

Barnsley Minor League at Knottingley 24/9/05

The penultimate round of the Barnsley minor league at the end of September in Knottingley saw some exciting swimming from the Scunthorpe Anchor Team with new club records set yet again in the 25m Breaststroke 10yrs boys and girls by Lauren York & Jan van den-berg Slowey in the opening two swims. This was certainly an afternoon of excitement as Scunthorpe knew they needed the points to stay in a strong position to gain promotion to the third division. Louisa Smith in the third race 12/u 50mtr breast stroke pulled an amazing strong swim to dominate from start to finish and take maximum points and a Pb in the process. Jan van den-berg Slowey also took another club record that day in the 25mtr frontcrawl with an excellent swim from start to finish being first off the blocks and a 2 mtr clear finish in front of the 2nd place swimmer. It was in the relays that Anchor built up their lead with all of the boys and girls 10 through to 14 took first place with the senior squads taking second respectively. This was the way it would stay for most of the afternoon. Every swimmer put in 110% effort as they knew this was an important meet in this division with swimmers encouraging each other from the side lines. Sam Green put in a stunning swim in the 14/u 50mtr front crawl to be trailing at the 25mtr turn to put in maximum effort and finish in the top three much to the delight of Sam the team and it's travelling supporters. This was echoed by Paul Edwards, Amy Houldsworth 50mtr breaststroke (open) Sophie Moore, Dave Benson, 50mtr frontcrawl (open), Lauren Pettitt, Michael Vickers 50mtr (open) backcrawl & Steve Dale, Sophie Moore in the 50mtr Butterfly(open). The senior members of the squad keeping up the momentum and the juniors followed. With 15 Pbs three club records and Anchor never being out of the top three places throughout Scunthorpe knew it would be tight for the last meet of the league and the chance to be promoted as champions of their league was still within their grasp they knew that this form had to be continued at the home meet on the 15th October.