

SUSSEX LEAGUE ROUND 2 REPORT

Worthing hosted the second round at the Aquarena. This being a 33m pool it was good to look at the oppositions faces as some see the pool for the first time as it is longer than what a lot of the youngsters have swam in. With 50% of the races over two lengths and not the usual 50m but 66m we have a good opportunity to have a good home advantage.

With Water Polo clashing on the night we were very much relying on a good team performance for additional swimmers, some swimming for the first time this year in competition.

We were very keen to keep our 100% record in the Sussex League having won the first round at St Bedes however it was evident that Bognor were going to try their best to upset the party atmosphere along with Lewes who were in their first time in the Sussex League.

Special night started with Individual Medleys and we were relying on Nicholas Savill to swim twice to help secure points. This he did in the under 16s with a fourth place and less than 2 minutes later was preparing to do the same event. This he did in the under 14s with a win. Thanks Nick and well done.

Worthing managed 32 wins and 22 second places out of 55 events. The GREEN ARMY was not going to let Bognor or Lewes, spoil our party as loud cheers were clearly heard as our swimmers left the blocks to take points on every heat.

412 points in total 6 for a win down to 1 for 6th place. Bognor came second with 323 this shows how good Worthing were on the night. Special thanks to Tara, Ashling, Carys, Joe. and Tom who took up the challenge on behalf of the team having not competed for some time. Thanks to Ethan who competed in just one event but this gave Archy a chance to rest for the Squadron at the end of the night. The Squadron is the favourite event with many. A swimmer from each age group from each team, 8 in total race for bragging rights on the night. For Worthing we had Michelle, Alice, Rosie and Louise for the Girls and Archy, Nicholas, Charlie and Stephen for the boys / Men.

The team gave 100% support as they lined up on the side of the pool. Before the start Green Army shouts drowned any opposition support accompanied with banging of drinks bottles. Michelle started and secured a lead over the first length; with volume increasing length by length and Archy who was second to go pushing the lead out further Worthing were stamping our route to victory. This continued on each swimmer opening up the gap between us, Bognor and Lewes who were fighting for second place. Victory was greeted with cheers around the pool, another fantastic win great victory. Celebrations continued as swimmers leapt into the pool, I have to say I was pushed however why not.

Many thanks to those who helped on the night. Special thanks to Shirley Hepworth who left the Gala only to walk until the early morning for Charity. To the announcing which was better than most Galas we have been to and the excellent Officials on the night.

Next Round on the 2nd July please make yourself available if asked as this is for the championship.

Well done Green Army.
Nic Piper
Head Coach