

Tension builds at Junior League

There was a nail biting conclusion to the Junior League practice gala held at the Pingles on Saturday 28 January. Leamington had strong opposition from Braunstone, Nuneaton, Kingsbury, Stratford, Coventry and the heavy weights of Boldmere 'A'. This was an ideal opportunity to scrutinise the competition for Junior League and for some of the youngest swimmers to have their first taste of a team gala.

Leamington had a great start to this mammoth 51 event gala and after the first points update sat in second place. Following some strong relays Leamington gained points on the opposition which led to us sharing first place with Boldmere.

Leamington continued to swim well and as the gala progressed had built up a seven point lead over their nearest rival. However, in the last few events Boldmere started to fight back and were gaining points with each new race.

As the last race approached, it was unclear who was leading in the points battle and this added to the excitement and increased the tension to fever pitch.

All the spectators rose to their feet for a very noisy cannon finale which ended with Leamington finishing in second place. A very long wait for the final results just added to the drama and eventually the results were confirmed, Boldmere had snatched the top spot from Leamington by just two points. Leamington may not have won, but it was still a brilliant result against one of the biggest clubs in the area.

The coaches said, 'This was a fantastic result which shows great potential for the forthcoming Junior League. A great team effort with every swimmer playing a key part, they all deserve a pat on the back. Well done'.

Please put the following Junior League gala dates in your diary now!

Saturday 21st April - at Stechford Cascades - B33 8QN.

Saturday 12th May - venue to be confirmed.

Saturday 23rd June - venue to be confirmed.