

North West Micro League
Match 3 Report – Leyland 02/07/2022

Bobcats were away at Leyland for the third match of this year's Micro League competition, this was only 6 days after our previous match and therefore it was going to be difficult to make too many improvements in such a short space of time. I was very impressed that we were able to swim faster in 26 out of the 47 races, I think this shows that our team are learning from each match.

In this match we were competing against Leyland Barracudas (Home Team), Blackburn and Liverpool Penguins. It was a very different venue to our previous match and the starting blocks took a bit of getting used to, every pool is different and again this will be great experience for our team. I thought our swimmers showed a great attitude, always giving their best, despite the odd mishap and our girls teams having to swim lots of races.

Once again, a big thank you to Kira Pickles for helping me to prepare the swimmers for the warmup and before races, I don't think it's a coincidence that since Kira has been on poolside, we have only had 2 disqualifications. Danielle Cook, Sacha Mikita and Leanne Nutter did an excellent job of organising the team, so well, that I didn't need to move from the end of our lane during the match. Finally, thank you to Rebecca Pickles for stepping up to be our judge.

The final scores were:

Leyland Barracudas: 155

Blackburn Centurions: 118

BOBCATS: 99

Liverpool Penguins: 64

It was great to see us increase our points total from last week and I'm hoping we can get over 100 points again in our final match.

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

Charlotte Cook, 9 Years 25 Backstroke and 25 Freestyle.

Owen Wilson, 12 Years 50 Butterfly and 50 Freestyle.

Bobby Watkiss, 9 Years 25 Backstroke.

Niamh Whitaker, 12 Years 50 Butterfly.

Boys 12 Years Medley Relay, Robert Barrett, Jenson Hardacre, Owen Wilson, Michael Zwardon.

Boys 12 Years Freestyle Relay, Robert Barrett, Jenson Hardacre, Owen Wilson, Michael Zwardon.

Our final match is away at Chorley on Saturday 9th July against Chorley Marlins, Halton, and Blackburn Centurions. This will be our third week of racing in a row, and I hope you can all make one last push and finish off with another great performance.

Thank you, Ian.