

COACH REPORT FEB 2007

FEBRUARY HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH WITH US COMPETING IN THE 1ST ROUND OF THE LINCS SENIOR LEAGUE, THE COMBINING OF ANCHOR AND CADS FOR THE 1ST ROUND OF THE LINCS JUNIOR LEAGUE AND THE 1ST WEEKEND OF THE YORKSHIRE COUNTIES.

WE CAME 3RD OVERALL IN THE LINCS LEAGUE AGAINST TOUGH COMPETITION FROM LOUTH AND CLP. WE ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE COMPETITIVE AND ARE STRONGER THAN LAST YEAR. SOUTH AXHOLME SHARKS REMARKED ON THEIR WEBSITE THAT "SCUNTHORPE ANCHOR HAVE STEPPED UP A GEAR THIS YEAR" A TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITMENT OF OUR SENIOR LEAGUE SQUAD. SPECIAL MENTION TO AISLEY WHO BROKE HIS OWN CLUB RECORD BY OVER HALF A SECOND. WE HAD 6 1ST PLACES AND RECORDED 12 PB'S.

NEXT CAME THE MUCH AWAITED LINCS JUNIOR LEAGUE. THIS WAS THE 1ST OUTING OF CASA, ALBEIT UNDER THE NAMES OF ANCHOR AND CADS. WE WERE DRAWN IN LANES 3 AND 4 WITH BOTH CLUBS PROVIDING POOLSIDE HELPERS. WITH NATHAN BEING ON A TRAINING CAMP AND 15 SQUAD MEMBERS UNAVAILABLE WE KNEW THAT WE WERE NOT AS STRONG AS WE CAN BE, HOWEVER BOTH TEAMS PUT IN A GREAT PERFORMANCE ON THE NIGHT WITH THE A TEAM COMING 1ST AND THE B TEAM COMING IN 3RD. THIS MEANS WE ARE TOGETHER IN ROUND 2. ON THE NIGHT WE HAD QUITE A FEW DQ'S RESULTING IN A 23 POINT LOSS FOR THE A TEAM AND A 27 POINT LOSS FOR THE B TEAM. I'M NOT CONVINCED WE WERE DQ'D FOR THE RIGHT REASONS BUT I AM SURE IT WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THE NEXT ROUND. ALL THE SWIMMERS BONDED REALLY WELL AND PUT IN SOME EXCELLENT RELAY SWIMS, WINNING 14 OUT OF 16. IT IS HOPED THAT PRIOR TO THE NEXT ROUND, THE SWIMMERS CAN GET TOGETHER TO PERFECT THEIR TAKEOVERS. THE NEW HATS PROVED A BIG HIT AND NOW NEED SHIRTS TO GO WITH THEM. ANY SPONSORS WOULD BE WELCOME.

THE 1ST WEEKEND OF THE COUNTIES FOLLOWED, AGAIN COMPETING AS CASA. WE HAD SWIMMERS IN ALMOST EVERY EVENT WITH SWIMMERS MAKING SEVERAL FINALS. BECKY MOORE TOOK THE CLUB RECORD IN THE 200 FLY AND JASMINE TOOK THE CLUB RECORD IN THE 200 FREE.

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OLLIE WEBSTER FROM CADS CAME 2ND IN THE 200 FREE AND 2ND IN THE 200 FLY. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COUNT RELAYS IN MARCH WHERE WE HAVE PUT IN 16 TEAMS. THESE SWIMMERS ARE GETTING TOGETHER ON SATURDAY TO GET USED TO WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM. ALL IN ALL I FEEL IT HAS BEEN A SUCCESSFUL START TO OUR UNION.

WITH REGARD TO TRAINING, I HAVE REORGANISED THE LANES WHICH APPEARS TO BE WORKING BETTER WITH DISCIPLINE IMPROVING. I AM ALSO INTRODUCING A FEEDER LANE TO ALLOW OUR YOUNGSTERS TO UP THEIR TRAINING INTENSITY. THIS ALSO ALLOWS US TO BRING IN MORE SWIMMERS AT THE JUNIOR END OF THE CLUB.

WE HAVE OVER 30 SWIMMERS GOING TO THE HULL OPEN MEET AT BEVERLEY AND THE FORMS FOR DARTES WILL BE GOING OUT TO OUR JUNIORS SHORTLEY.

OVERALL I FEEL THAT OTHER CLUBS IN THE AREA NOW REALISE HOW SERIOUS WE ARE IN COMPETING, AND WITH THE NEW CASA VENTURE, WATCH OUT LINCOLN VULCANS.

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