

Nuneaton & District Junior League Division 1 - Round 2 – A & B Teams at Leamington Spa

Last weekend saw Boldmere SC 'A' and 'B' team go head to head for the first time in the second round of the the Nuneaton & District Junior League over at Leamington Spa competing against the A teams from Wolverhampton, Coalville, Strafrod Sharks and the hosts.

The end result was never in doubt as Boldmere were the dominant force in 30 of the 32 individual events on the night as the A team won 17, placed second in 9 while the B team claimed two 'A' team scalps with two 1st and two 2nd spots.

The A romped to an easy victory taking the maximum 6 league points with an impressive 275 gala points, a massive winning margin of 75 points over the second placed hosts to top Division 1. The B were so very close to finishing 4th but with another 2 league points under their belt, sit nicely in 18th in the league of 24, clear of the bottom four relegation places which is main their objective for their first season in the top flight.

The Gala was littered with performances deserving a mention but some of the highlights were; Archie Langston in the second event boys 10 yr 50m free in neck and neck race all the way only just missing out on first but slicing a second off his pb, new girl to the 'B' Aristeia Knight who claimed an excellent 3rd spot in the 9 yr old 50m breastroke with a 2 second pb, Telab Givens anchor leg in the 'A' 9 yr boys medley relay, where he elevated the team from 3rd to 1st and finally the extremely closely fought battle between Alex Dolan (B) and Margaret Gately (A) in the 50m Free (12Yr) where Alex edged 1st by the narrowest of margins, 0.01 of a second!

The 'A' 10 yr Boys freestyle relay foursome of Thomas Bloor, Langston, Joel Cunningham and Matt Price won in storming fashion to set a new club record of 1.02.70. There were exciting 1 - 2 finishes in two events for two sets of relay quartets; firstly the 11 yr Medley 'A' team of Laura Richardson, Beth Grant, Kate Davies and Rachel Wilson against the 'B' of Lois West, Eden Harlow, Chloe Andrews and Anna Walker, and secondly the

younger 10 yr old medley teams of Lauren Wilson, Davies, Stella-Anne O'Hehir and Lauren Wilson who took first ahead of Jemma Youngman, Georgina Dolan, West and Chloe Wiederman.

The 53 personal bests on the night clearly showed the fantastic effort that all the swimmers gave which made awarding the Gala Stars of the night a tough task for the coaches and team managers; Ash Cox, Nigel Smith, Nigel Kelly and Mark West.

Beth Grant took the 'A' team medal for her 3 individual wins of one Fly and two Breaststrokes one of which was swimming up in the 12 yr age group where she set a new CR of 38.29 while 9 yr newcomer Sam Dineen impressed in his two relays, anchoring the freestyle team of Mitchell Oakley, Telab and Roan Griffiths to first spot.

For the 'B' it was very close call but 10 yr old Eden Harlow got the vote for her 2nd place pb behind Beth in the 11 yr 50m Breast and her impressive maximum six pointer display in the 50m Freestyle in a new 2 second pb time of 33.36. The boys medal went to 11 yr old Ben White for his endurance test of competing in a total of 3 individuals and 5 relays setting 4 pb along the way as well as swimming up an age group.

Other first placers on the night were Stella-Anne (25m Fly and Free), Mitchell Oakley (25m Fly), Roan Griffiths (25m Back), Kate Davis (50m Breast and 25m Fly), Lauren Wall (50m Back), Joel Cunningham (50m Back), and the seasoned 12 yr olds of Jake Dixon (Fly & Breast) and Charlie Payne (Back & Free) who both effortlessly took maximum points in their age group.

Finally, mention must go to Caitlin Meade who pushed Beth very close in the 12 yr 50m Breaststroke setting a pb in the process for another nail biting Boldmere 1 - 2 and not forgetting 10 yr Matt Price who once agin grabbed two first places, one in the older 11 yr 50m Fly and the other a new CR of 44.15 in the 50m Breaststroke.

