

Warwickshire's Day Two



The second day of the Warwickshire Swimming Championships held at Coventry Baths saw 15 year old Maddie Spalding storming to success in the 50m Breaststroke to become Warwickshire Champion for the second year running in a time of 34.71. Spalding was joined in the final with team mates Ellen Stone, 15, and Sophie Vale, 14, which earned both girls bronze medals for their age groups confirming Leamington's strength in this event.

12 year old Harry Manship powered to victory leaving his nearest rival some 3.5 seconds behind to gain a superb gold in the 11/12 category for the 50m breast in 36.88. Manship then went on to collect silver in the 200m Free in 2.16.20.

The backstroke events produced some great achievements with Kieran Curran, 11, gaining second place in the 100m for the 10/11 age group in 1.23.01 and Max Clark, 14, snatching bronze in the 12/14 category in 1.11.51. The 200m girls event saw Sarah Brades, 15, taking a great silver for her age group in a time of 2.28.95 which also earned her an overall bronze.

Joint successes in the 400m Medley relays saw the men's team of Stuart Parker, James Wardle, Rob Robson and Jonty Cartwright taking the bronze medal in 4.18.65, whilst the girl's team of Sarah Brades, Maddie Spalding, Justine Clark and Mel Mcwhirter went one better and secured the silver in a time of 4.39.54.

There was excellent swimming with significant overall pbs from Harry Spalding, 10, in the 50m Breast taking 3 seconds of his pb whilst Connell Parker, 10, dropped his pb by 8 seconds in the 200m Free. Derry Linton, 11, reduced her 200 IM time by 5 seconds and 12 year old Imogen Butler had impressive swims in the 100m Free knocking 6 seconds off her pb and the 200IM. Congratulations also to Amy Pettigrew, 13, who added the 100m freestyle to her collection of Welsh National times.

Saturday 17th March is the final day of the Championships.