

Street Swim Sprint Success

A large contingent of 45 young Street & District swimmers took to the pool over the weekend and swept an incredible 47 medals between them at the Taunton and Millfield Sprint Meet.

Leading the charge and continuing her superb improvement this season was triple gold winning Tegan Lawton, winning her 50m backstroke, freestyle and breaststroke age group in brilliant new personal best times.



Matching this feat for the boys was James White, sweeping up in the free, fly and medley, achieving PBs in each and also setting off some serious sibling rivalry amongst the squad. Big brother Robert almost matched him, with golds in the fly and medley, and a silver in the free.

Harvey Pike hauled an impressive three golds (fly/breaststroke/free) and silver (back), whilst big sister Kayla smashed another PB and won gold in the fly, continuing her superb form of recent months.

Building up for their cross-channel attempt in the summer, Sophie and Matthew Chillingworth grabbed 6 medals, both impressing with silver medals in the breaststroke and bronze apiece in the medley. Sophie also picked up bronze in the fly and freestyle. Channel swim team mate Katie Waters also won bronze in the breaststroke.

Joanna Black took medals in all five events, with two superb golds (back/breast) and three silver (medley/free/fly) and some great PBs showcasing her true all-round ability in the sprints. Meanwhile clubmate Jessica Edwards also got in on the goldrush, winning the freestyle and getting silver in the medley. Edwards completed the set with two fine bronze medals in the back and fly races.

Youngsters George Wonham and Xander Hallett also set out to impress, both getting 3 medals, with Wonham just edging it, two silvers (medley/back) and bronze (free), over Hallett's excellent silver (free) and double bronze (breast/medley), with both picking up a range of new PB's. Another triple medallist was Albert Tidball-Zapp, racing to silver in the freestyle and butterfly and getting a bronze in the backstroke too.

For the girls, Lily Williams swam to silver in the breaststroke and also won bronze in the medley, whilst Eve Chagger-Goode picked up two bronze medals for fine swims in the freestyle and breaststroke. Finlay Hunter-Clarke also won two medals, a bronze in the freestyle and he repeated this in the backstroke.

More medals fell to Yasmin Mahey who won a superb silver in the breaststroke whilst Chloe Manser (medley) and Isabel Waller (butterfly) both won bronze to complete the impressive medal haul.

Successful debuts were had by many of the more junior swimmers with dozens of PBs across the strokes. Notable performances from sisters Sophie and Chloe Bott, Ella Stadden, Martha MacPherson, Isis Walton, Beth Dallimore, Lucy Williams, Jessica Gerrard, Isla Eckl, Emily Trotman, Emma White, Amy Lawton, Jack Sweeney, William Toomer, Harrison Williams, George Pester, Oliver Mills, Megan Jenkins, Lois Engelbrecht, Kaylee Nisbet, Abi Waller, Darcey Bishop, Summer-Robyn Hallett, Mia Difford, Erin Gibbons, Emma White and Niamh Robinson.

A Club spokesperson said, "What a stunning set of performances from all of these young swimmers. Some of the more senior competitors showed their quality but the younger swimmers were sensational and it bodes well for the future of the club to have this many talented young swimmers coming through."