

2022 Arena League Round 2 Competition Report

BOBCATS returned to Kendal for the second round of the 2022 Arena League season, we were competing against the same teams from round 1 plus the addition of Leyland Barracudas. I was very happy with the performance of our team, improving in 23 out of 34 individual events and 4 out of 8 relay events.

It was a more dominant performance than in round 1, we took the lead after 2 events and then maintained it through to the finish. The main difference was in the 11 Years and Under age group where our team gained an additional 11 points to help us maintain our momentum through the middle of the programme. A big well done to Sadie Philipson (9) swimming 50m Butterfly in her first Arena League match, it was a great swim and I'm really excited about our 11/Under girls' team moving forwards.

We have now secured our position in the league final on Saturday 10th December and will need to keep up our improvement to ensure we finish in the top two / three to gain promotion to Division 1.

Division 2 League Final

Saturday 10th December at Ellesmere Port

Warm Up: 6:00pm

Lane 1: Chorley Marlins

Lane 2: Liverpool Penguins

Lane 3: BOBCATS

Lane 4: Middlesbrough

Lane 5: Knutsford Vikings

Lane 6: Fleetwood and District

Lane 7: Oswestry Otters

Lane 8: Copeland

There are three teams we haven't competed against this season: Middlesbrough, Knutsford, and Liverpool Penguins. Middlesbrough will be favourites to win the final, but I hope we can push them as much as possible.

In total, we had 14 first places finishes, congratulations to the following swimmers:

Lucy Turner, Girls Open 200 IM and 100 Backstroke.

Ben Cook, Boys 13/Under 100 Breaststroke.

Lola Cragg, Girls 15/Under 100 Breaststroke.

Maddison McFadden, Girls 15/Under 100 Backstroke.

Baylie Seery, Girls Open 100 Butterfly.

Maya Smith, Girls 15/Under 100 Freestyle.

Owen Wilson, Boys 13/Under 100 Freestyle.

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13/Under Freestyle and Medley Relay Teams:

Lucy Charlesworth, Ben Cook, Niamh Whitaker, and Owen Wilson.

15/Under Freestyle and Medley Relay Teams:

Thomas Binns, Lewis Clayton, Maddison McFadden, Maya Smith.
Thomas Binns, Jasmine Bullough-Teal, Lola Cragg, Theo Whitaker.

Open Freestyle and Medley Relay Teams:

Jamie Clayton, Spencer Cragg, Amelia Moss, Hattie Varley.
Jamie Ball, Spencer Cragg, Baylie Seery, Hattie Varley.

The final points were:

BOBCATS: 225

Fleetwood and District: 205
Chorley Marlins: 195
Oswestry Otters: 194
Copeland: 172
Leyland Barracudas B: 122

Once again, thank you to Nathan on poolside and Paul Moss for being our official, Janis Smith for recording the points, and our parents for their support during the competition,

We need to have our strongest team available for the final, this will be selected after the Blackpool Lights based on current form.

Keep up the great work.

Ian.