



SEASON REVIEW 2017

JUNIOR LEAGUE

For the third season in a row, we once again competed in Division 1. In the past, we may have been satisfied with avoiding relegation, but this season we had genuine hopes of silverware.

The season started off in excellent fashion with a convincing win against one of our toughest opponents. The next two galas were to define the season and unfortunately we came up just short against the top two teams.

These were the only gala's we lost though as we finished the season strongly, only losing one race in the final two gala's. This proved to be our best ever season in the top division as we finished third and narrowly missed out on the 10 years Shield.

RESULTS

Mar 28 th	Home to Tyldesley	won 61-46	swimmer of match Lois Davies
Jun 20 th	Home to Ramsbottom	lost 58-49	swimmer of match Sophie Kershaw
July 13 th	Away to Ath & Leigh	lost 43-64	swimmer of match Dylan Fung
Sep 9 th	Away to Dukinfield	won 71-37	swimmer of match Erin Parker
Sep 22 nd	Away to Rochdale	won 72-35	swimmer of match Aimee Dean

You will see that we won medals in four events – well done to all those receiving a medal

WINNERS – 10 BOYS:

Just 2 points dropped all season

Ryan O Boye, Max Parrott, Jacob Raw, Jake Parker, Dylan Fung, Dylan Roberts, Kyle Rohlandt, Harry Trelfa and Clayton Evison

JOINT WINNERS – 10 MIXED:

Like the 10 Boys, only 2 points dropped all season

Dylan Fung, Max Parrott, Jacob Raw, Clayton Evison, Harry Trelfa, Scarlett Cornwell, Lois Davies, Mollie Ellis Shaw, Kasey Evison, Tamara Servan, Ellie Barton and Chloe Calderbank

RUNNERS UP – 12 BOYS

As in the 12 Mixed, second to clear 12 years winners, Atherton & Leigh

Ben Haughton, Callum Shaw, Harry Trelfa, Dylan Fung, Josh Barton, Clayton Evison, Max Parrott, Dylan Roberts, Jacob Raw and Ryan O Boye

RUNNERS UP – 12 MIXED

Ben Haughton, Josh Barton, Callum Shaw, Alyssa Schofield, Lyra Holmes and Lily Smith

In the age groups:

	Girls (max 15)	Boys(max 15)	Mixed(max 15)	Total(max 45)
10/u	9 wins	14 wins	13 wins	36 wins
12/u	6 wins	11 wins	11 wins	28 wins
14/u	8 wins	11 wins	10 wins	29 wins
16/u	10 wins	8 wins	8 wins	26 wins

Once again the Boys win this year's head to head 44 to 33 and it is now 18 years since the Girls won more races than the Boys. On the next page is the list of all swimmers who competed in the Junior League during the season.

We had 45 swimmers representing the Club (two more than last year) and 16 of these swimmers were in the 10 years and under age group – so a great sign for the future.



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

BOYS

Max Parrott	(5)
Kyle Rohlandt	(3)
Dylan Fung	(23)
Ryan O Boye	(5)
Clayton Evison	(12)
Harry Trelfa	(30)
Jake Parker	(2)
Dylan Roberts	(5)
Jacob Raw	(4)
Josh Barton	(9)
Callum Shaw	(22)
Ben Haughton	(25)
Charlie Siddall	(3)
Ronin Giron	(9)
Ryan Coulthard	(20)
Kian Tevlin	(19)
James Finn	(9)
Rohan Chiba-Lad	(0)
Rory Lees	(13)
Harry Finn	(11)
Sam Doherty	(12)
Michael Haughton	(12)

GIRLS

Chloe Calderbank	(2)
Scarlett Cornwell	(11)
Lois Davies	(11)
Kasey Evison	(15)
Tamara Servan	(8)
Ellie Barton	(6)
Mollie Ellis Shaw	(9)
Catherine Burke	(1)
Lily Smith	(16)
Alyssa Schofield	(4)
Poppy McCallum	(6)
Lyra Holmes	(17)
Amber Webster	(3)
Aimee Dean	(13)
Sophie Kershaw	(14)
Erin Parker	(11)
Olivia Bell	(7)
Aimee Carey	(6)
Abigail Fung	(10)
Tegan Shaw	(16)
Maia Webster	(3)
Sophie Quigley	(16)
Hannah Smith	(8)

This was the first time that Harry Trelfa and Lyra Holmes had topped the list, well done!

The last five years leading winners were:

- 2012 – Hannah Smith and Callum Quigley
- 2013 – Hannah Smith and Luke Worthington / Sam Bennett
- 2014 – Hannah Smith and Callum Quigley
- 2015 – Caitlin Lansom / Sophie Quigley and Ben Haughton
- 2016 – Tegan Shaw and Rory Lees

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

Harry Trelfa / Clayton Evison / Josh Barton / Ben Haughton / Ryan Coulthard / Kian Tevlin / Rory Lees / Harry Finn / Sam Doherty / Michael Haughton / Kasey Evison / Lily Smith / Lyra Holmes / Aimee Dean / Sophie Kershaw / Tegan Shaw and Sophie Quigley

And a big well done to the following swimmers who managed to gain a victory in all five gala's:

Harry Trelfa / Clayton Evison / Ben Haughton and Sophie Kershaw

Attendance – This year we had just 17 swimmers (named above) who competed in all five gala's, compared to 29 swimmers last year - which meant we had an average of 5 swimmers missing per gala compared to just over 2 last year. I have no doubt the Saturday afternoon gala had something to do with this, but I would certainly hope this is much improved next year.

