



The Killerwhales Swim Club of Havering

Killerwhales Gala Report

Thurrock Gala 14-15th January 2012

A large group of swimmers from all squads went to Thurrock for a weekend of very impressive racing. There were plenty of very good performances, particularly from our new squad swimmers who were racing in their first gala for Killerwhales. These were:

9 year old Mary Carter and Matthew Edwards, 10 year old Philippa Gill, Isabelle Hampton-Zabotti, Deja Hampton-Zabotti and Rosnan Cheun, and 11 year olds Lexi Chiswell, Alfie Harvey, Harry Whyman and James Hill.

Well done to all our new swimmers who clocked up some great new p.bs and gained valuable racing experience and we look forward to seeing them competing again at their next gala.

There were plenty more successes over the weekend:

Sumayah Chabani celebrated her 10th birthday on Saturday by winning gold medals in the 100m breaststroke and 100m backstroke and a bronze in the 100m IM.

12 year old Gabrielle Connell won gold in the 100m free in an Essex Qualifying Time, silver in the 100m IM. and 400m freestyle and bronze medals in the 50m and 200m breaststroke, with another EQT in the 50m distance.

In the boys 400m IM. there were gold medals for Theo Libman (10) and Oscar Martin (11) with Oscar also bringing home silver in the 100m backstroke and bronze in the 100m freestyle and 100m breaststroke and an EQT in the 50m freestyle

More gold medals were won by Charlie Hill (9) in the 400m freestyle and 200m breaststroke where he gained EQTs in each, silver in the 50m fly, bronze in the 200m backstroke and 200m freestyle. Lucie Davis (11) won her gold medal in the 400m IM.

9 year old Beau Bliss swam a superb 200m backstroke, winning gold and knocking over 20 seconds off her PB. time and earned her first EQT. Francesca Boon also swam her 200m breaststroke race in an EQT, just missing the medal spot, finishing 4th.

Silver medals went to Jonathan Ackerman (12) for his 200m breaststroke and also Charlie Fox (14) in his 100m backstroke in an another EQT.

The 10 year old girls saw Kate Hill win silver in the 100m backstroke and also gain 4 EQT's over the weekend in both the 200m and 400m IM, and the 200m backstroke and 200m butterfly. Katie Fitzwater also earned herself 2 more EQTs in the 200m backstroke and the 400 IM, in which she also claimed bronze, and won a further bronze in the 100m butterfly. Francesca Whyman claimed bronze in the 100m breaststroke and smashed her PB in the 200m freestyle to claim another EQT. Alice Court also earned 2 EQTs in the 200m backstroke and 100m IM.

The 10 year old boys saw Reiss Burgess get his first EQT by knocking 20 seconds of his PB. in the 200m breaststroke. Daniel Sida swam an excellent 50m freestyle and came away with a silver medal and his first EQT. Billy Fox earned EQTs in the 200 IM. and 200 backstroke in which he also brought home the bronze and Zac Saggars also claimed bronze with a fantastic swim in the 400 IM.

Charlie Rouse (11) won 4 bronze medals in the 50m and 200m and 400m freestyle and one in the 100 IM. Andrew Bennett (12) got his in the 50m fly and Chloe Cornhill (13) in the 100m freestyle.

Also swimming well for Killerwhales were Michael Avraam-Stephenson, Eleanor Gouldie, Rianna Grey, Emma Carter, Olivia Grey, Kaylyn Maher, Ellie Davis, Toby Wright, Chloe Brewster, Liam Kelly, Nathan Grey, Daniel Robinson, Toby Andrews, Maisie Bates, Briony Hagger, Sam Marshall, Conor Deasy, and another birthday girl, Jade Braybrooke, who was also 10 on Saturday.

The gala also provided an opportunity for other swimmers to grab some last minute Essex County qualifying times and the following all achieved success in their races:

Mitchell Keep (13)
200m IM. and 50m backstroke
Renae Dawes (12)
100m and 200m freestyle
Jonathan Cox (12)
100m IM.
Alex Merchan (15)
100m IM
Lisa Murphy (13)
50m and 200m backstroke
Kieran Goodwin (13)
400m IM
Jessie Statham (13)
100m IM

Good luck to all our swimmers competing in next month's Essex County Championships

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