

Derventio eXcel Swim Squad



DX Open Meet Newsletter – May 2007

OPEN MEET 2007

Thank you to all the swimmers, coaches, poolside helpers, officials, spectators and parents for making the event run so well. We hope that the weekend met expectations.

From the Promoter

Thank you to all the clubs that came from far and wide and made the whole weekend very enjoyable. There was a positive attitude on poolside and this was demonstrated by some fast swimming.

The meet was made possible by the help of the visiting officials and all their help is greatly appreciated. Parental support is what makes these types of events possible. The feedback from the poolside helpers is that the swimmers were all very well organised and this helped to make the event run smoothly.

It was fantastic to be part of what became a spectacular event. Apart from prior commitments and holidays, every family with Deventio was represented on poolside in various roles. I was particularly pleased that all the preparation prior to the week end paid off, and apart from a few very minor problems, everything went smoothly. We all owe the volunteers in the Omega suite a massive thank you (because small errors there cause chaos for everyone else). *Andy Smithurst*

From the Head Coach

What a great week end! The whole family of Derbyshire swimming clubs came together and showed what a great team we have. With all the Derbyshire clubs working together at their appropriate Swim 21 level, the results in the water and in the back room are becoming more and more outstanding as time goes by. I would like to thank everyone involved for their time and input as without all of you, our swimmers would not be in the fortunate position that they are in.

So here's to continued, closer team work and continued increases in performance. *Mark Rose*

Next Year – 08 Meet

Next year's event is provisionally scheduled for the week end of May 30, 31 and June 1. We could not book an earlier date due to the Olympic trials being held in Sheffield during March. At present, we are seeking confirmation from the ASA that the dates will still be eligible for National Qualifying times. Information will be released via our web site as it becomes available.

Sponsors

Many thanks to Lovells for the overall meet sponsorship; "Lovell are proud to be associated with Derventio eXcel and its first open meet which was an outstanding event for all concerned".

Other supporting companies included VW Parkway and Seamers of Derby. The numerous contributors cannot all be listed but significant donations were received from Normersley Fine Foods, Finings, Meadowhall, Professional Ventilation Service, Hanson Brick (Redrow), Equipment Logistics Ltd, Ormonde Leisure, JJ Steeples & Sons, Tubedale Communications and KBW Chambers (Leeds).

Contacts

Please check our web site (at derventioexcel.org.uk) for more information on the club, the Open Meet and the plans for next year. Alternatively, contact Andy on andy.smithurst@yahoo.co.uk.

Fast Swimming

There were three National Age Group and Regional records set over the week end:

James Doolan (Salford) – 17yrs 100 fly
Chris Walker-Hebborn (Ipswich) – 16yr 100 back
Myles Crouch Anderson (Northampton) – 14yrs 100 free

In addition, there were two Jersey records set by Katie Speller. From the results, we know that there were several National Qualifying times made by the swimmers. In addition, about 40% of the swims were faster than the entry times. Session 3 had the most proportion of swims faster than the entry times.

Entries and Withdrawals

Thank you to all the swimmers and coaches who submitted withdrawal forms in advance of the sessions. This helped the meet to run smoothly and minimised the amount of empty lanes during the week end. Hopefully, card-less entries will become the norm.

However, there were still about 110 late withdrawals over the four sessions resulting in some empty lanes. Most were notified in advance and this made it easier for the pool stewards to sort out who was or was not swimming. Perhaps not surprisingly, the last session on the Sunday saw the most "DNC" notes in the results (36!!!).

Advance notice of withdrawals makes it easier to manage a meet and ensures that the event is not longer than it need be!



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Awards

Awards were given to the top three placed swimmers in each age group in each individual event. In addition, there were the following overall awards:

- Top Team award - **NOVA**
- Best Supported Team award – **CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON**
- Top three Boy/Girl awards.

