

Report from Hatfield UK Challenge Valentines Meet 5th Feb 2011

Well what an awesome Saturday swimmers from Edmonton Phoenix had!

Not only did the Club have swimmers competing in ESSA National Relay Finals Stockport on that day, we also had a '23 strong' squad of swimmers taking part in the popular Hatfield Valentines Gala.

There was immense excitement and anticipation for this event from swimmers, coaches and spectators alike that had all travelled to this Level 2 Annual event. What an event it was for our swimmers! They did not disappoint!

Our swimmers took an amazing 21 medals in total - **5 gold, 9 silver and 7 bronze AND 13 Age Group Club Records plus one Open record** (Jenny Budden in the 200 Free with an awe-inspiring 2.12.69) Silver Medal. Fantastic!

Medallists and Age Group Record takers are as follows -

Meghan Byrne with 3 GOLDS in 200 IM 2.53.04 (New 10 & U Age Group Club Record), 100 Free 1.11.51 and 200 Free 2.32.94. She also took 2 SILVERs 100 Fly 128.28 (New 10 & U Age Group Club Record), 100 Breast 135.03 (New Age Group Records in 10 U & 11 U).

Charlotte Newman with 1 GOLD in 50 Back (32.31), 2 SILVERs in 200 IM 2.32.07, 100 Free 1.02.21 (New Age Group Club Records 14U,15U and 16U) Incredible! And one BRONZE 50 Free.

Lena Soulas with 1 GOLD in 50 Back (35.41) and one BRONZE in 50 Free with a new PB of 30.35. Fabulous swim.

Tom Newman with 1 SILVER in 100 Breast (1.28.84) and one BRONZE in 200IM (2.50.24)

Caitlin McCabe with 1 SILVER in 50 Back (40.78) and one BRONZE in 50 Free (34.81). Two big PBs!

Hannah Thomas with 1 SILVER in 50 Free 28.63 (New 14U, 15U and 16U Age Group Club Records)

Oskar Soulas with 1 SILVER in 50 Fly with a big PB of 43.39!

Maya Kirlew with 2 BRONZE Medals in 50 Fly (41.19) and 50 Back 40.83 (Big PBs.)

Josh Kirlew with 1 BRONZE in 100 Breast (1.30.05). Great PB.

Josh also took a new Age Group Club Record in 100 Back with 1.19.89 and Elliot Bertram took two new Age Group Club Records in 100 Fly with 1.07.59 and 50 Fly with 30.86. Fabulous News!

It was an excellent gala for all Edmonton Phoenix swimmers - all posting some very good times and PBs amongst them. The Team also included - Joshua Branch, Bethan Holder, Ben Howe, Chloe Howe, Sara Khadraoui, Louis Kirlew, Zach Kirlew, Callum McCabe, Charlotte Payne, Lily Tiernan, Emily Whale and James Whiting.

Thank you to all swimmers and parents for attending this event but special thanks must go to both of our Coaches Barry and Rob together with our Team Manager Linda Newman. All three did a fabulous job supporting and encouraging our swimmers on a very hot & stuffy poolside. Thank you.

GO PHOENIX!