

ROTHER LEAGUE ROUND 2 REVIEW

On Saturday 11th June we travelled to Basingstoke to compete in the second round of the Rother League. This was a challenging time as this clashed with South East Regional Championships , Water Polo and numerous other events which resulted in 12 swimmers not being available. However a big thank you to all who attended and rose to the challenge as some needed to swim more than expected.

The event was being hosted by Worthing and Seagulls. It was evident to me the professionalism by those from Worthing, stood out something perhaps which is taken for granted. Especially when Malcolm took control of the starting and Mark made his presence felt. The swimming started with 13 and under Backstroke girls Rosie and Jodie securing a second place, followed by Nicholas and Ben with a first. This was a good start but was clear this was going to be a difficult evening as some of our swimmers were swimming under age or with little experience.

One swimmer who stood out on the evening who did not even get to swim was Ben Curtis. Due to the number of swimmers not available Ben was asked to come along as support in the event that we may need him to swim. Trying to get him in the water he was pencilled in event 50 the boys 50m Butterfly. Closing in on this event the gap between us and 3rd place was closing and it became a possibility that we may be able to close the gap. In conversation with Ben he stated that if Ben Goddard took his place then we may get more points. Ben had been recovering with an elbow injury before the night but was swimming very well winning the event 34 boys 13 and under Individual Medley and securing the win resulted in bringing a trophy home. So for the benefit of the team Ben suggested Ben Goddard took his place. This did result in a good performance. It was not enough to secure 3rd but for me was a main highlight of the evening as this showed extremely good team support for Worthing. Thank you Ben for this support.

Coming 4th was a good result considering the changes that were needed from our first choice selection however all did Worthing proud on the night and a big thank you goes out from myself to all that stood on the wobbly blocks and swam their heart out.

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