

Streets of Gold in Plymouth

Street and District Swimming Clubs senior swimmers headed to Plymouth to take part in the ASA 2017 South West Regional Youth Championships over the bank holiday weekend. Leading the charge was new recruit Evan King with Streets first medal, a strong silver medal in the 400 freestyle. King went one better in both the 100m and 200m butterfly, and just missed out on the full set with a 4th place in the 200 freestyle.

Kayleigh Parker took it up a level and put in a great championship performance picking up double Gold in the 200 medley and 200 breast stroke. Club mate Chloe Edrich also had a fine Meet and picked up a silver in the medley but then also hit double gold winning both the 50 and 100 m breast stroke events. Bethany Newton got in the medals with bronze in the 100 backstroke, just pipping Parker. Beth also made the 200m final.

The Street quartet then joined forces and won a sensational silver in the 400m medley relay.

Not to be outdone Thomas Edgar won his first regional title with a thrilling swim in the 50m breast stroke and also made the final of the 100m race. Ollie Willies picked up a fine silver in the 50 free, missing gold by .06 of a second. Willies also placed 5th in the 50 fly.

A host of swimmers made finals, with Georgia Hill bagging two 6th place finishes in the 50m and 100m breast stroke and making the final in the 200. Alex Rendall (200m back) and Henry Taswell (50m back) made finals in tough fields, whilst Sam Bonds hit a host of PBs in freestyle, butterfly and backstroke sprints over 50m and 100m, continuing his impressive form this season. Herbie Hallett took on the gruelling 400m medley and swam an impressive race to finish 7th in an experienced field. Hallett also produced good swims in the 200m breast and 200m free.

Hot on his heels was newbie Rhys Blake, who narrowly missed the 50m freestyle final but swam well in all four strokes (50 & 100m free, 50 & 100 Fly, 50 & 100 back, 100 breast) and demonstrated this with a fine 200m medley swim and Sean Robinson got a couple of top 10 finishes to boot (400m free 9th and 1500m free 6th). In the 1500m, Luke Maunder was pushed out of the top 10 by team mate Rob Hall who smashed his PB, who also proved his range of strokes and distances with a great performance in the 200m medley.

In the 50 fly Robert White put in a great swim only to be pipped by team mate Taswell, but both finishing in the top 20. Also taking part for Street were Liam Williams (50/100 free), Leo Willis (50 back/100 free), Joanna Black (50 free) and continuing her impressive form this season, Imogen Rogers (50 free, 50 and 100 back).



A spokesperson for the Club said, "The senior swimmers really stepped up their game and won some superb medals – the senior girls in particular not only showcasing their individual excellence but Beth, Chloe, Kayleigh and Evan joined forces to win a great relay silver. For the 15 and 16 year olds' this was a real test against the Regions top swimmers and they all performed admirably with special mention to Tommy for an incredible gold medal and Ollie picked up more silverware at this level highlighting his potential."