Final Season – It was the final year in the Junior League for Sophie Quigley, Hannah Smith, Maia Webster and Michael Haughton. Congratulations to all four of you for being part of the Club's success over the past seven years plus.



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. Six of the top ten still compete for the club and eight of these swimmers have been awarded the Swimmer of the Year Award.

There are two new entries on this list, as both Rory and Sophie Q joint the top ten. Sophie finishes in 8th place in her final season and Hannah added another 8 wins to stay 3rd in the all time list.

1 st	*Catherine Broadbent	177 wins
2 nd	Nicola Shilley	161
3 rd	Hannah Smith	158
4 th	Daniel Briggs	137
5 th	Joseph McCue	135
6 th	Stephen McCue	128
7 th	Helen Gourley	127
8 th	Sophie Quigley	125
9 th	**Rory Lees	121
=10 th	Darcy Hobson	113
=10 th	Arron Alderson	113

* 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.

** Rory has another year to compete in the Junior League

SWIMMER OF THE MATCH

The award for swimmer of the match has now been given since the start of the 2004 season, with 274 trophies being given out to 100 different swimmers. This year's multiple winners are Lily S, Tegan S, and Aimee C with 2 awards each, with Ben H winning 3 awards

Below is the 'leaderboard' up to and including the final gala of 2017 v Hyde.

10 swimmer of match awards	Daniel Briggs
9 swimmer of match awards	Rory Lees and Ben Haughton
8 swimmer of match awards	Stephen McCue, Helen Gourley and Harley Tennant
7 swimmer of match awards	Faye McMahon
6 swimmer of match awards	Joseph McCue, Luke Worthington and Abigail Fung
5 swimmer of match awards	Darcy Hobson, Jessica Willis, Lucy Johnson, Michael Scott, Tenneil Davies, Hannah Smith, Nicola Shilley, Callum Quigley and Caitlin Lansom
4 swimmer of match awards	Andrew Galley, Arron Alderson, Jack Corbett, Lucy Cooper, Rebecca Cooper, Sam Bennett, Sophie Quigley and Tegan Shaw
3 swimmer of match awards	Dillon Alderson, Gareth Unsworth, Jack Nutter, Ryan Manchester, Oonagh Morton, Ryan Coulthard, Dylan Fung, Aimee Carey, Lily Smith and Lyra Holmes

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, 2nd and 2nd in the opening galas, meant that we qualified for the **B Final (having ranked 8th)**

Going into the B final we were therefore the lowest ranked team after finishing 8th. However, with a full team available and with swimmers much improved over the course of the year, there were genuine hopes of doing well.

The final turned into one of the Clubs best ever nights, as swimmer after swimmer excelled. We won almost half of all the races and we romped home convincing winners, to the joy of all the parents who travelled to support the team.

The whole team should be proud of their efforts, with a special mention to Ben Houghton. Ben won all seven of his races and won his third swimmer of the match award (all in the Jubilee League) of the season.

The final team was: Harry T / Dylan F / Ryan O / Clayton E / Ben H / Callum S / Ronin G (captain) / James F / Kasey E / Lois D / Scarlett C / Alyssa S / Lily S / Lyra H / Aimee D (captain) / Aimee C / Abigail F and Sophie K

Full results:

Gala 1) Oldham 131 / ORCA 119 / **Ashton 83** / Radcliffe 77
(Swimmer of match James Finn)

Gala 2) Stalybridge 132 / **Ashton 118** / Howe Bridge 110
(Swimmer of match Ben Houghton)

Gala 3) Atherton & Leigh 134 / **Ashton 118** / Bury & Elton 116
(Swimmer of match Ben Houghton)

B Final) **Ashton 131** / Ramsbottom 106 / Bury & Elton 102 / Ashton Central 81
(Swimmer of match Ben Houghton)

All the swimmers who managed 2 wins or more during the season are shown below with the percentage of wins in brackets – for example, Sophie won 6 out of 12 races (so 50%)

Ben Houghton	17 wins (81%)	Harry Trelfa	9 wins (41%)
Abigail Fung	9 wins (56%)	Ronin Giron	5 wins (38%)
Sophie Kershaw	6 wins (50%)	Josh Barton	2 wins (29%)
Aimee Carey	5 wins (50%)	Lily Smith	5 wins (25%)
Dylan Fung	10 wins (45%)	Lyra Holmes	4 wins (22%)
James Finn	5 wins (45%)	Scarlett Cornwell	2 wins (22%)
Charlie Siddall	4 wins (44%)		
Callum Shaw	6 wins (43%)		

This is now the fourth year in a row that Ben has lead this list, which is a brilliant achievement. Overall, a total of 26 swimmers represented the club in the four Jubilee gala's – well done to you all.

