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The Warwickshire wonders



The Boldmere Orca's squad were in sensational form over the three weekend's of the Warwickshire swimming Championships. The squad took more medals than ever before and returned home with plenty of personal bests. See inside for details of the final weekend of action from the event. Picture by Steve Harlow.

Keogh: 'We need to be record breakers'

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Sutton boss Chris Keogh has claimed his side will need to be in record breaking form if they are to secure a place in the end of season play-offs.

The Royals are currently sitting in fifth place, the last of the play-off places, but, with the teams below them having games in hand, Keogh knows that his

team need to push their challenge up a gear.

Speaking to *Observer Sport* this week, Keogh said: "I think to get into the play-offs this season we need to be looking at winning four or five of our last seven games.

"That should help us make the grade.

"The problem is that if we do that we will have broken last season's league points total - and that was our best in my ten year's at the club.

"So when you look at it we need to break that record again just to stand a chance of making the play-offs.

"You cannot fault the lads if we do fall short then, as breaking records in successive seasons is no mean feat."

Sutton have been on fine form of late, taking 36 points out of a possible 45 on offer.

The Royals will be looking to continue that run going this weekend when they entertain third placed Nuneaton

Town.

Keogh said: "Nuneaton are a former club of mine so it would be great to get a win against them.

"To be honest we do not fear that game as we have done as well against the bigger sides as we have anyone else this season.

"We have beaten Leamington and Chasetown and although we lost against Atherstone, we deserved to take something there to.

"And with the run we are on losing to any side is not something we are worried about at the moment."

Keogh added that despite taking on one of the sides he expected to make the play-offs this season, he had given no extra incentive on the match at Coles Lane this weekend.

He said: "Nuneaton will be in the play-offs but that does not mean that we should treat this game any different.

"You cannot start, with seven games to go, picking teams and taking on sides

with one eye on a possible match against the same side in a few weeks time.

"That is when you will slip-up."

Sutton were in action at Coles Lane on Monday night when they took apart Southam 4-0.

Goals from Nathan Moran, Michael Batchelor, Craig Owen and Adam Farrell saw the Royals take all three points.

That win came only three days after Sutton took a deserved point with a 0-0 draw away at Leighton.

Speaking about the two games, Keogh said: "We worked hard to take a point at Leighton and then followed that up with a great win on Monday night.

"That came at a price, though, as we lost Nathan Moran with a broken jaw as well as a few other niggles to players here and then.

"Injuries at this stage of the season are not what we want so we

will be hoping that we can come through the next week without picking up any more."

Sutton entertain Nuneaton at Coles Lane tomorrow, kick-off 3pm, before travelling to Arsley Town on Tuesday night.

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