



National Arena League Round 2 Saturday 13th November 2010

Hertfordshire Sports Village, Hatfield

Phoenix swimmers travelled to Hatfield for the 2nd round of the Arena League. We were drawn against Hatfield, Teddington, Watford, Anaconda, Hoddesdon, Chelsea & Westminster and Saxon Crown.

We knew it would be a tough fixture with a number of swimmers under or only just in age group and a couple of swimmers absent due to injury. As expected, Hatfield were dominant but we still managed to secure three wins, seven 2nd places and seven 3rd places, a number of personal best swims and 4 club records.

The team didn't have to wait long for the first win of the night when the girls 9-11yrs freestyle relay team of Lara Eyre, Emily Whale, Meghan Byrne and Mia Hawkes stormed to victory in a time of 2:13.20. Putting in 2 further great performances Mia secured 1st place in both the 9-11yrs 50m back (35.03) and 50m FS (30.55).

Second places were achieved by Charlotte Payne in the ladies open 100m Fly (1:08.98) and open 100m Back (1:07.66), Meghan Byrne girls 9-11yrs 50m fly (38.32), Josh Kirlew 9-11yrs 50m fly (34.64 new CR), Ryan McCarthy boys 15&U 100m FS (57.50), girls 9-11yrs medley relay team Mia Hawkes, Emily Whale, Meghan Byrne and Lara Eyre (2:35.18) and the ladies open 6x50m FS relay team of Hannah Thomas, Megan Holder, Charlotte Newman, Emma Tunstall, Charlotte Payne and Jen Budden.

Third place swims went to Jen Budden in the ladies open 200m IM (2:29.34), Charlotte Newman girls 15 & U 100m back (1:09.79), Ryan McCarthy boys 15 & U 100m back (1:03.84 new CR), Meghan Byrne girls 9-11yrs 50m breast (44.95 new CR), Elliot Bertram boys 13& U 100m fly (1:08.56 new CR), Josh Kirlew boys 9-11yrs 50m FS (32.30) and the girls 4 x 50m 15&U medley relay team of Charlotte Newman, Meghan Holder, Armani Antoine-Charger and Hannah Thomas (2:15.26).

Club age group records were set as detailed above by Josh Kirlew, Meghan Byrne, Elliot Bertram and Ryan McCarthy.

Final points Hatfield 381, Teddington 279, Watford 272, **EPSC 229**, Hoddesdon 177, Anaconda 170, Chelsea & Westminster 174 and Saxon Crown 105.

Well done to the whole team, thanks to coaches Barry & Rob team manager Linda, officials Jackie, Colin, Frank & Sarah and face painter Laura and all the supporters. We look forward to the final round on 11th December.