



**NATIONAL ARENA LEAGUE ROUND 2 AT THE TRIANGLE BURGESS HILL HOME OF MID
SUSSEX MARLINS SUSSEX SAT 11 /11/17**

National Arena League meets are always high energy events and Round 2 div 2 east was no different - a loud hot exciting team gala. Initially these team meets are held regionally over 3 galas across the nation usually on the first weekend of October, November and December. There are 3 divisions the top being the premier, then division 1, then division 2. The winners of the premier division go on to represent the south Region at the national finals which are usually held in April of the following year.

Kent Weald SS are a joint team consisting of Tonbridge and Beachfield swimming clubs competing for the first time in the National Arena League 2017 /18 season, sharing one head coach and one integrated training plan. It is a very exciting time for both clubs sharing pool time, resources and coaches with the goal of offering more opportunities to swimmers of both clubs than as stand-alone clubs.

In October Round 1, Kent Weald came a close second to Hailsham s/c.

In Round 2 Gala 1 of Division 2 east saw Herne Bay, Edenbridge Piranhas, Mid Sussex Marlins B (the hosts), Eastbourne, White Oak, Shepway B and Kent Weald swim squad come together and compete against each other for the opportunity to make the top gala and be promoted to Division 1 East in December.

Personal bests were achieved by:

12 year old 2017 National medallist Caitlin Ebbage competing in the Ladies 200 IM, Caitlin also pb'd on the first leg of the girls 13 /u 4x50 free. Regional finalist Erin Nisbet in the girls 13 yrs u 100 butterfly, Josh Prendergast on the 1st leg of the boys 9-11 yrs 4x 50 Free relay Noemie Thomson on the 1st leg of the girls 15/u 4x50 free relay , Evan Norris in the boys 10-11 yrs 50 butterfly, Ruben Cowley Antelo in the boys 9-11 yrs 50 freestyle, who also secured a Kent auto qualifying time, Elle Nikhawi in the girls 15 yr/u 100 butterfly, Cicily Thomas-Green in the girls 9-11 50 bk relay 1st leg, Ollie Isaacs in the boys 13 /u 100 free, Amellie Thomas –Green on the third leg of the girls 15/u 4x50 free relay, Evan Norris on the third leg of the 9-11 yrs free relay, 2017 National medal winner Ollie Isaacs on the breaststroke leg of the boys 4x50 medley relay, Regional Finalist Dan Brice in the same relay on butterfly, Toby Henbest anchoring home the boys 13u 4x50 medley relay, Charlie Brice leading off the boys 9-11 Medley relay, Phoebe Kirkby bringing home the Girls 9-11 girls 4x50 relay, Holly Geake anchoring home the all- conquering Girls 13 u Free relay, Maddie Holland in the girls 13 u 4x50 team free, Stew Grant on the breaststroke leg of the men's open 4x50 medley relay ,14 yr old Ellis Kottas took a season's best in the Ladies 100 breaststroke, Tllida Durrant hit a season's best in the girls 15 /u 100 free, David Carr on the Backstroke of the men's 4x50 medley relay leg, Josh Prendergast on the boys 10-11 yrs 50 bk, Evan Norris on the boys 10-11 yrs 50 Butterfly, Daisy Richards in the girls 10-11 yrs 50 free and 50Br with improved Kent

auto qualifying times, National U17 Pentathlon champion Tierney Sharp in the ladies' open 100 free style and a relay pb split in the ladies 6x50 free relay, Isaac Davis with a free relay split season best in the boys 15/u medley relay, Regional swimmer Lois Duchesne anchoring the ladies 6x50 free relay squad to second in the penultimate event 49, Ollie Durrant on the first leg of the men's 6x50 relay squadron, Rob Winch in the same relay, the men's 4x50 medley relay on the fly leg and the individual men's open 100 fly, Kayla Moerman led off the girls 9-11 4x50 free team followed up with an individual win in the girls 10- 11 yrs 50 butterfly and finished up with a first place in the girls free medley 9-11 team. Sam Dickinson swam up an age group to fill the gap in the boys 15 yrs 100 butterfly, big brother Ed Dickinson on the last but one leg of the men's squadron relay taking the men's team from second to first, before Regional finalist Brandon Harris anchored the team home to win the last event of the evening in a thrilling race.

Kent Weald led the way from the first points score after 10 events 18 events 34 events and 42 events.

Kent Weald took away 27 first places, 10 second places and 6 third places to win the meet and progress to the final round in good shape, second on the league table to Hailsham s/c.

KWSS	306
Herne Bay	256
Mid Sussex Marlins	217
Edenbridge	213
Eastbourne	160
White oak	134
Shepway B	99

Well done all lots of personal bests, Kent qualifying times, lots of fun on the night with a great atmosphere.

Kent Weald coaching team