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Blue Fins Juniors kick off their season with silverware haul

The City of Milton Keynes Swim Club hosted a Developmental Meet at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Saturday 22nd September. The competition was open to all swimmers aged nine to 13, with Bicester Blue Fins swimmers coming out of the blocks in great form for their first Meet of the season. With 32 events packed into one day, this was an exceptionally busy Meet. However, the team of 24 Blue Fins did not let the pressure get to them and pulled out some thrilling performances.

Joshua Scrivener (age nine) took home eight medals from eights swims and bagged two personal bests, whilst team mate Matthew Barker (age 10) claimed five medals (including three golds) and four personal bests. Matthew was elated when he took over 17 seconds off his 100m fly and attributed his success to training hard and working on his technique.

For a handful of swimmers this was their first Meet, and it was fantastic to see more experienced athletes supporting those making their debut. Nine-year-old Elissa Cleaver was one of those debutants and said "I had a fantastic time, it was very exciting, and the atmosphere was great! I was nervous, but all the team supported me and cheered me on. I won two medals and can't wait for the next one!"

11 swimmers took home 35 medals between them and the squad secured 34 personal bests. Superb performances came from;

Joshua Scrivener (9)

Gold - 100m fly & 200m freestyle

Silver - 200m individual medley, 100m individual medley, 50m fly & 50m freestyle

Bronze – 50m backstroke & 100m freestyle

Ethan Osborne (9)

Silver – 50m breaststroke & 100m breaststroke

Bronze – 200m individual medley

Matthew Barker (10)

Gold – 100m fly, 100m individual medley & 200m individual medley

Silver – 200m breaststroke

Bronze – 200 freestyle

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Archie Steward (10)

Silver – 100m individual medley, 100m breaststroke & 50m freestyle

Maxim Tarna (11)

Gold – 50m fly

Silver – 100m freestyle

Bronze – 50m freestyle

Mille Bremner (11)

Gold – 400m individual medley

Silver – 400m freestyle

Bronze – 50m fly

Ellie-May Honour (12)

Silver – 50m backstroke

Bronze – 100m freestyle, 100m individual medley & 50m freestyle

Medals also went to Rayan Guesmi, Elissa Cleaver, Imogen Blowes and Ethan Lock.

Coach Neil Blunstone said “This was a very good start to the season, and we can really build on this solid foundation. Our swimmers displayed great determination, focus and camaraderie and are already setting goals for their next Meet”.

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Notes to editors:

Bicester Blue Fins Amateur Swimming Club was established in 1950 and has been based at Bicester Leisure Centre since 1971. The Club aims to deliver a comprehensive teaching and training programme to maximise the potential of all swimmers and help them to achieve success at local, county, regional and national levels. Programmes are designed by the club's head coaching team and delivered by trained coaching / teaching staff assisted by a team of volunteer helpers who have either been swimmers themselves or who have children who are or have been swimmers.

Bicester Blue Fins is 'SWIM 21' accredited and affiliated to the ASA South East Region and the Oxfordshire & North Buckinghamshire ASA