



ERIC PENWILL RELAY TROPHY GALA 2011

Edmonton Phoenix hosted the Eric Penwill Relay Trophy Gala at Southbury Road Leisure Centre on Saturday 26th February 2011. This is a junior relay gala for swimmers aged 9 to 12 years. The competition was going to be tough as the other competing clubs included last years winners Sea Byrd Harlington, Romford Town, Bethnal Green, Anaconda, Ware, Hoddesdon and Braintree & Bocking.

The atmosphere was electric as the poolside was full of enthusiastic swimmers supported by a packed gallery.

The Phoenix swimmers signalled their intent to do well by winning three of the first four races however, despite this strong start we gradually fell behind a very strong Sea Byrds squad who consistently scored high points finishes. Gradually we crawled ourselves closer to the leaders and eventually pulled ahead. The competition was extremely close with only a few points between Phoenix and Sea Byrds going into the last few races. Our swimmers did themselves proud by winning four of the last five races to make sure we stayed ahead of Sea Byrds, winning by 9 points.

Phoenix won the squadron relays for all the strokes, the 9 year girls won the freestyle, backstroke and medley relays as did the 10 year girls whilst the 12 year girls won the free, fly and medley relays. The 9 to 12 year boys won the breaststroke, fly and free relays as did the 9 to 12 girls. Overall we won 19 of the 28 races which was a fantastic achievement. The final points were Edmonton Phoenix 184, Sea Byrds 175, Braintree & Bocking 138, Romford 124, Bethnal Green 119, Hoddesdon 107, Anaconda 81, Ware 30.

Coach Rob Howe was justifiably proud despite being pushed into the pool by an exuberant squad.

Edmonton Phoenix would like to thank all the swimmers, coaches, officials and parents of all the competing clubs, you made it a great gala.

The Swimmers

Chloe Howe, Maya Kirlew, Lily Tiernan, Nora Khadraoui, Oskar Soulas, Reece Hitchings, Aigboje Dudu-Orumen, William McLennaghan, Caitlin McCabe, Lily Halihan, Meghan Byrne, Amy Sullivan, Lewis Hitchings, Ted Winfield, Deniz Erensoy, Callum Dodds, Rebecca Andreou, Julie Ann Chantre, Lara C Eyre, Ciara Willis, Sahil Shah, Andrew Camilo, Josh Kirlew, Callum McCabe, Lena Soulas, Amy Halihan, Yasemin Erensoy, Mia Hawkes, Josh Branch, Ben Howe, Ross McCarthy, Tom Newman. GO PHOENIX!