

National Arena Swimming League
Round 2 13/11/10 Maidenhead

Round 2 once again saw us up against some stiff opposition: Windsor B, winners of round 1, Maidenhead Marlins, Basingstoke, West Wight and Wey Valley.

With a full coach of 30 swimmers, one of the largest squads we have taken, plus swimmers who made their own way there, we were determined to give it our all! The events kicked off just before 7pm and by the end of event 10, the first set of relays, it was clear we were going to be in for a tough night with the home team, Maidenhead, storming ahead. At the first points announcement we were in 5th place by 1 point. The chance to make up some ground rested on the next 32 events, which were all individuals. These began with Michelle in the 11 and under 50m backstroke and our first individual win of the evening which was quickly followed by Joe's 100m breaststroke win and many other top half results which saw us steadily climb from 5th to 2nd by the start of the second wave of relays. Knowing the relays were going to be tough, we worked hard with the hope of at least gaining a top three position. While waiting for the results the pool echoed to the tunes of Green Army and Give me a W.O.R.T.H.I.N.G! The points were announced and we finished in a very good 3rd place just 2 points behind Windsor and 9 points clear of Basingstoke. Two rounds done and the next one on December 11th we have all to play for!

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