

Tudor League – Round 4 - April 2016

Awesome – that was an absolutely brilliant performance by the 33 swimmers in the Greenwich Royals Tudor League team

The standard was set in the first three individual events when wins from Danai Lakatos, Mathew Marsh in the 50 Fly 43.59 and 44.8 respectively and then Zoi Lakatos in the 50 Breast 46.9 won their races but then we had to wait for our first relay win which came from the Girls 14 year olds with Maddie Skinner (36.7) pb by 2 seconds Melissa Khizzha, Hanna Tavakkolizadeh and Ellen Stepan winning by over second from 7 oaks impressive swimming.

The 10 year olds were the one of most successful age group on the night, with Danai, Shahana Francis who had a great 50 Freestyle with a swim time of a 37.04 (just 4/100th the correct side of the Cut off time), Lola Burns took 4 seconds off her time of 44.95, while Grannie O'Callaghan and newcomer Bella Cotteral were part of the Fly and Relays teams. In the boys team there was a great team spirit with Mathew setting the tone followed by James Barnes (Breast) Theo Treadwell (1st Back 43.80) and Tom Woodhams (44.63 Free).

The 12 year old team were the most successful on the night gaining 92 points, whom with Zoi, who came 2nd in the back, Nina Burdon (fly) and Chloe Jenkins (1st Free) teamed up with Amelie Brooks and Melissa Khizzah to swim the relays team and to win. A great swim by Amelie touched out the Dartford Team by just 0.14 of a sec and on the Medley relay they were 7 seconds ahead of their nearest rivals. The Boys team included 10 Year old Alex who took 3 seconds off his best time in the 50 Breast to record 48.51 while Josh Docherty went 36.35, Jacob Walker had a sound 50 Back and Balasz Szuhodovsky continued his improvement to record a 39.56 to win the Fly with 0.06 seconds to spare.

Our 14 year old boys included Max Clarke, who came along to support the team but ended up taking part, Bradley Khizzha, Amos Kong, while 12 year old Ilya Zypp, Oliver Crowley and Swimmer of the meet Nic Teo swimming in his first ever Tudor Gala rising to the occasion to record a 3 Second pb breast time and our only time fault of the evening to record 40.96 (just 1 second out of KQT). The girls had 2 swimmers drop out but were still able to rely on Lucy Dixon, Ellen, Maddie and Hanna Tavakkolizadeh to win both the freestyle relays by 4 seconds

The Open Boys Team were Mathew Harding, Kalyon Belyakov (Back 32.32) the ever present Rahul Shrestha (Fly 31.06 28.08 Free) and Bradley (37.55 Breast). Sixteen year old Chloe Mancini had a tough race in the freestyle and then went on to record 36.68 on the back stroke leg of the medley relay and with Ellen, Lucy and Maddie the girls to compete made a great competitive team, winning both the medley relay and the Freestyle relay from Dartford

The last 2 relays have now been synonymous with exciting swimming the 8x25 freestyle relay included Danai (16.7) Theo (18.7) Zoi (15.8) Ilya (16.8) Melissa (15.8) Max C (14.5) Ellen (14.6) and Rahul (14.0) who recorded 2.06.58. It was a good win which then led to the now absolutely brilliant Cannon Relay which on this 4th Round occasion was up to the 10 Year olds and this proved to be the most exciting of the league to date

The team was led off with new comer Bella followed quickly by James and Lola but a storming swim by Mathew Marsh saw the team pulled back into 2nd spot behind the leaders Seven Oaks who were about 8 meters in front. Shahana continued the improvement and then Theo pulled level with the Seven Oaks team and Danai pulled the team ahead with Alex Williams storming down the last length to win in convincing style and making it 3 out of the 4 relays being won by the Royals. The next round is the mixed age group relay.

Results on the night –		League after Round 4		Gala Points	Lge Points
1 Greenwich Royals	339	1 Greenwich Royals	1274	32	
2 Sevenoaks	274	2 Sevenoaks	1129	27	
3 Dartford District	269	3 Dartford District	1073	25	
4 Erith & District	213	4 Erith & District	875	17	
5 Tonbridge	204	5 Tonbridge	773	15	
6 Bexley	190	6 Bexley	746	12	
7 Gravesend & Northfleet	158	7 Gravesend & Northfleet	710	12	
8 Eltham Stingrays	115	8 Eltham Stingrays	367	3	

Stats on the night

1st place 19 - 2nd place 18- 3rd place 4 - TF = 1 DQ = 0 – 28 Times faster than the last round

Next Tudor League 21st May 2016 Eltham 5.30 Warm Up 6.00 Start – Be there as a swimmer or Supporter

Yes we are 5 League points in the Lead but mathematically Clubs can still catch us and they will be out to ensure we don't win the League. If we come in the top 4, then we have won the League!!

We only have 1 more round of the league left this Year, be there on the next round.

The Final round being a separate TROPHY GALA at Charlton Lido

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