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**2010 Finals Day**

As the pool arena emptied and the spectator's gallery also filtering out we began to prepare for our second final of the day. The A. Division swim off final.

As the teams entered poolside the window roller blinds were beginning to come further down blocking out that glorious sunshine the pool looked a calm sea of blue and the surroundings too with Southport Beavers, Fleetwood and Lancaster all in blue with Ormskirk Otters on the other side looking a little green.

The officials returning to poolside still talking about the previous finals cannon event. Could the two B.Division teams knock the A.Division teams of their blocks (so to speak) Once again with the formalities all done the first event was underway

After the first eight events Southport Beavers and Fleetwood were keeping a stronghold on their places for next seasons A.Div. With Ormskirk making an early challenge. Sadly our young graduates from Lancaster trailing.

In the individual events Lancaster began to realize they were in a gala winning a credible five events as did Ormskirk maintaining their good start they too winning eight events however Southport Beavers staying in front with twelve firsts. Fleetwood bobbing in and out won four in a row taking their individual events to a total of seven. Again I have to say some fantastic individual swims by all the clubs showing some great technique in gliding through the water. Back to the team events and once again Southport Beavers stretching out in front sadly this gala was slipping away from Ormskirk otters and Lancaster respectfully

With Fleetwood always in the running. The cannon had arrived, was this going to be another classic it started off exciting and the closing stages being fought out by the two A. Division teams with the Beavers of Southport out doing the shrimps from Fleetwood With Lancaster coming in third and Ormskirk treading the waters a little way behind.

The two teams from the A.Division gave a very good account of themselves in showing how much it means to them by fighting to keep their place in next seasons top Division. However for Lancaster & Ormskirk Otters it must have been a great experience for their up and coming young swimmers.

#### Final Result

Southport Beavers 144

Fleetwood 133

Lancaster 107

Ormskirk Otters 104

Our Congratulations go to Southport Beavers and Fleetwood.

A heartfelt thanks to Lancaster and Ormskirk in putting up a brave show in experiencing what it needs to achieve.Division A status.

The stars of tomorrow in our junior swimmers may we congratulate all of you for an entertaining gala.