

COACH REPORT SEPTEMBER 2007

SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH FOR BOTH SCUNTHORPE ANCHOR AND CASA. THERE HAS BEEN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE DIDDY LEAGUE, BARNSELY MINOR, THE TEASPOON GALA AND THE GSM OPEN MEET.

THE MONTH STARTED WITH THE FINAL ROUND OF THE DIDDY LEAGUE. CASA A WERE AT SPALDING AND CASA B WERE SUPPOSED TO BE AT LINCOLN. UNFORTUNATLEY YARBOROUGH POOL CLOSED EARLIER IN THE WEEK AND ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT NO ALTERNATIVE VENUES WERE AVAILABLE. BECAUSE OF THIS WE TOOK THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE B TEAM SO AS TO NOT INCONVENIENCE SWIMMERS AND PARENTS FURTHUR. THE LEAGUE ACTUALLY CAME UP WITH A VENUE THURSDAY EVENING AND THE GALA WENT AHEAD ALTHOUGH MOST TEAMS THAT COMPETED WERE UNDERSTRENGTH. WE TOOK SOME OF THE B TEAM SWIMMERS AND PUT THEM IN THE A TEAM TO STRENGTHEN IT FURTHUR. ON THE NIGHT, WE HAD SOME AMAZING PERFORMANCES AND SHOWED LINCOLN VULCANS WHAT WE COULD DO. I'M NOT GOING TO SINGLE OUT SWIMMERS FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAISE AS THE WHOLE TEAM GAVE 100%. WE FINISHED 2ND ON THE NIGHT AND JUDGING BY THE COMMENTS AFTERWARDS, THERE ARE SOME WORRIED PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. HOLLY WILLIAMS AND BRANDON HUNT GAINED 2 CLUB RECORDS IN THE BACKSTROKE AND FREESTYLE RESPECTIVLY.

THE FINAL BARNSELY MINOR GALA OF THE YEAR FOLLOWED 2 WEEKS LATER. THE CLUB PUT UP A CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE TO FINISH 1ST ON THE NIGHT WITH 15 1ST PLACES AND 11 PB's

THE NEXT DAY WE TOOK A SQUAD OF ALMOST 30 SWIMMERS TO COMPETE AT THE ANNUAL TEASPOON OPEN HELD AT PONDS FORGE. IT WAS A LONG BUT WORTHWHILE DAY. OVERALL WE HAD 49 PB's, 20 FINALISTS AND 2 NEW CLUB RECORDS, KIEREN SKINNER IN THE 50 FLY AND JASMINE KIRK IN THE 50 BREAST. WE ALSO ENTERED 6 RELAY TEAMS AND GAINED 3 1ST PLACES. A SPECIAL MENTION TO THE 13/U GIRLS AND 15 / OVER BOYS WHO LEFT THE OTHER TEAMS STANDING.

THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY WE TOOK A SQUAD OF OVER 40 SWIMMERS TO COMPETE AT THE GSM OPEN MEET. THIS EVENT WAS SWUM UNDER THE CASA BANNER MEANING WE HAD ALMOST 100 SWIMMERS ON POOL SIDE. I HAVE STILL NOT HAD THE CHANCE TO ANALYZE THE RESULTS SO WILL REPORT ON THIS IN MY NEXT REPORT.

SINCE COMING BACK FROM THE SUMMER, THE AMOUNT OF SWIMMERS TRAINING HAS BEEN STAGGERING. WE ARE GETTING ALMOST 70 SWIMMERS ON A SUNDAY AND DURING THE WEEK THE SESSIONS ARE EQUALLY AS WELL ATTENDED. I HOPE THIS WILL CONTINUE AS THE RESULTS ARE SPEAKING FOR THEMSEVES. WE CONTINUE TO FEED SWIMMERS IN AT THE LOWER END OF THE CLUB SO I FEEL WE HAVE A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE. CAN I FINISH BY THANKING ALL THE PARENTS WHO HAVE HELPED OUT AT THE VARIOUS GALAS OVER THE LAST MONTH. WITHOUT YOUR HELP, NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

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