

DASC at Northumberland & Durham BAGCATS Championships Middlesbrough (Neptune Centre) 6-7 & 13-14 March 2010

Nine young Darlington swimmers qualified for the double weekend N&D BAGCAT (Agegroup) Championships. Most events had heats and finals in the same session. The 400m events and the 9&10 years 200m events were Heat Declared Winner (HDW). The first 8 in each event were awarded smart blue N&D BAGCAT Finalist swimming hats.

The DASC qualifiers were **Kate Troy (13), Victoria Fenby (12), Elizabeth Fenby (10), Emma Preston (9), Alice Eynon (9), Jade Cook (9) and Hannah Briggs (9), Aaron Morton (10) and Richard Murray (9).**

Sat 6th March

The girls started the championships with Alice Eynon (PB) and Elizabeth Fenby producing good swims in 100m IM. In 50m Backstroke both Richard Murray) and Aaron Morton swam PBs in the heats. Aaron qualified for the 10 years final and improved from 7th to 5th place and improved his PB, narrowly missing out on a medal. Richard Murray was first reserve in the 9 Years final. In the afternoon session Richard Murray came 7th in 200m IM with a good effort.

Sun 7th March

On Day 2 Jade Cook produced a quality 200m IM for 8th place in an excellent PB and received her first hat. Elizabeth Fenby also swam 200m IM. The 2 boys competed in 50m Butterfly, again producing PBs. Aaron Morton made the final and came 7th in a race of a very high standard, bettering his heat time. Jade Cook and Elizabeth Fenby both swam in 50m Backstroke.

In the afternoon Hannah Briggs was the DASC surprise of the day with a great 50m Butterfly to make the final, improving her position from 8th to 6th and clocking up a super PB both times. Alice Eynon came 14th and Jade Cook 16th in the same event. In the 10-year-old age group Elizabeth Fenby easily made the final and was very unlucky not to get a medal coming 4th in the final, 0.1 second behind the bronze medallist. Jade Cook and Elizabeth Fenby also did a PB each in 200m Freestyle with Jade gaining 8th place and Victoria Fenby competed in 100m IM.

Sat 13th March

Day 3 morning started with a magnificent PB for Victoria Fenby in the gruelling 200m Butterfly with a superb 2.53 knocking 6 seconds off and making the final in 5th place. On her second swim she came 6th in another very good time. Richard Murray would have recorded a great PB in the 200m Backstroke despite goggles coming off, if he had not been disqualified on the last turn for what only be called a lack of concentration or tiredness with a slight glide in.

In the afternoon Richard Murray again had goggle trouble in the 200m Freestyle but swam well for another PB. After her tough morning Victoria Fenby just missed her PB with a great effort in 100m Butterfly.

Sun 14th March

On the final day the Fenby sisters both swam hard in 400m IM with Elizabeth feeling the effects of a busy couple of weekends and Victoria doing a 6 sec PB. In 50m Freestyle Richard Murray scraped into the final where he finished 5th in another PB and with his goggles firmly in place! Aaron Morton also made the final, finishing 6th with another PB. In his final swim Richard Murray rounded off a busy and successful fortnight with 100m IM in his 6th PB. Kate Troy, attending her last N&D BAGCATS had a fabulous 100m Backstroke

with a smooth swim which produced a great PB and a NER (North-East Region) Qualifying Time.

In the final session Elizabeth Fenby knocked a staggering 8 seconds off her 200m Backstroke PB, breaking the 3-minute barrier and easily achieving her NER time. Kate Troy swam in 200m Backstroke and came very close to achieving her NER time. Aaron Morton cruised to a terrific time in 200m Butterfly in 5th place with another hat and his 5th PB of the Championships. In our final race, 50m Freestyle, Hannah Briggs had another fantastic swim to finish 4th in the and Elizabeth Fenby came 8th in her final, having to put up with a Swimshop voucher as the hats had run out!

Summary

6 girls swam in 22 events, did 14 PBs and made 7 Top 8 places. 2 boys swam in 12 events, did 11 PBs and made 6 Top 8 places.

In the BAGCAT Points Championship our best-placed swimmers were Richard Murray who was 11th in the 9 year old boys, Elizabeth Fenby who was 14th in the 10 year old girls and Jade Cook who was 15th in the 9 year old girls.

Hopefully next year we will have a lot more swimmers making the qualifying times for the N&D Championships and we look forward to that challenge.

Well done to all

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