



NATIONAL ARENA SWIMMING LEAGUE SOUTH 2010  
DIVISION TWO EAST  
ROUND THREE

Congratulations to all the swimmers who took part in the final round of the National Arena League at Beckenham on Saturday 11th December 2010, securing promotion back to Division One East next season with a fine second place finish.

Competing against the top eight teams in our division, Grace Begley Hunter once again got us off to a good start, winning the Ladies Individual Medley in fine style. In previous rounds we had gained considerable success in the relays events, however, with a few noticeable absentees in a couple of age groups combined with stronger opposition we had to wait until event nine for our next success, the Ladies Open Medley Relay team of Jess, Grace, Miren and Leanne. At the conclusion of the first set of relays we were placed second, twelve points behind leaders Gravesend and four points ahead of Maidstone in third. Druanne Brown quickly gained our next success in the first of the individual races (50m Backstroke) and further individual success was gained by Grace Begley-Hunter (Ladies Open 100m Fly & 100m Breast), Maya Willis (Girls 11/U 50m Fly & 50m Free), Miren Elphick (Girls 15/U 100m Fly & 100m Free and Ladies Open 100m Free) and Andrey Brightwell (Boys 11/U 50m Breast & Free). At the end of the individual swims DDSC were still in second place twelve points behind leaders Gravesend, but Maidstone had closed the gap to three points in third. The last set of relay swimming provided two further successes, courtesy of the girls 13/U Freestyle relay team of Bethany, Sophie, Amy and Maya and the Ladies Freestyle Squadron team of Grace, Jess, Bethany, Sally Miren and Leanne. Some strong relay swimming by Gravesend saw them extend their winning margin to twenty four points but our team managed to stay ahead of Maidstone by three points to finish the evening in second place.

I would like to thank all swimmers who have competed for the club in this competition, especially all swimmers who have turned up and swum just in relays or out of their own age group. All the team should be proud of their achievements. There has been some very fine swimming, excellent team spirit, commitment and great support for all team members at each of the galas. We should look forward to the challenge of next season, when the competition will be tougher, but I am sure with your continuing effort in training we will be able to compete with the bigger clubs we will be drawn against.

Final Results of Round Three:

Gravesend	303 points
DDSC	279 points
Maidstone	276 points
Sevenoaks 'B'	258 points
Ashford	208 points
Orpington 'B'	178 points
Black Lion 'B'	152 points
Hythe	134 points

Full National League results can be located via [www.nationalswimmingleague.org.uk](http://www.nationalswimmingleague.org.uk)

**GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL FOR 2011**

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