

British Gas ASA National Inter County Championships 2010 – 17/10/08

Competing for a second year in Division Two, Staffordshire put in a highly positive performance to finish in 7th place. With the top 4 teams gaining promotion to Division One, Staffordshire were always in the top half but could not quite make the final push to break into the coveted top 4 places.

Final Results:

1.	Scotland East	487
2.	Swim Wales East	454
3.	Nottingham	446
4.	Swim Wales West	434
5.	Leicestershire	406
6.	Wiltshire	398
7.	Staffordshire	382

Despite not achieving promotion, a pleasing aspect of the team's performance was the number of swimmers who improved upon their entry times, setting personal bests and gaining more points for the team than predicted. At the start of the gala, a tenth place finish was predicted for Staffordshire but some strong swims meant the team finished 26 points and 3 places up on this prediction.

Notable individual performances included wins for Matthew Stevenson in the Boys 12/13yrs 100m Butterfly (1.03.37) and Rachael Kelly in the Girls 16/17yrs 100m Butterfly (1.01.45). There were also top 3 finishes for Adam Rowe (2nd in Boys 16/17 100m Freestyle), Jodie Hawsworth (2nd Girls 14/15 100m Breaststroke), James Robinson (2nd Boys 14/15 100m Breaststroke) and Chloe Johnson (3rd Girls 12/13 100m Backstroke).

A massive well done to all the swimmers, Thank You to the captains, Dani Amson and Ben Wood and hopefully Staffordshire can build on this performance and look to achieve promotion next year.

Staffordshire Team

Matthew Stevenson, James Brooker, Joesph Hulme, Ashley Tweats, Mathew Birks, James Robinson, Adam Silvester, Keiran Smith, Luke Eccleston, Adam Rowe, Liam Woodcock, Ben Wood (captain), Bethany Baker, Natasha Holland, Chloe Johnson, Lauren Pate, Jodie Hawsworth, Christie Ghent, Amy Perfit, Sophie Pyatt, Rachael Kelly, Amy-Jade Williams, Kelly-Ann Smith, Rebecca Rackham, Dani Amson (captain).