

## National Arena League; Division 2 – Round 2

It was going to be a hard task for EDSC to match their first round performance with the addition of tougher teams in round two, but in one of the most exciting galas of the season so far, the club did just that winning by a very close 6 points! The team ventured as far south east as possible to Dover Leisure Centre to accumulate a total of 16 first, 15 second and 14 third place finishes, again only leaving 5 swims outside the top 3. An improvement from the first round was seen with only one disqualification in the night due a early take over, however any more than this may well have seen us come 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

Our individual winners of the night were; **Georgia Burdett, George Hills (2), Ruby Verge (2), Jess Clark, Connor Parker, Alex Song, Ashton Middleton, Olivia Maunder** and **James Vick**.

Our Relay winners of the night;

Girls 13/u 4x50 Freestyle and Medley (Ruby, **Danielle Hills**, Georgia and Jess)

Boys 13/u 4x50 Freestyle and Medley (George, **Lewis Hayes**, Alex and **Tom Shea**)

Mens Open 6x50 Freestyle (**Michael C, Paul N, Dan B, George L, Dan W** and James)

Probably the most impressive statistic is that out of 50 races (individuals and relay lead off legs) our swimmers PB'd in 25 of them, almost double what was achieved last round. Moreover 7 of these swims would have qualified **Charlotte Clark (2), Sam Delatouche (2), Jade Hughes**, George H and Ruby, in new events for the Counties had the gala been licensed!! However, the cherry on top of the EDSC cake were three Club Records for Ruby in the Girls 14/u 50m and Girls 14/u and 16/u 100m Backstroke.

**Man of the Match** goes to **Frankie Hutchinson** who stepped in to save the day at the last minute after one of our swimmers acquired an injury earlier in the week.

**Swim of the Day** goes to James Vick for either knocking 3 seconds off his 100m Breaststroke time in one week, or for hanging on for the win in the Mens Squadron, recording his first 26 second split (now faster than both of the Coaches haha!).

Last night saw by far the best team performance of the season in a truly inspiring fashion. Well done to all swimmers for performing when it mattered. We now must keep this momentum going for the third and final round, which will no doubt be our toughest challenge yet. Thanks to Paul Nicholls, Ruth Bassett and Marnie Parker for team managing and Dan Zurita for time keeping.

Club	Gala Pts	League Pts
<b>Erith &amp; District</b>	240	6
<b>Herne Bay</b>	234	5
<b>Edenbridge Piharanas</b>	151	4
<b>Petts Wood</b>	134	3
<b>Larkfield</b>	125	2
<b>Shepway B</b>	121	1

Club	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Overall	
	Gala Pts	League Pts	Gala Pts	League Pts	Gala Pts	League Pts	Gala Pts	League Pts
Maidstone	263	6	241	6			504	12
Erith & District	243	6	240	6			483	12
Herne Bay	212	5	234	5			446	10
White Oak	168	4	198	5			366	9
Hastings B	181	5	170	4			351	9
Edenbridge Piharanas	155	4	151	4			306	8
Gravesend & Northfleet	154	3	150	2			304	5
Beachfield	140	2	161	3			301	5
Petts Wood	143	2	134	3			277	5
Larkfield	143	3	125	2			268	5
Tonbridge	123	1	105	1			228	2
Shepway B	106	1	121	1			227	2