**South East Water Polo Girls - National Bronze**

**Swim England Inter Regional Under 14 (Y2004 and younger) Championships 2017**

**Walsall Gala Baths**

**December 2nd & 3rd**

The South East water polo girls punched above their weight to put in second great medal winning performance in 2017, having also bronzed at Blackpool with the Under 18s in January.

This is a group with a great deal of depth and talent, the addition of a specialist keeper, and another driver in the year raised the team to a level where it can compete nationally.

This is the first time that SE Region have won medals in two different age groups in a single competition year

1. **Team**

Maddie Calthrop GK 04 Mid Sussex Marlins

Lucy-Mai Helliwell C 04 Hythe Aqua

Milly Mcalister 04 Faversham

Caitlin Silk 04 Worthing

Grace Byford 04 Worthing

Ruby Rosser 05 Worthing

Lucy Bullock 05 Crawley

Grace Turner 04 Crawley

Sophie Cook 04 Crawley

Fleuve Williams 04 Basingstoke

Coach – Ewan Partridge

Assistant Coach – Matt Mcalister

Team Manager – Helen Bullock

1. **Match Reports**

**Saturday**

**South East 5 North West 8**

Goals, Caitlin 3(four), GraceB, LucyB

Majors, Lucy-Mai 2, GraceB. GraceT.

A hard start to the competition, playing the team that would eventually take Gold. Until near the end of the 3rd Quarter we were in the lead, winning 6-4. Unfortunately a goal was deducted which was a blow to the team morale and saw the NW win. Overall a fantastic start against a well organised team.

**South East 13 East 2**

Goals, Milly 4, GraceB 2, Lucy-Mai 2, Sophie 2, GraceT, Ruby, Caitlin.

Majors, Caitlin, Lucy, GraceT, Ruby.

We dominated this game from the start, with the majority of the team scoring at some point during the game.

**South East 12 Midlands 4**

Goals, Caitlin 7, GraceB 3, GraceT, Sophie

Majors, Caitlin, Lucy-Mai, LucyB, Fleuve

Everyone went into this match with a determination to win and secure a place in the semi-finals. We soon prevailed and finished the day on a high having secured a semi-final place.

**South East 4 North East 10**

Goals, Caitlin 3, GraceB

Majors, Sophie 3, GraceT 2, Lucy 2, GraceB, Lucy-Mai.

A tough match. Despite losing, this was a well fought game, producing excellent match play from all involved. Maddie made an impressive penalty save from the top scoring player in the tournament.

**South East 16 London 5**

Goals, Caitlin 10, GraceB 2, GraceT 3, Ruby 1.

Majors Caitlin

Grace B Goals 2

Grace T Goals 3

Ruby Goals 1

Everyone entered this game with a determination to win and take home a medal. We were well organised and produced excellent play despite it being the end of a long weekend. The girls achieved the result that they thoroughly deserved.

Lucy-Mai Helliwell was voted our MVP by the other teams.

Caitlin Silk scored 24 goals, one behind the tournament top scorer.

Ewan Partridge

5/12/17