

Ollie looking to hit the 60 mark

A swimmer was among the five Disability Sport Fife (DSF) members who competed in the first Scottish Disability Sport / Scottish Swimming Performance Gala of 2015 in Stirling.

The gala brings together the leading Scottish swimmers with a physical, sensory or learning disability and offers them the opportunity to compete in their favoured events, plus others that are not available in the Scottish Championships.

Ollie Carter from Cupar and District SC recorded some excellent times at the gala.

Ollie's time for 100m free-style sits at around 61 seconds and it is only a matter of time before he goes under the 60 second mark.

Craig Smith and Steven McCormick from FINS are two other young Fife swimmers with an excellent future.

Steven, in particular, recorded times that were better than his entry times and this demonstrates continued progress.

School studies and lack of pool time are currently hampering Craig's training but his support team believes he remains a strong prospect for the future.

Craig Rodgie, Fife's only 2012 Paralympian, decided at the eleventh hour to compete in the gala.

Craig's times were similar to those recorded by him during the same period in 2014.

Thereafter, he produced incredible form in qualifying trial events.

Craig is the Fife swimmer who has flown the flag at the highest level in international disability swimming for several years now.

Newcomer Cara Smyth, from Burntisland SC, competed in her first gala.

Cara is currently going through classification and

her times on the day were faster than her entry times which is encouraging.

Stefan Hoggan, a regular participant for Fife in the Performance Gala, has now turned his attention to Paratriathlon and GB Deaf International and was unavailable, as was Fife swimmer Lucy Walkup.

The Fife Swimming Championships are scheduled for the Michael Woods Sports and Leisure Centre in Glenrothes on Friday, March 6 and there are several new swimmers with potential who will be competing in the championships for the first time.



Ollie Carter of Cupar and District Swimming Club.