



SEASON REVIEW 2012

JUNIOR LEAGUE

After last season's relegation from Division 1, we once again competed in Division 2. As always in this Division we started the season with realistic aims of getting promotion and achieving success in as many age groups as possible.

It turned into a great season for the club as we won all 5 gala's comfortably, scoring at least 60 points in each and we won medals in nine of the twelve categories.

RESULTS

Apr 19 th	Home to Saddleworth	won 60-48	swimmer of match Matthew Smith
Apr 24 th	Away to Hindley	won 61-46	swimmer of match Hannah Smith
May 10 th	Home to Rochdale	won 65-40	swimmer of match Ben Haughton
Sep 21 st	Away to Dukinfield	won 61-40	swimmer of match Leah Worthington
Oct 23 rd	Home to Chadderton	won 61-41	swimmer of match Hannah Smith

We achieved medals in the following events:

WINNERS – 12 GIRLS: Lucy Cooper, Maia Webster, Hannah Smith, Sophie Quigley and Oonagh Morton

WINNERS – 14 BOYS: Harley Tennant, Matthew Weekes, Jonathan Oswald, Alex Meredith, Luke Worthington and Callum Quigley

WINNERS – 12 MIXED: Lucy Cooper, Hannah Smith, Maia Webster, Sophie Quigley, Oonagh Morton, Adam Kershaw, Ben Lawton, Josh Meredith, Matthew Smith, Michael Haughton and Garrett Tennant

WINNERS – 14 MIXED: Rebecca Cooper, Darcy Hobson, Ella Green, Lucy Cooper, Luke Worthington, Harley Tennant, Matthew Weekes, Jonathan Oswald and Callum Quigley

JOINT WINNERS – 10 BOYS: Ronin Giron, Lucas Jackson, Lewis Cooper, Ben Haughton, Harry Finn, Rory Lees and Charlie Hobson

JOINT WINNERS – 16 BOYS: Ben Jansen, Sam Bennett, Robert Gourley, Jordan Shepley, Dane Lees, Callum Quigley, Harley Tennant and Matthew Weekes

JOINT WINNERS – 10 MIXED: Leah Worthington, Melissa Larkin, Sophie Kershaw, Olivia Bell, Isabella Platt, Rory Lees, Harry Finn, Ben Haughton and Charlie Hobson

RUNNERS UP – 12 BOYS: Michael Haughton, Adam Kershaw, Josh Meredith, Matthew Smith, Callum Bell, Ben Lawton & Garrett Tennant

RUNNERS UP – 16 MIXED: Emma Nathaniel, Jessica Willis, Tenneil Davies, Zoe Standing, Callum Quigley, Jordan Shepley, Ben Jansen, Sam Bennett, Robert Gourley, Luke Worthington & Dane Lees

In the age groups:

Girls(max 15)	Boys(max 15)	Mixed(max 15)	Total(max 45)
10/u 8 wins	10 wins	13 wins	31 wins
12/u 14 wins	11 wins	14 wins	39 wins
14/u 4 wins	13 wins	14 wins	31 wins
16/u 8 wins	11 wins	11 wins	30 wins

It is now twelve years in a row now that the Boys have won more races than the Girls!



The last time we competed in Division 2 we averaged a total of 29 wins per gala. This season we averaged just over 26, but I would say this is due to increased competition in the league rather than a decline in our performance.

ALL SWIMMERS WHO COMPETED DURING THE YEAR (WINS IN BRACKETS)

BOYS

Harry Finn	(12)
Ronin Giron	(4)
Ben Haughton	(10)
Rory Lees	(19)
Charlie Hobson	(17)
Lewis Cooper	(4)
Lucas Jackson	(0)
Matthew Smith	(15)
Adam Kershaw	(20)
Michael Haughton	(7)
Ben Lawton	(11)
Josh Meredith	(8)
Garrett Tennant	(8)
Callum Bell	(1)
Jonathan Oswald	(10)
Matthew Weekes	(12)
Luke Worthington	(21)
Callum Quigley	(27)
Harley Tennant	(19)
Ben Jansen	(5)
Robert Gourley	(15)
Sam Bennett	(17)
Jordan Shepley	(9)
Dane Lees	(9)

GIRLS

Olivia Bell	(15)
Leah Worthington	(18)
Melissa Larkin	(13)
Isabella Platt	(7)
Sophie Kershaw	(5)
Maia Webster	(15)
Hannah Smith	(28)
Lucy Cooper	(24)
Sophie Quigley	(11)
Oonagh Morton	(11)
Rebecca Kinsey	(0)
Darcy Hobson	(22)
Rebecca Cooper	(15)
Olivia Shepherd	(1)
Ella Green	(5)
Zoe Standring	(6)
Jessica Willis	(19)
Emma Nathaniel	(11)
Victoria Smith	(3)
Tenneil Davies	(12)

Well done to Hannah Smith and Callum Quigley for gaining the most wins in a season for the second time.

