



The Micro-League swim off final,Palatine Pool Sept 2010.

The coaches used Hell week to help prepare the micro-league team for their most important gala of the season, the Division 'A' swim off final. The team travelled the short distance to Palatine Pool knowing a top 2 finish would preserve their 'premier league' status. Backed by a large and vociferous support the young team did not disappoint. They chased Southport 'B', a team brimming with National Swimmers, all the way and scored a fantastic 133 points to comfortably take the runners-up cup. For the girls there were excellent performances from Bethany Humphries and Ciara Barcock who both won their 50m freestyle races in the 12/under and 10 yo events respectively, whilst Hannah Roe triumphed in the 11/under 50m breaststroke. The boys were even more destructive with George Robinson the star of the show. He dominated the 9yo age group to win both the 25m freestyle and backstroke races. He was joined by Alexander Davidson, Harry Brothwood and Sam Jones to take first place in the freestyle and medley relay events. Thomas Manning was equally impressive, stamping his authority to win the 10yo 50m freestyle and backstroke events. He then teamed up with the talented trio of Kieran Wade, Luke Waite and James Baxter to comfortably win the freestyle and medley relay events. The ever reliable Bradley Sharples had a comfortable win in his 11/u 50m breaststroke race and then linked up with Tom Humphries, Kyle and Callum Preece to win the freestyle relay.

As Joe Booth and Gaby Davey lifted the runners up trophy aloft to a huge roar, Coach Barber remarked how the teams unity and spirit shone through both on poolside and in the water and that every member of the team had given their all with many gaining new personal best times on the day showing the effort they had made.