

It seemed a short space of time before the Anchor squad was back into competition mode in the Barnsley Minor league and with a quickly revised team sheet the squad were determined to break the 100 point mark and they put in an outstanding performance.

Anchor had the advantage with this meet being at their home pool of Riddings and with a strong support Anchor gave some new swimmers their first swims in the Barnsley League, Sophie Hame, Nathan East, Jack Clayton, Saffron Nye & Joe Sturman. None of the swimmers showed any signs of first time nerves and put in excellent swims.

One of the best pbs was recorded by first time swimmer Sam Hunt in the 12/u 50 mtr backcrawl with a staggering 14.10 pb and not to finish there he also took 8.93 seconds off his 12/u 50 mtr frontcrawl.

It was the younger Anchor swimmers who seemed to be gaining the most pb's and higher placings the girls 10/u 4x1 freestyle relay put in an outstanding performance Saffron Nye, Sophie Hame, Mie Todd and Annabell Lloyd were the only relay squad to bring home maximum points, finishing well ahead of the other chasing squad to lead from start to finish. Two new club records were also taken on the day by Sara Dale in the womens open 50mtr fly and the 50mtr backcrawl with an excellent swim by Sara finishing well ahead of the other competing swimmers. Other

Pbs were also gained by Annabel Lloyd in the girls 10/u 25 mtr fly, Corey White in the boys 10/u fly and breaststroke.

The Seniors kept the points up in the remaining relays with two 2nd places in the final stages of the gala the boys open squad of Oliver Conlon, David Ridgley, Sam Green and Dave Benson proved to be one of the most exciting and closely swam races of the day with hundredths of a seconds between all four squads. But Rossington managed to take the first place slot! The girls open relay squad didn't disappoint either with strong swims in the final 4x2 medley relay with a strong start in the backcrawl from Emma Sanderson it gave Laura Fletcher the opportunity to keep the pressure on in the breaststroke leg of the race handing over to fly and Sara Dale who monopolised on her strong stroke and technique to keep the pressure on and finally to Rebecca Ridgley who brought an excellent relay squad home in the final 50mtr frontcrawl.

The final points were totalled Anchor had gone through the 100 points mark and improved their position from the last meet missing second place by only three points.

Steve Dale was very impressed with his squad in the way they had all pulled together as a team and given Scunthorpe Anchor the result they deserved.

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