Boys

17 Adam BROWN	Hatfield (GB)
Adam MALLETT	Lincoln Vulc (GB)
Marco LOUGHRAN	Guildford Ct (GB)
16 George SCOTHERN	Brentwood
Chris WALKER-HEBBORN	Ipswich (GB)
Jack JOHNSON	Northampton
15 Fraser BOVEY	Northampton
James HOLDER	Nova Cent'n
Daniel WARRENER	KingstonHull
14 Christopher STEEPLES	Etwall
Justin AUSTIN	Gallica SC
Matthew SMITHURST	Co Derby
13 Oliver KEEGAN	Barnet Copt
Christian BARCZ	Etwall
Myles CROUCH-ANDERSON	Northampton
12 Alex CAMERON-CALVO	Co South'ton
Kyle SIMPSON	Nova Cent'n
Ryan WESSELINGH	DerbyPhoenix
11 Oliver BITOWT	Lincoln Vulc
Kevin WALLBANK	Trident
William HAWKES	Gallica SC
10 Sam TIMPANY	Gallica SC
Harry ACKLAND	Worcester
Jake FLEETWOOD	Co South'ton

Girls

17 Catherine WILSON	Alloa
Catherine MCMANUS	Northampton
Stephanie PEAT	Dronfield SC
16 Rachel LANGFORD	Northampton
Charlotte SLATER	Co South'ton
Katy LOCKEY	Co Derby
15 Olivia SEFTON	Trident
Jessie PORTER	Barnet Copt
Joanne REEKS	DerbyPhoenix
14 Charlotte BELL	Northampton
Alice PEARSON	Barnet Copt
Karolina SIWIEC	Barnet Copt
13 Holly OUGHTON	Nova Cent'n
Ann MORRIS	Co Derby
Ellie TAYLOR	DerbyPhoenix
12 Fiona DONNELLY	Co Derby
Evie KEANE	DerbyPhoenix
Ella GRAHAM	DerbyPhoenix
11 Charlotte MCRAE	Lincoln Vulc
Rachel MARTIN	Nova Cent'n
Catherine WILLIAMS	Co Derby
10 Anna HOPKIN	Gallica SC
Heidi GREGORY	Nova Cent'n
Lucy DAVIS	Gallica SC

Feedback

Thank you to all the clubs and representatives that have left messages and comments. These include:

Gallica Swim Club: " ... my daughter had a great time at the Open Meet, she swam well and enjoyed swimming against tough competition. The organisation was first-rate and everything seemed to go very well. And we're looking forward to coming to the next Derventio meet."

Stroud SC: "Just one further point after your excellent meet. I presume this will now be an annual event? If so will you be using this year's results as meet records?"

Ilkeston SC: "Firstly I would like to say what a credit to Derventio Excel and all the people there who contributed to the meet, fantastic.

The standard of all the swimmers and all the performances from each and everyone was first rate and a pleasure to watch.

... our swimmers were proud to be involved and very happy not to leave empty handed. However, I would like to add this event was extremely well put together professionally organisation to the minute but most of all I feel it was most enjoyable for everyone taking part."

City of Southampton: "After speaking to most of the parents, children and the coach they all have one message. What a fantastic weekend and one off the best organised meets we have been to. From the moment the big screen light up with the starting titles (loved the Star Wars theme) and the national anthem being played to the close at the end of Sunday it was great. Our swimmers were very proud of their parents for winning the cup, they have started planning our outfits for next year! And we were all very proud of them.

Our coach has asked if you could kindly let us know as early as possible about next year, so we don't miss out. He would like to make it a regular event on the City of Southampton SC calendar.

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Once again from all off us from Southampton SC we would like to thank you and all the other people that helped for an outstanding meet and one that we all look forward to coming back to next year."

General comments and suggestions:

- Mirror the programme so spectators do not sit through two lots of the same race.
- Have photos available on the day.
- Timing between last events and warm up for next session
- Timing of warm up in relation to breakfasts at hotels!
- Clarity on Bagcat events

Photographs: There are several links to photographs and the shows from the day via the website. Enjoy!