



SPLASHING GOOD SHOW: Hoddesdon's triumphant swimmers show off their trophy. (s)

Happy Hoddesdon win Diddy League

HODDESDON Swimming Club's young members were in jubilant mood after winning the Junior Speedo League division two championship.

The club, which competes in the M11 corridor league, finished second in the third and final gala of the championship to seal top spot and gain promotion to division one.

Competing at Waltham Forest pool, the club's swimmers recorded an impressive 17 new personal best times and put in some excellent performances.

Hayley Warrington, Holly Gannon, Lucas Mesquita and Matthew Hallam all won while there were team victories for the boys' under-10 relay squad of Mesquita, Lee Robnett, Andrew Goodman and Christopher Hodges in the freestyle and medley races.

Not to be outdone, the boys' under-12 team of Callum Bedding, Jed Ardren, Tristan Defraize-Dash and Josh Arnold also won their freestyle and medley relays.

Personal bests were recorded by Hodges, Arnold, Mesquita, Bedding, Ardren, Gannon, Chloe Harris, Jessica Waters, Harry Spicer, Sydney Crouch, Kirstin Meikle, Andrew Goodman and William Yates.

Gala results: 1 Southend 219pts, 2 Hoddesdon 195, 3 Rochford 182, 4 Greenwich 167, 5 Hitchin 131, 6 Eitham 127.

● **THE** club's Fish and Eel teams got off to a good start in the Herts Peanuts League with both coming second in their respective galas.

Competing at Hitchin pool, Hoddesdon's depleted Fish team performed admirably throughout the first round gala with some fantastic results to finish runners-up behind Broxbourne.

Individual wins went to Lydia Poole and Luke Broughal, both in the 25m butterfly, and Georgina Kell in the 25m freestyle. Team wins went to the girls' under-nine team of Holly Charles, Mya Zaver, Sophie Rose and Amy Riddick in the freestyle and special relays.

Double wins in the medley and freestyle relays were recorded by the boys' under-11 team of Joshua Chesterman, Harry Burtenshaw, Richard Platt and Broughal with Kane Hagley-King stepping in for Platt in the freestyle event.

Personal best times were recorded by Phoenix Page, Kane Hagley-King, Joshua Chesterman, Lauren Goddard, Sharn Verrier, Thomas Broughal, Lydia Poole, Harry Burtenshaw,

Katie Smits, Georgina Kell and Luke Broughal.

Results: 1. Broxbourne 115pts; 2. Hoddesdon 126; 3. Welwyn 128; 4. Hemel Hempstead 131; 5. Ffolits 172.

The Eels' first round match was at Stevenage pool and they were also on top form with 14 personal best times and 31 top three individual places to secure second place behind home club Stevenage.

Individual wins went to Lucas Mesquita, Emma Riddick, Kerris Munns, Holly Gannon and Josh Arnold while there were team victories for the girls' under-13 relay team of Munns, Gannon, Chloe Harris and Hannah Davis in the medley and freestyle events.

Munns, Mesquita, Riddick, Arnold, Hayley Warrington, Matthew Hallam, Kirstin Meikle and Lewis Dear won the squadron relay, the final race of the night.

There were personal best times for Imogen Bell, Chris Hodges, Jed Ardren, Lee Robnett, Hannah Mason, Callum Bedding, Mesquita, Meikle and Arnold.

Results: 1 Stevenage 78pts, 2 Hoddesdon 106, 3 Bishop's Stortford 117, 4 Hemel Hempstead 135, 5 Tring 192.