

Streets Swimmers Christmas cracker



Street & District swimmers signed off the year with another huge medal haul, including 33 Gold, 26 Silver and 18 bronze, as Yeovil hosted their annual Christmas meet. This was also the last chance for swimmers to gain entry times for next months' County championships, resulting in such great swims that Street walked away with the prize for best visiting club.

Harvey Pike put in a 5 star performance, winning golds in 200m backstroke, 50m and 200m breaststroke, 50m and 100m butterfly, with a further 3 silvers in 200m medley, 100m backstroke and 100m breaststroke. Hot on his heels were golden girls Ruby Varney (100m fly, 100m free, 200m back, 200m medley and bronze in the 50m free) and Georgia Hill (100m & 200m breaststroke, 100m fly, 200m medley and silver in the 50m backstroke). Younger brother Charlie hit a hat-trick of golds (50m and 200m breaststroke, 100m fly, and silver in the 100m breaststroke) whilst Jess Edwards also got triple gold (100m breaststroke, 50m and 200m free, with silvers in the 100m and 400m freestyle), showing her excellent form across a range of distances in this stroke.

Joanna Black won an impressive set of medals, with gold in 50m backstroke and 100m freestyle, a silvers in both the 100m medley and 200m freestyle, and bronze in the 50m fly. Fin Hunter-Clarke also won double gold (200m medley and 100m backstroke), and double silver (100m free and 200m breaststroke), showing his continued improvement across the strokes.

Further golds were won by Maisie Banwell (400m medley) and silver (200m breaststroke), Ethan Difford (200m backstroke) and silver in the 200m medley. Jessica Hudson won the 400m freestyle (and bronze in the 50m fly), Jake Fouracres won the 50m breaststroke, with Bobby Clark winning the 400m freestyle. Medleys were won by Cole Rostron in the 400m, and Alex Rendall in the 100m event. Alex also got silver in the 100m freestyle, with Cole winning silver in the 200m fly. Gold was won by Sophie Chillingworth in the 50m breaststroke, and Sophie completed the set with silver in the 200m medley and bronze in the 50m free. McKenzie Finn won gold (100m breaststroke) and a bronze (200m breaststroke).

Charlie Cook won an impressive triple silver (400m free, 200m medley and 100m breaststroke), with bronze in both the 100m medley and 200m freestyle, capping a fine weekend for him. Yasmin Mahey showed her improving form with silver (100m breaststroke) and bronze (50m free). Silvers also went to Xander Hallett and Chloe Manser (both 100m medley), Alfie Hawkins (50m back), Beth Dallimore (200m breaststroke) and Matthew Chillingworth (200m breaststroke).

Sean Robinson won triple bronze (400m free, 200m back and 200m medley), with Lois Engelbrecht (100m and 200m back) and Cora Langham (100m back, 200m breast) both winning a brace of bronze medals. There were also medal winning performances from Erica Varney (100m back), Isabel Waller (100m breaststroke) and Tegan Lawton (200m breaststroke).

There were also a whole load of PBs and County qualifying times achieved by other Street swimmers including Lucy Williams, Madison Chilcott, Kaylee Nisbet, Niamh Robinson, Grace Chorley, Xia Hooper-Ainsworth, Amy Lawton, Summer Hallett, Katie Waters, Jessica Gerrard, Ellie Strudwick, Beverley Baker, Sophie and Chloe Bott, Abi Waller, Ruby Fowler, Ella Stadden, Emmie Difford, Martha MacPherson, Harriet Ford, Saffron Butler and Fabian Edgar.

A spokesperson said, "What a superb way to finish the year for these young swimmers. To come and win so many medals, finish the top club and get so many more County times at the end of a hectic few weeks of competition is testament to all the hard work they have put in with their coaches. It was a great event and once again I would like to say a huge thank you to all the coaches and parent volunteers who help officiate, support and encourage the kids to be able to take part in these competitions."

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Photo – some of the Street swimmers enjoying the festive atmosphere at the Yeovil Christmas meet