

First Weekend of East Invicta Championships

Dover Lifeguards made a good start to this years East Invicta championships at the weekend. On Saturday there were final placings for the relay teams. The 17/u men's medley teams finished 4th and 6th with the girls freestyle team in the same age group finishing 3rd and 6th, The men's open medley team were 4th in the final and the ladies freestyle team also finished 4th.

The 800 freestyle delivered a first place for Ben Evans in the 11/12 age group with team mate Cameron Cook coming in 5th. Evan Waters was 4th in the 13/14 age group and Lewis Young came home in 2nd place in the 15 and over age group.

The 1500 freestyle brought another medal for the 'guards when India Ribbans produced a huge personal best to finish 1st in the 11/12 yr age group.

Saturday afternoon opened with the 200 IM. The Dover team had some good swims, Chris Clarke was 7th in the 9/10 age group. Ben Evans 2nd and Dan Latham 7th in the 11/12 yr. Callum Basford was narrowly beaten into 2nd place in the 13/14 yr age group, team mates Evan Waters was 4th and Callum Haywood 8th.

The girls 200 breaststroke produced some great swims, Sara Wain 3rd (9/10yrs), Sophie Waller 4th Katie Latham 6th and Mollie Allen 8th in the 11/12 yr group.

The boys 50 backstroke saw Ben Evans storm to the final and win by just under a second. Callum Basford and Evan Waters also reached the final in 13/14 age group with Callum storming to a fine first place and Evan finished 4th. The 15 yrs and over final had Matt Farran against a tough field but he still finished 4th.

Katie Latham and Gemma Lawson finished 2nd and third respectively in the final of the 11/12 yr 50 freestyle.

Callum Basford was on form again when he won the boys 13/14 butterfly in 1.07.26.. Sara Wain and Connie Willett were 2nd and 3rd in the 200 IM in the 9/10 age group with Katie Latham 1st in the 11/12 age group. Megan Basford was 4th and Pam Flisher 7th in the 13/14 age group.

The 200 fly saw Edward Smith finish 4th, Ben Evans 1st, Callum Basford 1st, Evan Waters 4th in their respective age groups. Sara Wain was 2nd in the 50 fly. Katie Latham 1st, Megan Basford 2nd. Devon Amos 4th and Tasha Hyde 6th in the finals of the 50 fly.

Callum Basford and Evan Waters were both finalists in the 100 breaststroke, Callum 2nd and Evan 6th. Devon Amos and Megan Curtis finished 3rd and 4th respectively in the 100 fly final. Edward Smith was 3rd in the 50 freestyle and in the 11/12 yr age group Ben Evans romped home in 1st place. Callum Basford continued his good run with a 2nd place with Rob Dawson 6th.

The 400 IM produced more good results with Ben Evans 2nd (11/12) Callum Basford 1st and Evan Waters 2nd (13/14) and the girls in the 400 fs did well too with Katie Latham 3rd (11/12). Pam Flisher 5th and Megan Curtis 6th (13/14).

Megan Basford and Devon Amos were again finalists in the 100 IM and they both produced solid swims to finish with Megan 3rd and Devon 6th.

Dover's relay teams were on form too, there were final placings in every relay the teams were placed well with the 9/10 fs team finishing 5th. The 11/12 men's fs teams finished in 3rd and 6th and the girls 13/14 medley team fought off a hard challenge to finish 1st. The 9/10 boys medley team were 4th and the 15/16 men's freestyle were 2nd. The last relay of the day saw the 11/12 girls fight hard in the medley relay but they finished a close 2nd.