

Jolly Jousting at Junior League



After a stressful start due to a late departure, it was once again the parents causing the organisers the most difficulties, three lost tickets and even a sick bag was required. The warm up was delayed for Leamington's arrival and then adding to the strain the coach doors wouldn't open so we couldn't get the swimmers off. Quite hilarious now thinking

about Stuart, the coach driver and other fathers yanking at the door in desperation, until someone tried pushing, unleashing the wave of swimmers.

Strangely the parade was after the warm up, so all the organised distribution of shorts and hats were soon in disarray as swimmers' shorts and hoodies were strewn along the poolside.

However, all the mad panicking and all the worries and strains were soon forgotten, all the supporters wore blue and white and erupted into rapturous applause when the Leamington squad stepped onto poolside. As a spectator, the sense of pride was overwhelming as the swimmers walked around the pool very regimented, turned and stood completely still for the National Anthem. A complete credit to the club which rewarded the youngsters with the trophy for best turned out swimmers.

Leamington had qualified in sixth to earn their place in the final against tough competition from the big city clubs of Northampton A, Boldmere A, Leicester Sharks A, Redditch and Coventry.

The twelve year olds were on top form with a great Captains performance from Teigan Parker, storming into first place in both the 50m breast with 36.46 and 50m free in 29.66 with two excellent pb's. Whilst the boys Captain, Aran Shuttlewood took on the opposition and finished second and third in his races. The experience continued in the oldest category with another first place in the 50m fly from Mollie Dibb again a new pb of 33.84.

There were great pb's from eleven year olds, Sophie Woodland in the 50m fly dropping three seconds from her time to 39.65 and Freddie Quelch's recorded 33.54 in the 50m freestyle.

The final was a great night with the spectators, coaches and swimmers all having a fantastic time, especially when all the children were dancing around the pool!

A big well done and farewell to twelve year olds, Teigan Parker, Aran Shuttlewood, Mollie Dibb, Derry Linton, Megan Stanton, Ben Court, Emil Midtsaeter and due to Edward Jolly's unfortunate birth date, missing out swimming as an 11 year old.

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Final points

Northampton	250
Boldmere A	215
Coventry	166
Leicester Sharks	165
Leamington	150
Redditch	121