

Streets' super second in Arena League



Street & District SC hosted the first round gala as this years Arena League kicked off at Hutton Moor. Back in Division 1 after dropping out of the Premier League, a new look squad of Street swimmers wanted to make a good start to the 2018-19 campaign, as they hosted teams from Paignton, Barnstaple, Newton Abbott, Severnside and Neath.

A strong start saw Street and Newton Abbott swap the overall lead several times, a pattern that continued throughout the evening. Stand out swims came in winning performances for the Medley relays (U/11 Boys, U/13 girls and Ladies Open teams).

There was plenty of individual success as well, Ruby Varney – fresh from her endeavours as part of the Somerset team at the recent inter-counties championships, powered to a win in the u/13 breaststroke to continue her superb form of late. Both Jasmine Moore and Jake Mowbray won their respective butterfly races in the Open age groups.

Harriett Watts too the Ladies Open backstroke event, and Kayleigh Parker swam an excellent breaststroke to take the Ladies Open breaststroke.

Not to be outdone the lads chipped in as Harvey Pike won the u/11 breaststroke and team mate Seth Allom took the u/13 butterfly. As a game of nip and tuck with Newton Abbot took place there was more relay success in the u/13 and Ladies Open freestyle relays also taking maximum points to ensure a nail-biting finish. Sadly the Devon club proved just that bit stronger on the night to take the win overall but they were pushed all the way by the Street squad.

A spokesperson said, "This was an excellent opening round of the Arena League, and the team swam superbly from start to finish. Having led the event several times we were hoping to hang on for the

win but credit to Newton Abbott for taking the win tonight. Overall it is a pleasing start to the tournament as we look to the next round to try and secure a place in the Division 1 A final and give ourselves a chance of promotion.”

Street & District had three competitors take part in the Pentathlon GB South West Regional Biathlon championships, held at Bath University. In the u/11 age group Dexter Townsend showed the rest how it was done by bagging a superb gold. In the u/13 girls, it was a fine bronze for Ella Stadden and completing the set in the u/17 group Sean Robinson took a super silver.

Photo: Street & District swimmers preparing for battle in the Arena league.