



POOLE SWIMMING CLUB

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DORSETS, 07/08th February (Mark Winter)

A record number of 44 swimmers had been accepted for 268 events at the County Championships & with a strong performance at the Swindon Open Meet 3 weeks earlier with 68 PB's confidence in the camp was high.

Over the first 2 days the highlights were the 5 Regional Qualifying times achieved by Becky Brown 50 F/S, Sarah Meaker 50 F/S, Rochelle Stott 100 BR & Declan Callahan, Poole's answer to the Duracell battery for the 400IM & 800 F/S. The most impressive was Declan who achieved his times in back to back events & was somewhat taken aback when Robin advised him he did not need to go through another 600 meters warm up straight after.

We achieved a total of 27 medals over the opening 2 days with Declan leading from the front with 2 gold's, 3 silvers & a bronze. Next up was the impressive Maddy Kemp with 2 gold's, a silver & a bronze. Phoebe Notley with a gold & 3 bronze's, Georgina Tucker & Jacob Lambourne with a gold each. James Rafferty & Sarah Meaker each won a silver & bronze. Jade Norman with a well deserved silver. Becky Brown with gritty determination achieved 4 bronze's & Rachel Bolden & Becky Vincent a bronze each.

In terms of the other measure of success our PB count stood at an impressive 82 for the weekend out of 142 swims (58%). Swimmers who achieved 100% success in beating PB's in all events were Emily Clarke 5, Inez Griffin 4, Philip Bourne 4, Jamie Gray 2, Georgia Kemp 2, David Martins 2, Jessica Olive 2, Jade Norman 1 & Isobel Yeatman 1.



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Others who achieved 3 or more PB's were Alex Bourne 3, Kieran Butlin 3, Danni Callahan 3, Declan Callahan 5, Maddy Kemp 3, Katie Mills 3, Daniel Monk 3, Harry Moore 3, Ben Porter 3, Rochelle Stott 3, Ben Tucker 4, Georgina Tucker 3 & Lewis Winter 3. Of all the swimmers who competed at the weekend 34 out of 40 achieved PB's which represents 85% of our swimmers!

Congratulations as well, to our three 9 year's old girls for their overall BAGCATS ranking: Jessica Richens came 6th (652pts), Hayley Goddard 8th (541pts) and Isobel Yeatman 27th (77pts).

The girls hold the bragging rights by claiming bronze in the open 4 x 100m F/S relay where the boys came 5th. The girls also hold a slim advantage over the boys with 42 PB's to 40 in their favour. The best race for the girls PB's was the 100IM with 12 which was equalled by the boys in the 200 F/S also with 12.

Thanks to the parents who gave their time as officials during this long weekend!

Roll on next weekend!