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ASA National Youth Championships 2009

Five clubs from the Oxford and North Bucks County Swimming Association were represented in this year's National Youth Championships at Ponds Forge, Sheffield. Three swimmers competed in the Multi - disability events, 28 year old Paralympian Danielle Watts from City of Oxford; Rosie Bancroft, 14, also from Oxford and Lucy Chenery, 14, from Maxwell. Rosie qualified for 4 events and made her first senior final in the 100m butterfly with a PB of 1.25.99. Lucy, who qualified for 3 events, was competing in her first National Championships.

The county had more swimmers in the 14/15 years age group than any other age group. Anna Evison from Maxwell swam in her first Championships in the 200m Individual Medley. Hannah Vine from City of Oxford and Olivia Law from Abingdon were also at their first Nationals and both swam the 200m back stroke. Emma Joyce from City of Milton Keynes had her first individual National swims, competing in both the 200m back and the 400IM. Emma swam a new Junior and Senior County long course record in the latter event in a time of 5.15.90. The 100m backstroke saw both Yolande Speare of Witney and Lauren Ottaway of CMKSC compete with Lauren also swimming the 200m back.

In the girls 16/17 age group Carly Hayles from Oxford swam a PB in the 200m backstroke (2.21.08) and made the semi final of the 100m back with another PB (1.06.76). Both times were new Senior county records. Sarah Powell, 17, from Maxwell also swam in the 100m back. Hannah Askew 18, from Maxwell also competed in this years National Champs in the 50m fly and 100m freestyle.

After his success in the Open Water national events Ben Chapman, 15, from City of Oxford was also back in action, competing in the 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle events.

Fresh from his excellent performance at the European Youth Olympic Festival Oxford's Sam van de Schootbrugge, 17, was the star of the county with a staggering 5 silver medals. The medals were captured in the 400m free (4.01.00), 200m fly (2.03.05), 200m IM (2.06.17), 200m free (1.53.70) and 400IM (4.29.79). His 5 winning times were not only lifetime best times but were also qualifying times for the England National Talent programme. All were new County Junior and Senior records except the 200m free which was a Junior record. Sam also set a new County Junior and Senior record in the 100m fly (56.39).

Two 17 years old from the Maxwell club who competed in their first Nationals were Jonny Quanton and Ollie Brewer with 2 and 6 events respectively. City of Milton Keynes team member Graham Joyce, 18, competed in 5 events, making the semi finals of both the 200m back and 200IM with PBs. Rory Kemp, 19, also from Maxwell swam in the 800m freestyle.

A few days later Hannah Askew, Graham Joyce and Sarah Powell travelled to Leeds to take part in the British Gas Swimming Grand Prix in Leeds, where they rubbed shoulders with swimmers who had just competed in the World Champs in Rome.

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