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Racing Season Gets off to a Fantastic Start at Long Eaton Open Meet

Another fantastic weekend swimming from Team Marlin provided a great start to the racing year for the swimmers and the coaching team. On Sunday 29 January, 40 Marlin swimmers competed in the Long Eaton L3 licensed Open Meet at Queen's Leisure Centre Derby, the club was extremely well represented, with swimmers from Belper in almost every heat and many Marlin swimmers reaching the finals. There were great performances all round and lots of trophies and medals taken home.

Head Coach, Mike Brett, was delighted to see so many swimmers from across all the clubs squads attending; he added "Alongside the more experienced swimmers, it was great to see so many of the younger swimmers racing at this meet. There were many personal best times achieved, which is a result of the hard training being put in by all the swimmers. Once again these performances are showing the continuing improvement across all the squads".

Those who reached the finals through their heats were:- Amy Neild came 5th in the girls 12/13 Yrs 100M Freestyle final in 1.08.50, Elliott Stubbs came 6th in the boys 12/13 Yrs 100M Freestyle final in 1.08.06, Robert Ainley came 2nd in the 14ys/Over 100M Freestyle final in 59.41, Eleanor Hewitt took 4th in the girls 12/13 Yrs 100M Butterfly in 1.23.05, Callum Sheldon took 5th in the boys 12/13 Yrs 100M Butterfly in 1.22.18, Jonathan Altoft took 1st place in the 14 yrs/Over 100M Backstroke in an amazing 1.03.42, Connor Osin came 6th in the boys 14 Yrs/over Backstroke in 1.10.12, Rachel Ainley came 4th in the girls 11Yrs 100M Backstroke in 1.25.53, Sam Frost came 3rd in the boys 10Yrs 50M Backstroke in 44.14, Madeleine Shrimpling took 4th in the girls 12/13 yrs 100M Breaststroke in 1.27.42, Joshua Horobin came 6th in the boys 12/13Yrs 100M breaststroke in 1.26.97, Robert Ainley took 2nd in the 14yrs/over 100M breaststroke in 1.19.2, Lauren Neild took 4th in the girls 11 yrs 100M Butterfly in 1.42.38, Daniel Breeze took 6th in the boys 14yrs/over 100M breaststroke in 1.26.63, Sam Frost took 6th in the boys 10Yrs 50M Butterfly in 49.23, Amy Neild came in 5th in the girls 12/13 yrs 100M Backstroke in 1.17.78, Elliott Stubbs took 3rd in the boys 12/13yrs 100M Backstroke in 1.17.08, Sam Frost came in 4th in the boys 10Yrs 50M Freestyle in 37.76.

All those who took part should be congratulated on their performance:- Phoebe Booth, Elise Pepper, Megan Ball, Dani Hollingsworth, Madeleine Shrimpling, Emily Taylor, Tia Millington, Lucy Frost, Eleanor Altoft, Amy Neild, Hannah Whittaker, Emily Richardson, Sarah Dymond, Poppy Fisher, Jade Sadler, Ailish Adams, Lauren Neild, Emily Pearce, Rachel Ainley, Alice Allen, Ellie Baker, Ami Hewitt, Eleanor Hewitt, Callum Sheldon, Elliott Stubbs, Alex Raynard, Dominic Shrimpling, Scott Ram, Robert Ainley, Casper Raynard, William Brookes, Daniel Breeze, Ryan Horobin, Connor Osin, Joshua Horobin, Cameron Haynes, Jonathan Altoft, Jordan Cooper-Smith, Sam Frost, Edward Pickering.

As well as the swimming there were also some entertaining dance moves in the warm up intervals - especially from some of the Marlin coaching staff!