

KENT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017- SESSION 13 & 14 AT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK STRATFORD (OLYMPIC POOL)SUNDAY 12/2/17

SESSION 15

After 4 weekends of racing the Kent County championships 2017 draws to a close with the last two sessions on Sunday morning and afternoon at The Olympic pool in Stratford East London, the first event of the session was the Girls' 200 individual medley which is a heat declared winner event, meaning there is no final with the fastest swimmer in each age group winning Medals, it consists of 50 meters each all four strokes, an all rounder's event, Beachfield swimming club had Genny Hunter going in the S8 cat and another gold for Genny Hunter. Lois Duchesne also in the girls 14 yrs 200 individual medley knocked 17 seconds off her long course pb. William Fitzpatrick swam the 50 Backstroke whist under the weather but still managing to post a long course pb. Brandon Harris was next to swim in the boys 14 yrs shaving over half a second off his pb and qualifying for the final in fifth place, the Final saw Brandon take a further two tenths of a second off finishing in sixth. The last event of the session to be swam was the girls 50 butterfly Beachfield had Daisy Roberts first to go in the girls 10/11 yrs knocking 3 and a half seconds off her pb finishing in 13th place, 11 year old Kayla Moerman swam to a two second pb and placed as 2nd reserve for the final. Lois Duchesne produced a one second pb in the girls 14 yrs age group quickly followed by Rachel Gearing who also dipped under her old pb slicing a second off. Last Beachfield swimmer to compete in the 50 butterfly was 15 yr old Tilda Durrant with a pleasing two tenths of a second pb.

SESSION 16

The last session of Kents 2017 started with the girls' 50 breastroke 10 year old Daisy Roberts on the block for the last time this championships finishing in 16 th place in the combined 10/11 year old age group. Polly Thomas returned to the 2017 counties competing in the girls 16 yrs and over placing 15^{th} in her age group with nearly a half a second pb .

The last event of counties 2017 was the boys 50 freestyle William Fitzpatrick took just under a second off his pb in the 12 yrs age group. Ed Dickinson performed well lowering his pb by two tenths and dipping under 27 for the first time finishing 8^{th} in his 16 yrs age group, Last to swim was Ollie Durrant who had patiently waited all weekend to swim in the very last event of the meet ,Ollie carrying a shoulder injury battled through the pain to a solid 26.68 to finish 11^{th} in the 17 yrs age .

Beachfield finish the 2017 campaign with an unofficial total of 29 points. 15 for the boys and 14 for the girls, fourteen more points than the 2016, with a hatful of personnel bests over the 4 weekends of racing , when the official results are published we will see what position the club finished on the points table .

Well done all Pete - Head Coach Pete