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CHRISTCHURCH and New Milton Seagulls' head coach Barry Alldrick has told his table-topping swimmers they will have to swim faster than ever to complete their National Arena Swimming League promotion drive.

Seagulls go into the West Division Two final at Weston-super-Mare on December 12 as league leaders after leading from start to finish in their round two gala at Trowbridge.

"This was another great win – the whole team has been composed and full of energy in these first two rounds," said Alldrick.

But he added: "The real test will come in the final. Our swimmers will have to swim beyond their current best times for us to gain promotion."

Seagulls' 11/u boys dropped only one point out of 36 in their age group with wins from Andrew Botros in the 50m butterfly and backstroke, a win and a second place from Ben Wickens (breaststroke and freestyle) and two more wins from the relay team of these two plus Joe Frampton and an unwell Lewis Hall.

In the same age group for girls, Emma Garland and Leana Galton respectively won the 50m backstroke and freestyle and teamed up with Maisey Gormley and Hannah Price to win the freestyle relay.

The u/13 boys dropped only two points with Peter Griffiths coming first in the 50m breaststroke and second in the butterfly, Chris Gannaway achieving identical placings in the 50m back and freestyle and two relay wins from them, Cianan Mann and Ben Price.

The 13/u girls' results included wins from Megan Chapman in the 50m breaststroke and both relay teams plus second places from Isabelle Frampton and Ellie Kerslake in the remaining three individual events.

Frampton, Kerslake and Alice Talbot won the 15/u 100m butterfly, backstroke and freestyle and the medley team of Kerslake, Nicola Price, Melissa Bennison and Lydia Witney added another win.

Bennison also won the women's 100m fly while Sam Webber set a club record as he came second in the u/15 boys' 100m backstroke.

Seagulls' five opponents at Weston will include the Bournemouth-Ferndown C team – swimming as Bournemouth Dolphins B.

They are sixth in the table after coming second to Bodmin at Littledown.

- Seagulls' Sophie Duffell swam a controlled race to collect a silver medal in the 1500m freestyle at the Swim Wales Winter Meet in Swansea.

The 13-year-old surpassed coach Barry Alldrick's expectations by shaving 0.06sec off her PB with a time of 19:30.84.

Alldrick said: "I didn't expect her to swim so fast so early in the season. It puts us a step ahead of our plans."