



Press Release

City Of Derby Long Course Meet

Bobcats swimmers started the New Year with a trip to Sheffield to compete at Ponds Forge in the City of Derby Open meet. The meet had been massively oversubscribed and the Country's top swimmers were in attendance.

Despite this Bobcats finished 17th club out of 61 clubs present as all swimmers performed to very high standards.

Elliott Norman, age 10 came away with most podium places, taking gold in the 100m and 200m Breaststroke, and the 100m and 200m Freestyle. In addition he took silver in the 100m Backstroke and finished 4th in the 200m Individual Medley final.

Ella Sheridan, age 12 took silver in the 200m and 400m Freestyle events.

Will Murray took bronze in the 100m Freestyle final and finished 7th in the 100m Butterfly final.

A number of swimmers recorded times which put them within a second of securing their National Qualification times, which are now firmly within their grasp. Personal best times were also recorded by Grace Pickles, Erica Minozzi, Emma Fothergill, Kerry Holding, Luke Pickles, and Jamie Sharpley.

Head Coach Michael Robinson's verdict was "It was a fantastic weekend overall, with Bobcats swimmers holding their own against the best swimmers in the country. Sharing the pool with world champions and world record holders will help provide confidence for the swimmers when they go back to Sheffield to compete at the national championships".

The photo shows the boys who competed at The City of Derby Meet. Back: Left, Luke Pickles and William Murray. Front: Left Elliott Norman and Jamie Sharpley.

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