

Leicester's Lightning Results

The Leicester Open Gala kicked off on Friday night (20th April) with eight swimmers competing in the 400m freestyle, spectators had a very long wait before seeing any action from Leamington and then two heats contained six swimmers!

Thirteen year old Imogen Butler had a storming heat knocking a huge 14 seconds off her pb to 5.00.19, and Georgia Kidd,14, took three seconds off hers recording 4.45.67. Twelve year old Teigan Parker secured her eighth Midland Qualifying time with 4.58.06, and on Sunday gained a place in the 100m breaststroke final producing a pb to secure a bronze medal.

Fifteen year old Nick Payne's outstanding performance generated substantial pb's in all his events, including ripping an incredible 5 seconds off both his 200m IM and 200m free time, the latter securing him his first Midland time. Not content with that, Nick also threw in a thundering 100m free race, tucking him under the minute mark in 59.20.

Times tumbled from the eleven year olds with strong performances from Edward Jolly, Connell Parker and Charlotte Hughes. Edward and Charlotte both slashed three seconds from their 100m free times, Charlotte's impressive form continued in the 200m back with a massive 11 seconds cut from her best time, while Connell drove his pb down by seven seconds to 2.53.21. Edwards solid racing generated an eight second pb in his 100m breaststroke and a storming 200m free saw his time slashed to 2.38.84.

Derry Linton,12, turned up the heat in both 100 and 200m backstroke events firing her times down by three and five seconds respectively whilst older brother Finn,14 raced into the final of the 100m back before pulling his 100m breaststroke down by three seconds to 1.25.47. In the 200m breast both Georgia Kidd,14, and Felicity Dempster,13 recorded 3.07 significantly improving their pbs.

Registering a new pb in the 100m free was Sophie Hodgson,13, with 1.08.25 and in the 100m back saw a new time for Jack Dennis with 1.08.40.

One of the last events of the weekend was the 200m free and a great end with thirteen year olds Imogen Butler and Sarah Chapman both having hefty pb's, 3 seconds off for Imo and a huge seven seconds for Sarah.

Congratulations to Jessica Nash,15, and Sarah Brades,16 both successfully earning their place in the 100m back final for their age group and to Sarah Smith,17, nibbling a tad off her 200m fly time and securing a place in the final of the 100 event.

A total of 38 new pb's were set from a fabulous weekend of racing.