

North West Micro League
Match 2 Report – Halton 26/06/2022

Bobcats made the long journey to Widnes for the second match of this year's Micro League competition. We competed against Halton (Home Team) and Leyland Barracudas and Chorley Marlins from match 1. There was a great atmosphere, and it was probably the noisiest Micro League match I've ever been to, I hope everyone enjoyed the experience – even if you left with a sore head!

Thank you to Kira Pickles for helping me to prepare the swimmers for the warmup and before races, and to Danielle Cook, Leanne Nutter and Rebecca Pickles for ensuring the team were organised and well looked after. Things seemed to run much more smoothly, and it was clear swimmers had benefitted from the experience of the first match.

Well done to Charlotte Cheung and Lila Madbouli who competed in the Micro League team for the first time, you both worked super hard and performed very well.

I am very proud of all swimmers in our team, we are a little low on numbers this year which means some of you are having to do extra races. Everyone has gone about this positively and given their best no matter what.

The final scores were:

Halton 136

Leyland Barracudas 134

Chorley Marlins 108

BOBCATS 83

Although we didn't score as many points as last time, there was definite improvement. It also has to be mentioned that we were racing against the three strongest teams in our division, and this won't be the case at the next two matches.

Swimmers made some excellent improvements in their times from the first match, and we only had 1 disqualification. Please don't worry if you're times weren't faster, this won't happen at every competition and the more you race, the more you will learn.

Congratulations to the following swimmers / teams who achieved first place finishes:

Charlotte Cook, 9 Years 25 Backstroke and 25 Freestyle.

Bobby Watkiss, 9 Years 25 Backstroke and 25 Freestyle.

James Hodson, 11 Years 50 Breaststroke

Owen Wilson, 12 Years 50 Breaststroke

Boys 12 Years Medley Relay, James Hodson, Logan Meeks, Owen Wilson, Michael Zwardon.

A special mention also goes to Sam Harrison and Sadie Phillipson who swam in the 9 Years Butterfly races, and both did fantastically well, just missing out on first places.

Our next match is away at Leyland on Saturday 2nd July and hope everyone can make it.

Thank you, Ian.