

ROSS LEAGUE

16 APRIL 2011 – ROUND 3

The team:

Abi	Geena	Adam	Jarred
Alex	Jessica	Alex	Josh
Amy	Libby	Callum	Matt H
Becky	Megan	Devan	Matt M
Charis	Natasha	Jack	Pearce
Charlotte	Olivia	Jamie B	Tom M
Chelsie	Rhiannon	James E	Tom R
Emma	Rochelle	James S	
Eve			

A lot to live up to here for the Team because they have performed fantastically in the first 2 rounds. Could be a bit of nerves on the first couple of races but we soon settled down. Up to event 15 saw a whole host of first places! Individual wins coming from Alex (Breaststroke) on a nail biting finish, just taking it on the touch; and Jamie and Natasha on the Free. Our medley teams were sensational with the girls 10s team (Amy, Eve, Geena and Abi) taking top marks; and a clean sweep for the 12s teams of Rochelle, Alex, Olivia and Rhiannon for the girls and Devan, Jack, James S and Jarred for the boys. The girls were particularly impressive with a clear 3 second clearance over the 2nd place team Worcester. Points to date were very promising – we were in the lead but snapping at our heels was Worcester – just one point behind.

Now if I thought that was good, then the next 15 races were even more impressive! For 87% of the events we were in the top 2 spots. Absolute credit to the swimmers here looking really impressive. Individual winners were Charlotte on Breaststroke; Jessica on the Fly; Abi on the Free and Libby on the Backstroke – strength on all 4 strokes here! Relay teams on top were 13/14s Boys (Jarred, Tom M, Adam and Devan) and Girls (Becky, Emma, Megan and Chelsie). So 30 races down, half way through the gala and we have now built up an impressive lead of 17 points. No time to rest on our laurels though – there's plenty more swimming to be done!

More 1st places in the next 15 races coming from Adam on the Free – never looking in any doubt on this one as he sailed to a 2 second clear water victory. A brilliant one length fly from Alex saw her take well deserved maximum points. Our 11s boys medley team taking another impressive win here with Alex, Jack, Matt M and Matt H combining in a dream team to win by a 5 second margin! Well done boys – this was just amazing! So three quarters of the way through the gala and we were clear by 11 points. No margin for error but looking good.

I asked my Team to keep up the pressure and they did not let me down. The final 15 races saw a magnificent 6 first places and 4 second places. Wins coming from Jamie on the Fly; 13/14s freestyle boys and girls teams (Adam, Devan, James S and Tom M for the boys and Becky, Jess, Megan and Emma for the girls); and the 11s boys freestyle team of Alex, Matt M, Matt H and Jack also taking top marks. My favourite 2 races of the evening were to come – bring out the big guns – the Cannons are on!!!! First off the boys – Jamie, Pearce, James, Callum, Alex, Jack, Matt M,

James S, Adam and Tom M – firing on all cylinders they were well deserved winners. The noise was deafening! The crowd were on their feet! I was running around like a maniac as the girls took to the water for the final event. Charlotte, Natasha, Geena, Abigail, Rochelle, Charis, Rhiannon, Alex, Megan and Becky stormed to victory with a 7 seconds clear margin over the 2nd placed team. Great end to a great evening of swimming.

And so to the final scores:

Stourbridge	167 points
Worcester	135 points
Redditch	134 points
Bromsgrove	126 points

What an impressive result – what a fantastic Team!

Just looking at the results, my 13/14s relay teams were unbeaten all night! And the girls' medley relay teams only dropped one point all night! I'm really impressed with that – well done to you all.

Now although the boys had more first places than the girls, the small number of DQs (for speeding tickets!) on the night meant that the Girls were triumphant on overall points.

Swimmer of the night was a really tough decision but for outstanding swims and smashing his pbs, my swimmer of the night is **Adam Fisher**. Well done Adam, you were just amazing!

Well done to all the Team. You were absolutely superb tonight and the victory was so well deserved.

Thanks go to my helpers who are always there for me. I really do appreciate all the hard work you put in.

Glyn