



## Long Course ASA Yorkshire Championships

Skipton Swimming Club had a record breaking number of swimmers qualifying for the Long Course ASA Yorkshire Championships held over three weekends in February at The John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds and Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield.

The thirty four athletes competing were:-

Beatrice Waller, Charlotte Leigh, Declan Sequeira, Ellen Wright, Ethan Camsey, Fenn Curran, Fennella Turner, Harvey Pennington, Jack Jenkinson, Joel Phillip, Katie Simpson, Kaye Fenton, Lauren Hanson, Lily-Mae Pratt, Louis Robson, Luke Midgley, Madison Turner, Matthew Housley, Matthew Kenneth, Megan Baines, Mia Douglas, Ned Sharp, Niall Smith, Paige Fenton, Rohan Smith, Sean Smith, Sam King, Thomas Barrett, William Oliver and Zeb Heys.

Additional swimmers invited to compete in the team events were Bradley Brennand, Harry Kaminski, Maisie Longthorne and Abi Newton who has recently retired from swimming competitively at the club.

During the competition, 30 swimmers competed in a total of 197 races and between them clocked up an impressive 55 top ten finalist places including 14 top three medal positions and numerous personal best times and new club records!

13 swimmers were successful in qualifying for the finals in some or all of their individual events.

Jack Jenkinson gained 14 qualifying times for this years competition. He had an impressive medal haul claiming two Yorkshire Champion titles in the eleven year old 50 m Freestyle (31.27 secs) and 100 m freestyle (1:08.32.) He was also a bronze medallist in both the 400 m Freestyle (5:22.91) and 200 individual medley (2:56.45). The talented swimmer also finalled in 50 m backstroke, 50 m butterfly and 100 m butterfly with brilliant PB's in all his events.

William Oliver also had a fantastic competition achieving a Silver medal in the eleven year old 50 m breaststroke (41.01) and a bronze medal in the 100 m breaststroke (1:32.34) He was also a finalist in the 100 m backstroke and 200 m individual medley picking up great PB's in his events.

It was Harvey Pennington's most successful Yorkshire Competition to date. He was a finalist in the twelve year old 50 m, 100 m and 200 m Freestyle and the 100 m Backstroke and 200 m individual medley achieving good PB's throughout his events.

Sean Smith made the final in both the 50 m and 100 m Breaststroke events.

Madison Turner swam well throughout the Yorkshires and made the final of the girls thirteen year old 50 m Backstroke gaining a PB.

Fenn Curran also swam well and picked up a personal best time in the final of the 50 m Freestyle.

Ellen Wright qualified for four events and made the final of the girls fourteen year old 50 m Breaststroke where she gained a PB.

Talented swimmer Ned Sharp qualified for 11 events over the course of the competition. He became a double Yorkshire Champion in both 50 m freestyle (25.86 PB) and 50 m butterfly (27.81 - PB). He also claimed a silver medal in the 100 m freestyle (57.44 PB) and a bronze medal in the 200 m freestyle (2:10.51.) Ned also finalled in all other qualifying events which were the 400 m freestyle, 50 m backstroke, 100 m backstroke, 200 m backstroke, 100 m butterfly, 50 m breaststroke and 200 m Individual medley.

Sam King swam well and made the fifteen year old finals of the 200 m and 400 m freestyle and the 50 m, 100 m and 200 m backstroke.

Luke Midgley qualified for 12 events and achieved an impressive hat trick of Golds becoming the fifteen year old Yorkshire Champion in 50 m freestyle (27.34 PB), 50 m breaststroke (33.35 PB) and 100 m breaststroke (1:13.08 PB.) He was also the Silver medallist in 200 m breaststroke (2:43.26.) Luke made the finals of the 100 m freestyle, 200 m freestyle, 50 m backstroke, 100 m backstroke, 200 m backstroke and 200 m individual medley.

Joel Phillip qualified for fourteen events in total, making the fifteen year old finals of the 50 m freestyle, 50 m butterfly, 200 m butterfly and 200 m breaststroke.

Ethan Camsey made the finals of the sixteen years and over 50 m and 100 m backstroke events.

Lauren Hanson made the finals of the sixteen years and over 50 m Backstroke and 50 m Butterfly.

### **Sunday, 12 February was dedicated to team events at Ponds Forge in Sheffield.**

Skipton entered 14 teams in the 4 x 50 freestyle and medley team events. Of those, 6 teams qualified for the finals:-

Boys 13-14 years freestyle team (Ned Sharp, Fenn Curran, Louis Robson and Bradley Brennand). They came 8<sup>th</sup> position in the finals with a time of 1:58.24.

Boys 15-16 years freestyle A team (Ethan Camsey, Luke Midgley, Thomas Barratt and Joel Phillip). They came 9<sup>th</sup> in the finals with a time of 1:52.03.

Boys 15-16 years medley A team (Ethan Camsey, Luke Midgley, Thomas Barratt and Joel Phillip). They came 4<sup>th</sup> in the finals with a time of 1:57.47

Girls 13-14 years medley team members (Madison Turner, Ellen Wright, Megan Baines and Paige Fenton) They came 10<sup>th</sup> in the finals with a time of 2:18.13.

Girls Open free team (Lauren Hanson, Abi Newton, Paige Fenton, Bea Waller) achieving 7<sup>th</sup> position in the finals with a time of 1:59.63.

Girls Open medley team (Bea Waller, Ellen Wright, Lauren Hanson and Abi Newton) came 5<sup>th</sup> in the finals with a time of 2:11.41.

This was a hugely successful meet for Skipton Swimming Club; in terms of the numbers of finalists, Skipton is comparable with larger clubs the like of Harrogate and City of Bradford.

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