



The Killerwhales Swim Club of Havering

Killerwhales Gala Report

Bishops Stortford Gala – 24-25th September 2011

A weekend full of success, not only with the huge amount of medals that were brought home but also the many Essex qualifying times gained and personal bests achieved.

13 year old Connor Kearns was on superb form all weekend winning no less than 8 gold's and 1 silver. Gold's came in the 50 and 100 fly, 50 and 100 back, 50 and 100 free, 100 IM and 100 breast. He settled for silver in the last event of the day, the 50 breast.

The 10 year age group was dominated by Lucie Davis who won 3 gold's in the 100 fly, 200 IM. and 100 back, 2 silvers in the 100 IM and 100 breast and 3 bronzes in the 50 back, 50 free, and 50 fly.

Mitchell Keep and Abbie Hill both came home with medals in all their races in the 12 year age group, as did Danielle Rooke in the 15+ age group. Mitchell won gold in the 200 free, 100 back and 200 IM, silver in the 100 IM. and 2 bronze medals in the 100 breast and 50 free.

Abbie won 4 gold's in the 100 IM., 50 back, 200 free and 50 fly, silver in the 100 fly and bronze in the 100 back.

Danielle won 4 gold's in the 100 IM. and all 3 freestyle events, and silver in 50 back.

9 Year old Charlie Hill came home with a selection of medals, winning gold in 50 and 200 freestyle, silver in the 100 IM and bronze in the 200 IM, as well as finishing in the top 6 in all his other races.

In the 12 year age group, Harry Fox won gold in 50 back, 100 fly, silver in 50 fly, 50 free and 100 free and Briony Haggard won gold in the 200 IM, 50 breast and silver in the 100 breast.

Matt Alexander (14) was also on good form winning medals in all his races. He won gold in both the 50 and 100 fly, 5 silvers in the 200 free, 50 and 100back, 50 breast, and 100 IM and bronze in 100 breast and 200 IM.

More gold medals were claimed by 13 year olds Lisa Murphy and Ellie Davis. Lisa won both her 100 and 200 freestyle races and bronze in the 200 IM.

Ellie powered home in the 50 breaststroke where she not only took gold but also a well-deserved Essex qualifying time.

Jonathan Cox (12) showed he was back to full fitness by getting gold in the 50 freestyle in an impressive sub-30 time. He also claimed 3 silvers in the 50 and 100 back and 200 IM, and bronze in the 200 free and 100 IM.

11 year old Renae Dawes was another to claim medals in all her races, gold came in the 200 IM, silvers in the 100 fly, 50 back and 100 free and bronze in the 100 breast, 50 free and 100 back.

More gold's came from Daniel Robinson (13) and Amy Statham (15). Daniel won the 200 IM and went on to win medals in all of his races, including 5 bronze medals in the 50 and 100 free, 100 IM, 100 breast and 50 back. Amy got her gold in the 50 breaststroke and finished in the top six in 5 of her other events.

Other top 3 places went to 9 year old Billy Fox, who won 3 silvers in the 200 free, 50 back and 200 IM and bronze in the 50 fly.

Miki Kennedy (13) silver in the 50 free and 200 IM and bronze in the 100 IM, 50 back, 100 fly, 50 breast and 50 fly.

Chloe Cornhill (12) took silver in the 100 free and bronze in the 200 IM, 50 and 200 free and Tom Clarke (17) 2 silvers in the 100 fly and 200 IM and bronze in the 100 IM.

Oscar Martin (11) silver in 100 back and 200 IM, George Crow (15) silver in the 50 and 100 back and 9 year old Alice Court just missed the top spot, claiming a well-deserved silver in the 50 fly and achieved 2 more the top 6 places.

Bronze medals went to James Roome (15) for the 200 free and 100 back and to Sam Bishop (14) 100 IM, Charlie Rouse (10) 200 IM, Frances Peterson (11) 50 fly and Molly Sparks (15) 100 fly.

The following swimmers all came home with medals for top 6 places:

9 year age group – Jade Braybrooke.

10 year age group – Keely Kennedy, Liam Kelly, Toby Wright, Katie Fitzwater.

12 year age group – Jessie Statham.

13 year age group – Nathan Grey, Kieran Goodwin, Claudia Stratford, Conor Deasy.

14 year age group – Charlie Fox.

15+ age group – Georgia Porter, Julia Braybrooke, Tom Skingsley and last but not least the birthday boy Toby Andrews.

A special mention to our 9 year old swimmer, Francesca Boon who, in her first race of her very first gala, sped through to finish her 100 IM and gained an Essex qualifying time.

Well done also to Beau Bliss, Emma Sandberg, Chloe Brewster, Kate Hill, Rianna Grey, Zac Saggars, Brianna Cummins, Kaylyn Maher, Georgia Robinson, James Lawrence, Bradley Palmer, Andrew Bennett, Maddie Webber, Eleanor Gouldie, Lizzy Simmons, Olivia Grey and Alex Merchan, who have all made a very promising start to the season.

The weekend was finished off with a very exciting Skins IM race.

Competing for Killerwhales were Danielle Rooke and Amy Statham for the girls and Tom Clarke, James Roome, Toby Andrews and George Crow for the boys. Some had better luck than others with the strokes that were chosen and Danielle and Tom went through to the finals and both finished in a very respectable 2nd place.

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR SWIMMERS

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