



Medway Gala 3 held at the Mote Pk Maidstone 27/4/19

After a brief warm up, Gala 3 started with the ladies heat declared winner 200 IM open ,Alice Brown and Megan Sharp we're first up for Beachfield both girls in the same heat swimming close to their pbs Kayla Moerman was next also on pb pace. Grace Dolman swam a very sweet race winning her heat on the last stroke with a 3 second pb. Next up we're Holly Geake and Erin Nisbet, both in the same heat Erin cruising to a 4 second pb and getting 2nd Place in the 11-16s. The last heat saw 13 yr old Caitlin Ebbage up against 18 yr old Lauren Braddon, both girls going out fast on the fly leg Lauren just ahead after the 1st 50 the positions remained unchanged after the backstroke, Caitlin picked up the pace on the brst and at the turn going in to the freestyle both girls were neck and neck the last turn it was still all to play for as both girls went head to head on the last 25, Lauren just getting the touch ahead of Caitlin who broke the Medway girls record taking home a nice trophy, coming 2nd in the open category and first in the 11-16s. Lily swam a good race coming 5th in the 11-16s.

The boys 10 yrs 50 free BSS sole representative Charlie Page knocking half a second off his pb. Beachfield had a strong presence in the The men's open 100 free Jack Marsh Aady Anurajulian , Jack Burke; Samuel Gosset , Joe Rowbottom, James Pieri all swimming well.

12 yr old Harri James Isaacs shaved a second off his pb followed by 12 yr old Max Beavington making the final with a nice 4 second pb, Freddie Dolman and William Fitzy Fitzpatrick shaved few tenths off their pbs. Evan Norris swam to the final In second place in the 13 yrs freestyle in a time of 1.04.90 with a huge 25 second pb. Charlie Morris just missed the final of the 16 yrs and over on his pb, 15 yr old Sam Dickinson was a bit off his pb. Josh Prendergast made the final in premiere position in the 13 hrs age group.

15 yr olds Josh Baar and Ollie Isaacs both made the final, Ollie lipping half a second from his pb In the last heat we had a very exciting race between Brandon Harris, a gutsy Ollie Durrant and Ollie Tritton. Brandon tracking both Ollies bidding his time until the last turn where he exploded out and took the lead with 10 meters to go Brandon went in to hydro freestyle tech and blasted in to the end with a 1 second pb going under 55 for the first time at 54.94 breaking the boys' and men's Medway record.

Girls 10 yrs 50 brst , BSS girls Connie Harris and Veronica Baykun swimming to nice personal bests The last event was the ladies 100 breaststroke. BSS Proved strong in this event too good swims from Berri Heatin, Hope Mulder, Kate foster, and Ellen Walker. Willow Kienlen made the final of the 11 yrs age group with a big pb. Ophelia Brown stormed to a 15 second pb, Madison Moore took 2 seconds off her pb. Leonie Hopper was a few seconds off her pb, Alice Brown swam a stonking 100 brst knocking 9 seconds off her pb. Olivia Pieri smashed 7 seconds off her pb and made the final of the 11 yrs age group. Jess Hummel was off her pb. 14 yr old Tarryn Marsh took a second off her previous pb in one of her favourite events. Faith Harris made the final of the 12 yrs age group with a 3 second pb. Beth Farr swam well taking 3 seconds off her pb with Megan Sharp clipping a few tenths off her pb. Julia Baykun took a 1 and a half second pb in the 15 yrs age group ,Amelia Hopper was just off pb Lilly Rose Burke swam well to reach rather final of the 11 yrs age group. Kayla Moeman also made the final of the 13 yrs age group as did 15 yr old Grace Dolman with a 1 second pb. Lily Durnford had a cracking swim to make the final alongside Grace in pole position and a 1 second pb. 14 hr old Holly Geake swam in the same heat rewarding herself with a 1 and a half second pb and making the final in 3rd place. Last heat and we had BSS swimmers Caitlin Ebbage v Erin Nisbet ranked 2nd and 4th in Kent respectively in the 14 yrs age group going up against each other a good race unfolded with Erin getting the touch over Caitlin going in to the final in 1st and 2nd with Holly Geake in 3rd.

Finals

First up was Max Beavington picking up 4th in the 12 yrs 100 free. The final of the 13 yrs 100 free saw Josh Prendergast win the race but picking up a dq for moving on the block. This is tbc as the printed results have Joshua as first and Evan DQ'd. A similar incident happened last time. The men's 15 yrs age group and BSS has another two finalists Josh Baar coming 4th and Ollie Isaacs collecting a silver medal. Last final for the boys was the 16 and overs and another very good race ensued between Ollie Durrant who was on pb Brandon Harris and the Maidstone swimmer Oliver Tritton. Brandon swam a very good tactical race and waited to strike at the last turn when he swam away from the field winning gold with Ollie Durrant winning a silver medal- great swims from the lads.

On to the girls finals and first up was 11 yr olds Willow Kienlen and Olivia Pieri, both girls I proved on their heat times with Willow winning a silver medal and Olivia in 5th taking another two seconds off her pb making it a 9 second improvement on the day. Faith Harris was the club's only swimmer in the 12 yrs age group taking a point for the club in 6th place. Lily Rose Burke and Kayla Moerman went in the 13 yrs final both girls improving their heat times. The club had 3 girls going for gold in the 14 yrs age final Caitlin Erin and Holly all the girls in the top ten in Kent rankings Caitlin improved her heat time to clinch gold and the junior trophy for the fastest breaststroke in all ages. Erin won Silver and Holly took bronze providing a clean sweep on the podium for BSS Last final for BSS was the 15 yrs age group – Grace coming 4th and Lily storming to victory and a gold medal.

A successful night for BSS (tbc)

5 golds

5 silvers

2 bronze plus many 4th -6th place medals

Junior records in the 100 free and 200 IM from Brandon and Caitlin respectively Senior record from Brandon in the 100 free, Junior trophy for Caitlin in the 100 brst Junior and senior trophies for Brandon in the 100 free and many many pbs.

Well done all - next round in September

Pete