

**SWIM ENGLAND SOUTH EAST OPEN AND JUNIOR CHAMPS SAT 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**  
**HELD AT MOUNTBATTON LEISURE CENTRE PORTSMOUTH**

**Day 1 Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

KWSS and Beachfield swimmer Brandon Harris came to Pompey with the aim of increasing his qualifying events for Winter Nationals in Sheffield Dec 2018, and I think we can say that day 1 of the SE SE Champs saw him achieve his aims taking pbs and winter Nats Q times in his 3 events. First up was the 50 brst 31.23 s/c pb, Nat time No 1 swiftly followed by the 100 bk dipping under 60 sec for the first time at 59.95 and bagging Nat q time no 2. Brandon's last event of the morning session was the 100 im picking up his 3<sup>rd</sup> Nat q time of the morning session with. QT OF 61.82

Genny Hunter's day started well with a pb and a Bronze in the 100 brst she was off the pace in the 200 im, the last event of the day for Genny was the 50 free which led to the starter rushing through the start procedure, leaving Genny still on the block when the rest of the able bodied swimmers were in the water and swimming we did make a unofficial protest but to no avail.

Tilda swam the 50 free in the afternoon session getting off to a good start performing her skills well - a fast 1<sup>st</sup> 25 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> 25 that saw her try to push harder and get her hand on the wall finishing in a time of 28.84

Caitlin representing TSC powered to the final of the 50 bk with a sc pb improving her Nat q time, She followed up with a super 200 bk heat winning her heat by 10-12 meters knocking 2 sec s off her pb and a personal best time of 2.12.87 the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest 200 bk by a 13 year old all time in Great Britain going in the the open final in first position

Finals:

Caitlin got set on the ledge only for it to move downwards as she pushed off in the 50Ba due to the timekeeper not putting the ledge in the grooves on the block, Caitlin soldiered on to improve her open final place to 5<sup>th</sup> place and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Junior final

The 200 bk final arrived Caitlin led all the way right up until the last stroke getting pipped by Daisy from Thanet by 1/100 hundredth of a second taking the silver in the open final but gold in the 16/u junior final.

Summery 5 Winter National q times 6 personal bests

1 Gold 1 Silver 1 Bronze

**Day 2 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Day 2 started off as it finished for Brandon consolidating his previous Nat winter time in the 50 bk and a pb at 27.69 taking him to no 1 in Kent rankings.

Brandon's next race was the 100 brst and another Nat winter q time consolidating his no 2 ranking in Kent.

Last race for the boy wonder was the 200im and predictably he finished his weekend off in style taking his 5<sup>th</sup> Nat 1 q time in another pb of 2.14.44 Brandon's Total for the weekend was 6 Nat times and 6 pbs out of 6 races.

Genny Hunter started off day 2 with 100 bk her 1<sup>st</sup> 25 was very good but her shoulder started playing up and she finished with a time of 1.51.92.

Genny picked up a second bronze of the meet in the 400 free.

The morning session began with Caitlin making the final of the 100 bk in second place with a good heat swim.

Caitlin's next race of the morning session was the 100 im ,a great fun event not race that often any more however Caitlin crushed her pb taking 7<sup>th</sup> place in the open, and a bronze in the junior 16/u final and a winter Nat q time not bad for a 13 yrs old.

Caitlin had to wait for 5 hours form the end of session 4 until herSession five 50 fly but still taking a personal best.

The last session of the weekend was session six finals which started at 5.45 pm an hour late after two fire alarms which saw all the swimmers and parents and spectators evacuated to the car pk.

So with one swim in 6 and a half hours Caitlin lined up for the final of the 100 Bk

Caitlin battled it out and equalled her personal best of 62.78 c coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the open final and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 16/u junior final.

### **Summary**

Total 1 Gold, 1 silver 4 bronze . 12 personal bests from 18 races. 10 Winter National q times

Very well done all swimmers from KWSS and Tonbridge a solid weekend of racing well performed even after long waits between races and two fire alarms and 11 hours on poolside on Sunday.

Pete