The previous five years leading winners were:

- 2007 – Lucy Johnson and Robert Gourley
- 2008 – Darcy Hobson and Daniel Briggs
- 2009 – Tenneil Davies and Daniel Briggs
- 2010 – Lucy Cooper and Joseph & Stephen McCue / Callum Quigley
- 2011 – Hannah Smith and Harley Tennant

The following swimmers deserve a mention for competing in all five Junior Galas this year:

Leah W / Melissa L / Olivia B / Sophie K / Hannah S / Sophie Q / Maia W / Lucy C / Oonagh M / Darcy H / Victoria S / Jessica W / Emma N / Harry F / Matthew S / Ben L / Adam K / Callum Q / Harley T / Luke W / Matthew W / Jonathan O / Sam B / Jordan S and Dane L

Attendance – Last year a total of 20 swimmers competed in every single Junior Gala. This year there were 25 swimmers (named above) who competed in all five Gala's which is a welcome improvement. For each Gala there was an average of 4 swimmers missing, compared to 5 per Gala in 2011, so another positive sign – but could still be improved next year!

Final Season – It was the final year in the Junior League for both Dane Lees and Tenneil Davies. Tenneil in particular has been a regular in the team for seven years, making her Junior League debut in April 2006. Tenneil went on to win a total of 96 races, which puts her into 15th in the overall winners table.

(This list is headed by Catherine Broadbent who won 177 Junior League races – see below)



JUNIOR LEAGUE WINS

Since the start of the 1997 season, we have a record kept of the total number of Junior League wins for each swimmer who has competed for the club. Seven of the top ten still compete for the club (and 2 of which are still eligible to compete in the Junior League). The three other swimmers have all held club records at some time and one of these has also been awarded the Swimmer of the Year award. And for those who may think it's the boys who win all the races, the top two may surprise you!

1 st	Catherine Broadbent	177 wins
2 nd	Nicola Shilley	161
3 rd	Daniel Briggs	137
4 th	Joseph McCue	135
5 th	Stephen McCue	128
6 th	Helen Gourley	127
=7 th	Darcy Hobson	113
=7 th	Arron Alderson	113
9 th	Harley Tennant	109
10 th	Paul Bailey	105

For those who may not be aware, Catherine represented the club in the Junior League for 8 years and averaged over 22 wins per season. A superb achievement which may prove extremely difficult to beat.

SWIMMER OF THE MATCH

The award for swimmer of the match has now been given since the start of the 2004 season, so approximately 170 trophies have been given out to swimmers. Below is the 'leaderboard' up to and including the final Inter Town gala of 2012 v Marple.

8 swimmer of match awards	Stephen McCue, Helen Gourley and Harley Tennant
7 swimmer of match awards	Daniel Briggs
6 swimmer of match awards	Joseph McCue
5 swimmer of match awards	Darcy Hobson, Jessica Willis, Lucy Johnson, Michael Scott, Tenneil Davies, Faye McMahon and Hannah Smith
4 swimmer of match awards	Andrew Galley, Arron Alderson, Jack Corbett, Lucy Cooper, Luke Worthington and Rory Lees
3 swimmer of match awards	Callum Quigley, Dillon Alderson, Gareth Unsworth, Jack Nutter, Ryan Manchester and Nicola Shilley

IN OTHER COMPETITIONS

JUBILEE

The format of the **Jubilee** competition is that the first three rounds are a random draw with teams then graded and placed in the appropriate final. Finishing 3rd, 3rd and 2nd in the opening galas meant that we qualified for the **C Final**, as opposed to last year when we qualified for the B final.

The last time we achieved Jubilee Final success was in 2010 when we were joint winners of the B Final with Bury & Elton. This year, the team was getting stronger as the season progressed and even though we were against a team who had beaten us in the earlier rounds, I did feel that we had a chance of claiming victory.

The final proved to be a great night for the club. Whilst there was only a few points separating Ramsbottom and ourselves after 27 races, winning 10 out of the last 15 events meant we finished comfortable winners at the end. We won exactly half of the races (21) and won 8 out of the 10 relays. There were great performances all round, with a special mention deserved



for Rory who won 5 out of 5 and Luke who won 7 out of 7. Whilst Charlie (5 wins) and Hannah (6 wins) excelled in winning out of their age group.

The final team was: Melissa L / Olivia B / Leah W / Maia W / Hannah S / Sophie Q / Lucy C / Oonagh M / Ella G / Rebecca C / Harry F / Charlie H / Rory L / Michael H / Sam J / Josh M / Adam K / Ben L / Matthew S / Darshan C L and Luke W

Full results:

Gala 1) Ramsbottom 109 / Atherton & Leigh 102 / **Ashton 101** / Chadderton 95
(swimmer of match Rory Lees)

Gala 2) Bury & Elton 124 / Radcliffe 124 / **Ashton 100** / Rochdale 57
(swimmer of match Lucy Cooper)

Gala 3) Crompton 121 / **Ashton 101** / Hindley 92 / Stalybridge 78
(swimmer of match Hannah Smith)

C Final) Ashton 130 / Ramsbottom 109 / Oldham 93 / Chadderton 87
(swimmer of match Luke Worthington)

All the swimmers who managed 3 wins or more during the season are shown below with the percentage of wins in brackets.

