

Promotion tops a great year for Biddulph ASC

The Biddulph ASC swimming team won promotion to the North West Premiership Arena League, topping the Division One league with a clear 42 point win over their rivals. Winning Division One tops the best year the club has had as the swimmers go from strength to strength.

The team competed over 3 rounds of the Arena League, alongside 18 swimming clubs at pools in Rochdale, Ellesmere Port and then the final in Kendal.

After convincing wins the first two rounds, Biddulph were top of the league for the final round, where 3 teams would get promoted to the North West Arena League Premier Division.

Biddulph swam against Leyland Barracudas, local rivals City of Stoke (COSSACS), Carlisle Aquatics, Carnforth Otters, and Garston.

After a fantastic display by the whole team, competing in 50 individual events and relay events, Biddulph won with 212 points, a clear 42 point margin over Leyland and COSSACS. The top 3 teams gained promotion. It's the first time the team have been promoted as Champions.

The team won a commemorative winners sash and will hold the Division One Championship winner's trophy for 2016. Next year the team will have to move up a gear again as they face some of the country's top teams in the Premier Division, such as Stockport Metro, City of Liverpool and City of Salford to name but a few.

Biddulph Academy Director of Swimming, Peter Abbott said "As a club, we've had fantastic year for the Biddulph Academy Squad. We've had our best year so far in terms of the number of swimmers performing at a County, Regional and National level. It's fantastic to see our Biddulph swimmers progressing and being competitive with swimmers from the big city clubs. And to top off this great season, we've won the North West Arena Division One League"

"We have some great established swimmers now who regularly represent the County and Region, we also have swimmers on the West Midland and England Talent pathways. What's more encouraging is we have some really strong younger swimmers coming through who will be as competitive as any team in the Premier Division." "We have also worked hard with the Biddulph Academy Squad, by encouraging local swimmers to join us on morning training sessions to improve their performance."

Biddulph Swimming Club is one of the top Staffordshire swimming clubs and has 20 hours of pool training for the Academy Squad each week, if anyone would like to get involved and have a trial, visit biddulphasc.co.uk, contact Peter Abbott on 01538 306090, or come long to Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre pool on Sunday evening at 5pm.

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