

YORKSHIRE WINTER COMPETITION 2019

Yorkshires most talented young swimmers came together at John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds to compete in the first leg of the Yorkshire Winter Competition. The younger swimmers aged 9 to 12 had some impressive swims in this short course meet, performing well across all the events in the junior age groups with numerous personal bests, top ten finishes and some silverware.

9-year-old Stanley Dunne made an impressive Yorkshire debut with six personal best swims and 4 top ten finishes. His most memorable performance the 50m Backstroke, where he took gold and was crowned 9-year-old county champion with a time of 42.38 seconds. He went on to win Bronze in the 100m Individual Medley and top ten finishes in the 50m Free and 50m Fly.

Sibling Poppy Dunne (10) also tasted Yorkshire Winter success, achieving new personal-best times in six out of eight of her qualifying events. Her stand out performance was 4th place in the 50m Free with a time of 30.06 seconds. She also claimed 6th place in the 50m Backstroke.

Katie Simpson (12), qualifying for five events and securing PB's in all of them. Simpson stood out in her Breaststroke and achieved three top ten finishes in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke, and the 50m Freestyle.

Talented swimmer Sam Smith (12) had a great weekend, qualifying for ten events and achieving personal best swims in all of them. Smith's flair for Freestyle and Fly and secured him five top ten finishes in the 50m and 100m Freestyle and the 50m and 100m Fly, and a strong performance in the gruelling 400IM.

Fennella Turner (12) qualified for all four sprints as well as the 100m Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. She swam well all weekend and improved her personal best times in all but one event.

Joe Burgess (12) picked up 5 personal bests. Burgess claimed two top ten finishes in his preferred backstroke in the 50m and 100m race.

James West (12) secured personal best times in all five swims. In the 100m Breaststroke event he took eight seconds off his previous best.

Teammate Amelia Redfearn (11), qualified for six events, securing PB's in all but one, knocking almost three seconds off her personal best in 50m Backstroke.

Harry Cockburn (11), qualifying for nine events and securing PBs in six of them. His most noteworthy improvement was in the 100m Fly event where he knocked 6.5 seconds off his PB with a time of 1:22:04 and securing a top ten finish.

Eleven-year-old Zak Sheriff competed in the Backstroke and Butterfly 50m Sprint events and secured new personal best times in both.

Max Shillito (11), competed in five events and secured PB's in all but one, knocking almost seven seconds off his 100m Backstroke time.

Harris Thompson (10) qualified for four events and achieved new personal best times in both the 50m and 100m breaststroke races.

Rowan Box qualified for an impressive eight events and secured PB's in six of them. The talented ten-year-old stood out in both Breaststroke events and claimed the silver medal in the 50m Breaststroke and 5th place in the 100m event.

Younger sibling Rita Box (9) competed in her first Yorkshire competition. Qualifying for eight events and competed in six, securing five new personal best times and two top ten finishes in the 50m Fly and the 100m Breaststroke.

Yorkshire debutant Archie Appleby (11), competed in the 50m Breaststroke event and achieved a new PB.

The club hope to continue their success in a few weeks when the older squad swimmers travel to Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield to compete in the second weekend of the Winter Yorkshires.

Skipton Swimming Club are affiliated with North East ASA and the Yorkshire Swimming Association and are accredited to Swim21. For more information about the club please visit the website on www.skiptonsc.co.uk