Hannah Smith	14 wins (67%)	Lucy Cooper	5 wins (36%)
Luke Worthington	13 wins (76%)	Adam Kershaw	5 wins (33%)
Rory Lees	12 wins (63%)	Ben Lawton	3 wins (38%)
Charlie Hobson	8 wins (73%)	Michael Haughton	3 wins (38%)

Overall, a total of 34 swimmers represented the club in the four Jubilee Gala's this year (and all those involved will be rewarded on presentation night)

MANCHESTER & DISTRICT

In November, we competed in the **Manchester & District Vice President's Gala**. We had won this event in 2004, 2006 & 2007. In the last three years we had finished 3rd, 2nd and 2nd, so we were once again looking to go one better!

In both the heat and the final we did not get any speeding tickets and won 11 out of 26 races. However, the curse of the faulty takeover struck again as one DQ cost us valuable points and the winner's trophy. So for the third year in succession we had to settle for being runner's up.

(Heat) **Ashton 56** / Bolton 40 / Saddleworth 36 / Glossop 36 / Flixton 16
Final) Saracens 63 / **Ashton 58** / Stalybridge 45 / Radcliffe 39 / Bolton 33 / Saddleworth 19

The team was: Leah Worthington / Emilia Platt / Jothsna Jeetun / Melissa Larkin / Olivia Bell / Isabella Platt / Maia Webster / Bethany McKnight / Sophie Quigley / Hannah Smith / Oonagh Morton / Joshua Saxon / Ben Haughton / Ronin Giron / Harry Finn / Rory Lees / Michael Haughton / Sam Jansen / Edward Young / Matthew Smith / Cameron Willis and Josh Meredith

PERSONAL BESTS

As an indication as to which swimmers have improved their times the most during the year, the swimmers with 12 p.bs and more are noted below.

Including the final Inter Town Gala of 2012 (Marple at Home), **Sam Bennett leads the way with a total of 27 personal best times and for the second year in a row tops this list. Well done!** Sam is followed by: Ben Lawton 26, Rory Lees 25, Hannah Smith 24, Olivia Bell 24, Josh Meredith 21, Sophie Quigley 20, Lucy Cooper 20, Michael Haughton 20, Rebecca Cooper 19, Luke Worthington 19, Charlie Hobson 19, Isabella Platt 19, Callum Quigley 16,



Maia Webster 16, Harry Finn 14, Leah Worthington 14, Melissa Larkin 13, Thomas Cochrane 12 and Darcy Hobson 12

(Last year's top three were Sam B, Rebecca C and Lucy C)

Just like last year, the girls beat the boys with an average of 9.93 p.bs per swimmer compared to 8.56 p.bs for the boys. Well done to the Girls!

SUMMER FUND RAISING SWIM

Over 100 swimmers (the most ever) competed in the fun event to raise money for the club in what was an excellent competition. A total of £1,540 was collected and well done to the following swimmers (and parents!) who were on the winning team:

Daniel Briggs / Ben Lawton / Callum Quigley / Cameron Willis / Andrew Cochrane / Clare Hobson / Rory Lees / Victoria Smith / Tenneil Davies / Garrett Tennant / Melanie Platt / Isabella Platt / Jessica Willis / Jonathan Oswald / Charlie Hobson / Michael Scott / Ryan Dickinson

CHARITY HANDICAP KNOCKOUT

This year we had a record number of 45 swimmers entering the knockout which was the 15th year we have held the event. There were some brilliant swims, close to 20 personal best times and even a dead heat. Hannah Smith was the winner and she became the first swimmer to win it twice, let alone retain her trophy. On the way to being champion, Hannah beat Joseph McCue, Isabella Platt (after a tied first race!), Ben Lawton, Faye McMahon and Matthew Weekes.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Congratulations to the following swimmers, who have attended every single gala the club has competed in during the season (22 in total up to and including 4th Dec)

Hannah Smith and Sophie Quigley.

An excellent effort from both swimmers and parents I'm sure you will agree.

As ever, a big thank you to all those who help with the running of the galas, from taking money on the door, setting up the equipment, scoring, announcing, the runners, raffle donators, timekeepers, those who send up, look after the blocks, takeovers and those who cheer on the swimmers.

There is no room for complacency though and we do need as many parents and senior swimmers to continue to help out in gala's whenever possible. If you do not currently get involved and wish to take a more active role, please see me or any of the coaches (this will be much appreciated!)

I have no doubt that we run the most professional galas of all clubs and they nearly always run without a hitch. I would like to remind all swimmers that team support is very important though and this means for both young and older swimmers! Thanks for your support from both myself and the swimmers and I look forward to this continuing in the future.

Finally, in 2013 to celebrate the clubs success this year, swimmers will be allowed to take home our trophies! We want swimmers to take our trophies to school assembly and show off their achievements – details to follow in the new year.

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