

A selected cohort of swimmers represented WSSC at Suffolk League Round 1 held at Newmarket Leisure Centre on Saturday 13 April. This is the first time the Club has competed in the League since the Pandemic and it was a fun and action-packed evening of racing.

Suffolk League is split into Boys, Girls and Team competitions, with prizes for the points winners from the three rounds and the Robin Deal Trophy awarded to the winning team of the Grand Final (to be held at Crown Pools Ipswich on 29 June). In Round 1, WSSC were competing against Newmarket (2023 Grand Final and Girls winners), Stowmarket (2023 boys and League winners) and Hadleigh & Sudbury Swimming Clubs.

WSSC Boys kicked off their campaign in great style, coming top in the Boys Competition on the night, just one point ahead of Stowmarket. The girls faced stiffer opposition and finished a creditable third behind Newmarket and Stowmarket, with the Team also placed third with 223 points (behind Newmarket with 234 and Stowmarket with 231).

There were some fantastic swims on the night, with George Everett, Eloise Perry, Jake Thomas-Mansfield, India Clement, Richard Levell, Myles Turner, Elizabeth Wright all taking top points for their individual first place swims, with Jokers played on Elizabeth's 100m breaststroke and Myles' 100m backstroke events to double our points totals from those two races. The quartets of Ben Wilkinson, George Everett, Samuel Chamberlain and Myles Turner (4 x 50m free Senior Male relay) and Myles, George, Jake and Samuel on the 4 x 50m medley Senior Male relay also took first place and top points.

Congratulations to all of the swimmers involved for a fantastic set of performances – Mia Copping, Isaac Vella, Thea Rees, Matthew Blackwell, Poppy Moore, Abbie Dockerill, Richard Levell, India Clement, Oliver Creasy, Faye Basham, Jason Dalope, Ella Stewart, Charlotte Creasy, Samuel Chamberlain, George Everett, Zach Broad, Becca Brown, Elizabeth Wright, Eloise Perry, Molly Peacock, Jake Thomas-Mansfield, Myles Turner, Ben Wilkinson.

Many thanks to Coach Sharon Perry, Team Manager Caroline Wright, officials Fiona Brittain, Helen Stewart, Liz Creasy and Kerr Clement and to our trainee officials who came along to be mentored. All commented on the effort and camaraderie of Team WSSC. Bring on Round 2!