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### **My Time at Woking Swimming Club:**

My first memory of WSC was a 200m breaststroke club champs race shortly after I joined when I was 9. Breaststroke was my best stroke at the time (or so I thought), and I was in the lane next to Dominic Holloway, the county champion. By the time I surfaced after my dive, I was metres behind Dom, and naturally lost the race by well over a length!

Dom and I went on to become fierce competitors, trading victories in counties, representing Surrey at intercounty galas, and have swum together all the way through to the end of university. I have also since realised that breaststroke was in fact my worst stroke, and that I was much better at butterfly, eventually making it to Nationals and the British International Meet in 50m and 100m fly when I was 18.

My favourite part of my time at WSC was the supportive and competitive atmosphere that fostered a hunger for self-improvement and forged strong friendships that have outlasted the world of swimming.

### **My time at University:**

I swam for the Cambridge University Blues swimming team throughout my four years at Uni, culminating in Captaining the team in my final year.

Representing the university at the highly anticipated Varsity Match against Oxford each year was a huge honour, made all the more exhilarating when you come away with the trophy!

A particular highlight was competing at BUCS, where all the Unis come together to compete against each other, including the best in the country such as Adam Peaty and Duncan Scott. It's also a great opportunity to catch up with other Woking swimmers from different Unis too!

Being part of the uni squad was huge fun, and I have made friends that I am sure I will retain for life. I came away from uni with a 1<sup>st</sup> class degree, and a large part of that can be attributed to the physical and mental benefits that being part of the swimming team gave me.



### **Life after Uni**

After leaving Uni, I spent an incredible winter ski season working in the French alps. Since then, I have spent the last year and a half working at an engineering consultancy company and am currently training for the Edinburgh marathon.