INTER TOWN FRIENDLY LEAGUE

Please see the separate season review I publish in the summer to see how we did during the season 2016 > 2017, but I am sure you all remember that we won the League for the first ever time!

MANCHESTER & DISTRICT

I think everyone at the club is aware of how many times we have finished runners up in this gala – too many times! Coming two days after the successful Jubilee Final and with a big squad of 24 swimmers (all under the age of 12), there was a real buzz amongst the swimmers and parents that this time, we could go one better.

With more than six teams, we first had to negotiate the heat and we did this comfortably by finishing fourth. The team then swam a brilliant final in which we won four of the first nine races. There was drama at the end of the gala as we unfortunately received a speeding ticket in the final race (by just 1.24 seconds), but so did our closest rivals, Trafford!

So after finishing second on the last six occasions, we finally won the trophy for the fourth time

Captain's Callum Shaw and Poppy McCallum collected the trophy. And Lily Smith was awarded the Swimmer of the Match having won two races and recording six personal best times – and in total the team clocked a brilliant 21 personal bests.

Heat: Altrincham 59 / Bolton A 56 / Bolton B 48 / **Ashton 47** / Trafford 45 / Bury 45 / Glossop 35
Final: **Ashton 51** / Trafford 46 / Bury 42 / Bolton B 41 / Bolton A 41 / Altrincham 37

The winning team was Tamara Servan / Ellie Barton / Lauren Carey / Lois Davies / Amber Webster / Scarlett Cornwell / Kasey Evison / Jessica Senior / Chloe Calderbank / Lily Smith / Alyssa Schofield / Lyra Holmes / Poppy McCallum / Nyah Brennan / Calvin Giron / Ryan O Boye / Jake Parker / Kyle Rohlandt / Clayton Evison / Harry Trelfa / Max Parrott / Josh Barton / Ben Haughton and Callum Shaw

PERSONAL BESTS

As an indication as to which swimmers have improved their times the most during the year, the swimmers with 8 p.bs and more are noted below:

Including the final Gala of 2017 v Hyde, Lily Smith leads the way with a brilliant **33 personal best times....well done Lily!** Lily is followed by: Aimee D 31 / Ryan C 30 / Ben H 28 / Lyra 26 / Harry T 25 / Callum S 24 / Josh B 23 / Lois D 20 / Ronin G 19 / Clayton E 18 / Dylan F 18 / Sophie K 18 / Aimee C 17 / Kian T 16 / Michael H 15 / Alyssa S 14 / James F 13 / Erin P 12 / Rory L 12 / Charlie S 11 / Kyle R 11 / Scarlett C 11 / Tamara S 11 / Poppy Mc 10 / Kasey E 9 / Ryan O B 9 / Tegan S 9 / Abigail F 8 / Jake P 8 / Jessica S 8 / Sam D 8

(Last year the top three were Dylan F, Ryan C and Lyra H)

SUMMER FUND RAISING SWIM

This year, 78 swimmers (and parents) competed in the fun event to raise money for the Club in what was an excellent competition, won by Stephen Kinsey's team. £1,950 was raised and once again, a big thank you to Steve Shilley who raised half of this!

CHARITY HANDICAP KNOCKOUT

This year we had 37 swimmers entering the knockout, which was the 20th year we have held the event. Sponsor money is still being raised during December and once again we are raising money for Reubens Retreat and the Believe and Achieve Trust.

This year's final was between Harry Trelfa and Joseph McCue. Harry Trelfa was looking to win the event for the second time in three years, whilst Joseph was looking for his first title after many years of trying. In the climax to a brilliant tournament, it was Joseph who came out on top by overcoming Harry's head start. Joseph became the oldest winner of the event and one of the very few (if any) swimmers to catch their opponent in every single round. Well done to Joseph and also congratulations to Harry for reaching a second final.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Congratulations to the following swimmers, who have attended every single gala the Club has competed in* during the season (22) up to and including 5th December.

Harry Trelfa (for the 2nd year in succession), Clayton Evison, Ben Haughton, Kasey Evison, Lily Smith, Lyra Holmes and Sophie Kershaw
An excellent effort from both swimmers and parents and your support is really appreciated.

This is the fifth year in a row that Ben has competed in every gala, which is an amazing and unprecedented achievement. Well done to Ben (and of course Stuart and Nicola)

* Only swimmers under 13 are eligible for this award (Inter / Jubilee and Junior)

FINALLY

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.

As I am sure you all appreciate though, we do need as many parents and senior swimmers to continue to help out in gala's whenever possible.

I have been very pleased with the help offered for our home galas during the year, which is much appreciated and I would hope that this can continue in the future. If you do not currently get involved and wish to take a more active role, please see me or any of the coaches. **Don't forget though, we still need your help on training nights too!**

I say this every year, but I have no doubt that we run the most professional galas of all clubs and they nearly always run without a hitch. I often hear comments from coaches and the parents of opposition swimmers saying how much they enjoy the galas at Ashton and long may this continue. Thanks for your support from both myself and the swimmers and I look forward to this continuing in the future.

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