



## National Coach comes to Basildon



Doug Campbell, who has just finished a 4 year stint as Scottish Swimming National Coach, in December 2012, has been appointed as Head Coach at **Basildon & Phoenix Swimming Club**.

Doug brings to the club a wealth of experience and knowledge as both an elite coach and an elite swimmer.

Doug, who is a UKCC Level 5 coach, previously held the post of British Youth Programme Head Coach for two years prior to his role as Scotland's National Coach and has been a senior member of the Great Britain Coaching team for 13 major events since 1989. Doug has both swum and coached at Olympic and Commonwealth Games level.

During his career, Campbell has coached 10 Olympians, including World & British record holders and medallists. He has been coach of swimmers who were placed on Team GB for six successive Olympics from 1984 to 2004 (including local Essex swimmer Mark Foster) and was himself on the British Coaching Team for Barcelona (1992) and Atlanta (1996). He was also Scotland Head Coach at the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

As a swimmer, Doug was an Olympic finalist at Moscow in 1980 and competed in the World Swimming Championships and two Commonwealth Games. He was selected to carry the Great Britain flag at the World Swimming Championships opening ceremony in 1982 and was captain of the Scotland Swim Team at the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

Campbell was a British short course record holder at both 100 and 200 metres backstroke and long course record holder at the latter.

Prior to his involvement on the international stage he has previously coached at performance club level at both Barnet Copthall and Beckenham swimming clubs and Millfield School and swimming club, so has experience at both international and grass roots level.

Doug said "I have enjoyed my time working at international level but I am now really looking forward to moving to Basildon to return to coaching 'on deck' full time on a daily basis and working again developing young swimmers to achieve their full potential".