

British Summer Championships 2018



The 2018 British Summer Championships took place across six days at Ponds Forge Olympic 50m pool in Sheffield from 24th – 29th July. Skipton Swimming clubs Ned Sharp aged 14 competed against some of the top swimmers in the country all battling for National honours in their chosen events and age groups.

Sharp was on top form during the competition. He was second fastest qualifier in the 15-year-old 100m Freestyle heats with a time of 53.70 and his performance in the final showed he had more in the tank. He touched in 53.34 to take silver along with a new personal best time.

In the 100m Butterfly heats Sharp came in second fastest and clocked a PB of 57.97. In the final he ducked under his earlier heat time by 0.3 seconds, narrowly missing out on bronze by 0.03 seconds!

Sharp also competed in the 50m Freestyle and was the second fastest qualifier heading into the finals with a PB of 24.64. He came second in the final to Edward Mildred only to get disqualified for a twitch on the starting block!

For the second year in succession, Ned ensured that the final session of the British Championships came to an exciting end as he secured gold in the 15-year-old 50m Butterfly event, retaining the title he lifted 12 months ago and becoming Yorkshire Junior record holder for 50m Butterfly!

After a confident swim that morning, Sharp was second fastest in the heats with a time of 25.89. The final promised to be a closely fought contest and Sharp didn't disappoint putting in a heart stopping performance pipping Northampton's Edward Mildred to the post as the Skipton swimmer touched in 25.32 for the title.

Ned, alongside fellow swimmers Paige Fenton and Madison Turner, is hoping to continue his success at the National Summer Championships this week where he will return to Ponds Forge and compete in the 200m Freestyle event.

Everyone at the club is proud of Ned and hope that his amazing achievements will inspire his team mates when training and competing next season.

Skipton Swimming Club welcomes swimmers of all ages and abilities from 8 to 18 and holds and attends competitions from novice to national level competitions. For more information about the club visit the website

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