



Marlins Mingle with Swim Stars At High Class Meet

Five talented Marlin swimmers attended the City of Derby Level 1 Long Course Meet held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield on Sat 14 & Sun 15 January 2012. With the competition calendar having less L1 Open Meets in January and with many of the top swimmers trying to gain Olympic Trial Times this resulted in a prestigious meet attended by the top GB swimmers Liam Tanock, Fran Halsall, Ross Davenport, Jo Jackson, Lizzie Simmonds, Adam Brown to name a few.

This high standard competition gave younger swimmers an amazing experience to watch some of their swimming heroes in action giving them inspiration to strive for their own dreams and goals. Spectators from Belper said "The standard was the absolute highest and a brilliant experience for our swimmers and spectators alike - to quote the kids..... mega!!"

And the Marlin five who attended were not fazed by the competition and put in some personal Olympic trend settings times of their own achieving personal best times and club records. Elliott Stubbs had two swims and attacked them with his usual grit and determination to gain two great PB's for his 50m Free in 30.40 & 50m Back in 34.77. Leah Hollingsworth (16) swam in all 3 Breast Stroke distances and set club records in all 3 with her 50m Breast in 36.67, 100m Breast in 1.19.94 & 200m Breast in 2.52.65. Rob Ainley (15) swam in the 50m Breast in 36.59 gaining a Club Record, 50m Free in 28.12 gaining a Club Record, 50m Back in 32.64, 100m Free 59.99 PB and 50m Fly in 30.51 Club Record. Fran Marshall swam 100m Free in 1.00.02 & 50m Fly in 31.63. Ben Goodall swam 400m Freestyle in 4.10.74 giving the talented swimmer a national qualifying time, and a club record, both 16 years and open.

Having done their Club proud the Marlin swimmers are back down to earth and training hard for their next competition.

