sneekes, Chris Littler and Joshua Winnicott all made appearances on the podium.

Adam Kelly (50 Back and 50 Fly), Emma Moreton (50 and 100 Breast), James Youngman (100 Back and 100 Free), Charlotte Jones (100 Fly), Ashley Hillier (100 Breast), Martin Wyres (50 Fly), Verity Pratt (200 IM) and Amy Feasey (200IM) all made Open Age Championship Finals, and Matt Bateman put in another powerful performance in the 50Breast which secured qualification for the National Championships.

Most significant in the overall results were the 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 5 Bronze medals won in the 12 relay events with the 9/10 years squads cleaning up 3 of the 4 Golds on offer.

Although drained by their efforts in the county championships, in the final round of the Leicester Winter League Boldmere's two squads again excelled, with the A Squad finishing just 2 points behind a powerful Leicester Penguins in the race for the Division 1 title, and the B Squad securing their best ever finish (8th) in the same division.

In addition to making preparations for the Midlands Championships, the club will be fielding a team in the Mercian Summer league for non-qualifiers, and preparations are in hand for the 2008 Diddy League season - when the Orcas will be fielding a C team in Division 3 for the first time - in addition to the powerful A and B teams who will hopefully be in strong contention for the Division 1 and Division 2 titles respectively.

Full results of the club's recent successes, plus details of how interested swimmers can contact the club regarding learning to swim, competitive swimming and water polo can be found at

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