

James Lormar Memorial Trophy

The James Lormar Memorial Trophy opened the new year for the Anchor Squad. He had been club swimmer & captain. James Lormar was associated to Scunthorpe Anchor for 15 years as were his brothers & sister, James Christopher & Helen. James was at Durham University when he died at just age 22, three years ago. Mr & Mrs Lormar were the guests of honour presenting the trophy to the winning club. Scunthorpe Anchor fielded only one full squad for points but there were plenty of swimmers to take part for times only.

The first three races started well for Anchor with J B-Slowey starting the 10u boys 50m Fly with a Pb in this his first event for Scunthorpe anchor apart from club sprints. Grace Conlon also followed in the girls 50m fly with another Pb, to be followed by one of the older members of the squad Allan Snowden with a new club record for the open 100m front crawl, and a Pb in the open individual IM, a good afternoon in all for Allan. A Pb by Soiphie Moore in the girls 100m open set Scunthorpe Anchor of to a great afternoon of swimming with the time only swimmers achieving good times also.

Eleven of the swimmers for the girls set Pbs in various age groups and stroke not only giving the other Scunthorpe anchor squad good competition but also Grimsby Santa Marina & Eckington too.

A total of thirty six Pbs were set in the course of the afternoon with some nail biting finishes, where the time keepers certainly had their work cut out and their reflexes tested.

Kelly Cox was voted by the coaching and teaching staff the most improved girls swimmer at Christmas swam in the girls 100m Fly and showed why she had been voted improved swimmer obtaining a Pb for that stroke, and Clare Snowden also achieving Pb in the same event. Paul Georgiou Scunthorpes improved swimmer for the boys only swam in the relay but again Paul showed how he has come on during his short time with anchor and played an integral part of the team.

As the points were being tallied through the course of the afternoon it was apparent there wasn't much in it with Eckington just edging ahead. Half way through Scunthorpe Anchor decided to give it as much as possible to keep the James Lormar trophy on home ground so L B-Slowey set the precedent of setting a Pb in the 10y boys 50m backcrawl some good sibling rivalry between the two brothers. With two first places in the next two races from Grace Conlon & Shane Thackery with Shane putting in an excellent swim against tough competition showing that anchor swimmers meant business! Sara Dale took her second first place and second Pb in the girls 50m breast stroke with an excellent time, with Jasmin Kirk in the time only swim also achieving Pb. Scunthorpe Anchor were placed second to Eckington when the points tally was added up and so the James Lormar Trophy was handed over to the winning captains, but Anchor squad were not down hearted too much as they now they are a club going from strength to strength and know that the James Lormar Trophy will soon find pride of place in the Anchor trophy cabinet maybe next year?

Some of the younger anchor swimmers in the squad were swimming competitively for the first time, Lauren York, Devon Hill, Alicia Snow, Becci Foster, Rhyss & Keiran Skinner, Declan Hunt, Becky Wattam, Alex Zimmerman, Paul Georgiou, Jan &

Leeudert van den Berg-Slowey , Jessica Martin & Lauren Callaghan, but none of them showed any sign of nerves and were looking forward to when they could compete again. Scunthorpe Anchor have a new wave of up and coming youngsters and with their hard work and perseverance will make a stronger club all round.