

## Street sweep medals up at Wells meet



46 Street and District Swimmers took to the pool as City of Wells hosted their annual Open meet at Millfield pool. The Meet gave some of the Clubs younger swimmers the chance to mix it with more seasoned competitors and saw some fabulous swimming across the age groups and all strokes.

The first event saw a gold go to Jess Hudson in her favoured 400m freestyle, with young Lucy Williams bagging a bronze. Niamh Robinson was just outside the medal places in a strong swim. The 200m medley saw further medals for Isabel Waller and Chloe Manser, whilst Summer Hallett took a huge PB. In the 200m freestyle, both Ethan Difford and Cole Rostron took big PBs to grab bronze medals apiece, with Alfie Hawkins also managed a big PB.

The 100m breaststroke was a golden experience for both Tegan Lawton, who produced arguably the swim of the weekend, and Katie Waters, there was a silver for Chloe M and bronze for Lucy and Isabel. Abi Waller, Madison Chilcott, Harriet Ford and Summer all got big PBs too. Albert Tidball-Zapp took a fine gold in the 100m backstroke, with Harvey Pike and Cole getting medals too. Albert then took silver in the 50m backstroke, with Ethan matching this and Cole getting another bronze and PB.

Tegan won the 50m breaststroke, and Isabel, Chloe M and Katie all bagged a silver. Abi, Ruby Fowler, Harriet, Emmie Difford, Madison and Chloe Bott all swam fine PBs. The final session of day 1 saw 200m breaststroke gold for both Finlay Hunter-Clarke and Charlie Hill. Big sister Georgia Hill matched this feat in the 100m butterfly, with Summer getting another fine PB and young Isis Walton just missing a medal with a strong swim.

The 100m freestyle saw Fin get a second gold of the day, Harvey taking silver. Fabian Edgar and Aaron Seager joined Alfie, Cole and Albert in gaining a PBs. 200m butterfly isn't the faint hearted but

Sophie Chillingworth battled to a very well earned bronze. In the sprint fly event, Fin and Albert bagged silvers, with bronze medals for Alfie, Ethan and Cole. Fabian and Charlie swam PBs of this 50m event.

Jessica Edwards took silver in the 50m freestyle, with Yasmin Mahey getting a PB and a bronze. Ruby smashed her time in epic style, and PBs for Mia Difford, Ella Stadden, Chloe B and Georgia ended the day in style.



Day 2 carried on with more success. The boys took on the 400m freestyle and won the full set of medals, Fin (gold), Sean Robinson (silver) and Harvey (bronze) showing stamina and speed in equal measure. Cole bagged another bronze and PB in the 200m medley, with Alfie and Sean just missing out on medals.

Up came the 200m freestyle for girls, with Jess Edwards bagging a great gold and Tegan also medalling. Martha Macpherson, Beth Dallimore, Kaylee Nisbet, Madison, Chloe B, Amy Lawton and Katie Waters all gained new PBs with a brave effort from Niamh.

100m breaststroke saw a silver for Fabian, and new PB, with Ethan's PB winning him bronze. Cole took another PB and then won a well-deserved gold in the 200m butterfly, showing his versatility and durability across the strokes and distances. The 100m backstroke, Captain Joanna Black won silver, with PBs for Sophie B and Kaylee and a good effort from Harriet.

The 50m backstroke saw the Captain go for gold, with Jessica Gerrard winning a fine bronze in a PB, Tegan also took bronze. There were PBs for Mia, Sophie B, Beth, Martha, Harriet, Emmie, Kaylee, Madison, Chloe B and Katie Waters. This time Niamh and Amy just missed out.

The final session of the weekend saw a flurry of medals and PBs beginning with Charlie getting a PB and gold in the 50m breaststroke, club mate Fin took a silver and there were PBs for Fabian, Ethan, Cole and Aaron. The 200m breaststroke saw Kayleigh Parker win gold and in the 10 year old age group there was a Street 123, with Beth (gold), Abi (silver) and Martha (bronze) taking the honours. Sophie B was hot on their heels with a PB and Katie also took a PB and silver in this strong event.

The 200m backstroke saw both Fin and Cole win gold, and Alfie's PB winning a much deserved bronze. Flying machine Cole took gold and a PB in the 100m butterfly, with the girls taking on the 50m fly and Tegan winning silver, Georgia bronze and a host of PBs for Mia, Martha, Isabel, Emmie, Kaylee, Amy, Jess H and Jess G.

Jess E win bronze, whilst there were massive PBs for Jess Gerrard, Ella and new bests for Mia, Martha, Beth, Idabel, Harriet, Kaylee, Madison, Chloe B, Chloe M, Georgia, Joanna and Katie. Niamh and Sophie C just missed out on joining them.

Ethan won gold in the final event, the 50m freestyle, and Harvey and Fabian bagged silver and PBs. Not to be left out Alfie, Fin, Charlie, Cole, Albert and Aaron all swam new PBs as well to round off a superb weekend.

A Club spokesperson said, "With over 50 medals and more impressively, over a 100 new PBs swum this has been a really successful meet. We'd like to thanks Wells for hosting and complement them on creating a really supportive, competitive and fun environment over the weekend which was perfect for our younger swimmers. The competitions are coming thick and fast as swimmers look to regional qualification and once again a big thank you to all our coaches and vitally, our parent volunteers who helped to support the swimmers this weekend."

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Photos – Street swimmers enjoying the CoW 2018 over the weekend.