



National Coach comes to Basildon



Doug Campbell was appointed as Head Coach at Basildon & Phoenix Swimming Club in January 2013, immediately following a 4 year stint as Scottish Swimming National Coach. The club swim at the 50 metre Olympic size pool in the £37 million state of the art Basildon Sporting Village.

Doug brings to Basildon a wealth of experience and knowledge as both an elite coach and an elite swimmer. Doug has swum and coached at both Olympic and Commonwealth Games level.

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.

During his coaching 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 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.

Doug 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 in the USA and at performance club level at both Barnet Cophall and Beckenham Swimming Clubs and Millfield School and Swimming Club, so has experience at both international and grass roots level.