

Warwickshire Champs Week 1 @ Coventry 3.3.12

Week one of the Warwickshire Championships saw three Boldmere swimmers crowned as County Champions; Steve Wilson 200m Backstroke, Alice Dearing retained her 1500m Freestyle title, Joey Stanger won 50m Freestyle for the fourth year running while Jordan Youngman became the Junior Champion in the 100m Fly event.

In total Boldmere notched up 34 Championship, Age Group and Relay medals - 14 Golds, 12 Silver and 8 Bronze - with 115 PBs and 4 new Long Course Club Records

In the 1500m Freestyle Alice Dearing smashed her own Junior County Record by 37 seconds with a new time of 17:07.39 which not only broke her own Junior and Senior Warwickshire records but also the Junior and Senior West Midlands records. More impressively her 800m split time of 9.04.29 broke the Junior Warwickshire record by some 5.5 seconds which has stood for just over 10 years.

Nineteen year old Joey Stanger topped the podium for the fourth year in a row to collect the Gale Cup for touching the timing pads first in the 50m Freestyle final with Jordan Youngman claiming the bronze as well as the gold age group medal for the 15/18 category. Also making the final was Steve Wilson and Josh Holsey.

There were further age group medals in this event for Ben Smith and Toby Chiles who came 1st and 2nd in the 9/10 age group while Ben Stanford took gold in the 13/14.

Kate Davies set a new PB time in the 400IM to bronze in the 11/14 age group which also earned her a championship bronze. Katie Richardson and Morgan Harlow won silver and bronze in the 15 yr + category.

In the 200m Breaststroke Kate went on to set a new 13 year old club record of 2.48.87 (and Nationals Qualifying time) to take gold in the 13/14 age group while Alex Dolan set the same time to win silver in the 15 Yr + category. Both finished joint second in the overall championship standing. Emily Gordon took bronze behind Alex.

Jordan Youngman lowered his LC 100m Fly PB by seven seconds with a 1.01.31 to win the Junior Champs title while Adam Hall took

championship silver in the final. In the 12/14 age group Matt Price finished in second ahead of Ben Stanford with a bronze to his collection. In the girls 100 Fly Rachel Wilson earned herself a silver (13/14) and place in the final where she finished 4th.

In the 200m Backstroke Steve Wilson edged Adam Hall into the silver medal spot to take the Championship title in the last 5 metres in a PB and club record time of 2.17.39. In the 9/10 age group Toby Chiles swapped paces with Ben Smith to take gold, the same medal colour as Archie Langston (11/12) while Ben Stanford picked up another silver.

In the girls 50m Backstroke sprint Megan Holder finished second fastest in the 11/12 age group to win silver while 10 year old Alex Bartley took the bronze on the girls (9/10) 200m Freestyle.

Sixteen year old Jordan Youngman sliced seven seconds off his LC 100m Fly PB to clock the fastest time of the day in a 1.01.31 in the heats to take the Junior County title and Vale Cup while Adam Hall finished second in the final to take the silver. In the 12/14 boys age group Matt Price finished with the second fastest time to win silver followed by Ben Stanford who added a bronze to his collection. In the girls event Rachel claimed the second fastest in the 13/14 category which earned her a place in the final where she finished 4th.

In the relays both boys and girls 9/10 teams both stepped on the podium with the boys foursome of Smith, Chiles, James Goodwin and anchorman Acer Woolley, with an excellent take over, slicing 3 seconds off the CR to take gold on the 4 x 50 Medley. The girl's 4 x 50m Freestyle quartet of Alex Bartley, Abbey Turnbull, Erin Davies and Holly Bloor won the silver.

Two more silver medals went to the girls 10 yr + 4 x 100m Freestyle team of Alex Dolan, Katie Richardson, Morgan Harlow and Gina Luckett and then in the 11 -16 4 x 50 Medley event with Charlotte Smith, Dolan, Rachel Wilson and Luckett.

Finally another gold medal was claimed by the boys 10yr+ 4 x 100m Freestyle four of Youngman, Hall, Wilson and Stanger.

