

## British Championships 2019

### Medal Tally

Ned Sharp ... 2 Golds 1 Silver —3 Yorkshire Junior Records ... can you think of a good headline !!

Ned Sharp was back in action at the British Swimming Championships 2019, the championships took place over 6 days at Tollcross ISC in Glasgow from 23–28th July. Skipton swimming club had an unprecedented number of swimmers qualifying for this prestigious event. Swimmers are invited based on the national rankings following a Qualifying Period. Only the top 24 ranked swimmers in each event/age group can qualify.

Sharp, who was keen to defend his 50 Butterfly title, a title he has held over the past 2 years for the 13/14 and 15 year age groups, had qualified for 4 events. The Championships started off with a flying start in the 100 freestyle. Swimming in the heats Ned took pole position in the final. Swimming a further personal best time in the final Ned took the silver medal. The following day saw Ned compete in the 100 fly. Ned also made the final as fastest swimmer, this time Ned's heat time was smashed out of the water with a new personal best of 55.99, a time that earned him the title of British Champion in 100 Fly. Ned took to the water in 50 freestyle and took a very respectable 4th place, with only 0.21 of a second between 1st and 6th place.

The final day of the championships would see Ned Sharp defend his title in 50 fly. He swam a great time in the heat to take the golden lanes and be fastest qualifier. Sharp surpassed himself in the final with an amazing reaction time to get him off the blocks and lead the race from start to finish. Sharp didn't disappoint and put in a heart stopping performance to take gold in a new personal best time of 25.24. Ned's 50 fly, 50 free and 100 fly times were also long held Yorkshire Junior Record. An amazing achievement.

Talented Club Captain Paige Fenton made her debut at British Champs with 50 and 100 Breaststroke. Fenton was on top form over the 2 events and showing nerves of steel she made great times to win both her heats and take final positions in both events. She was quick enough to secure 6th place in the 50 breaststroke and took 8th in the 100. Both her swims earned her club records in both her age group and open. Fenton is an excellent role model to all swimmers in the club showing dedication to training pays off.

It was also Madison Turners debut at British Champs, having qualified for 3 events over the 6 day competition. (50, 100 and 200 back). First up was the 100 backstroke, a confident swim saw Madison easily win her heat with a personal best time and club record. This time put her in joint place for 10th ... meaning a nail biting swim off for a final position Madison was squeezed out in the swim off. Her swims in 50 and 200 backstroke were also club records and earned her 18th place in 50 backstroke and 16th in 200. A fantastic performance.

Archie Minto swam out for his first British Champs with Skipton. Qualifying for 100 and 200 fly, An amazing heat swim, with a personal best time, saw Archie straight into the 200 Fly final. Minto showed he was on top form for the competition, smashing his heat time in the final to come home in a 2.09.59 Archie picked up the club record for 16 years and 8th place. Swimming out in the 100 fly Archie continued to impress with another PB and club record picked up 13th place.

Ned Sharp, alongside fellow swimmers Paige Fenton, Madison Turner, Archie Minto, Archie Dunne, Sophia Basaraba, hope to continue their success at the National Summer Championships this week.