

WORTHING SWIMMING CLUB WATER POLO

PRESS RELEASE: 10 HOUR FUNDRAISING MATCH

WORTHING AQUARENA, 22/23 JULY 2011

This is the third year that we have organised a fundraising event with the money raised going to Cancer Research and the ever increasing cost of our participation in the British Water Polo League national competition.

In 2009 six members of our squad individually swam the equivalent distance to a 22 mile channel swim and last year we ran a hugely successful 24 hour relay when the swimmers managed to cover a distance well in excess of the 100 km target.

This year we decided to organise a 10 hour match through the night and this has again proved to be a huge success and as a result we hope to have again raised a significant sum of money for a very worthy cause.

The match started at 22.00 on Friday night and the standard of play was of a surprisingly high standard throughout, even in the early hours of the morning!

For the record, the final score was eventually 121-105 in favour of the “blue” team and the leading individual scorer was Matt White with 30 goals but the result and individual performances didn’t really matter.

We hope that we will, when all the money has come in, at least equal the amount that we have raised for cancer research in the past few years and if anyone would like to make a donation then we would be delighted to hear from them.

As always, we are hugely grateful to the Aquarena management and staff, particularly Erin Southam who worked the “night shift”, for making this event possible.

We also need to thank Dave Alcorn, who kept the score records throughout the whole match and Richard Hooper, who was unable to play because of injury, but nevertheless managed to referee the entire game.

Our participation in Division 3 of the national league after last season’s promotion commences with first tournament in Grantham in mid September.

“Blue” Squad; - Jon Gray, Andy Cawdery, Matt White, Tim Brazier, Adrian Irbe, Joe Hazeldine, Tara Osborne, Harleigh Goddard, Sam Abbott, Ben Alcorn, Gregg Candy-Wallace, Ben Curtis, Emma Piper & Kayleigh Alcorn.

“White” Squad; - Nathan Hart, Norman Griffin, Stuart Stirling, Nick Piper, Karen Chan, Laura Joseph, Dominic Cranford, Mel Hart, Ziggy Tate, Ollie Rainford, Kevin Chan, Alastair Roberts, Alastair Hardinge & Jill Alcorn.

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