

**BRITISH AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – Pond’s Forge, Sheffield, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Day 1 of the Competition was a good day for the 13 Irish Athletes attending this year’s British Age group championships. The Day kicked off with the Girls 200IM with **Ellen Walshe (Templeogue SC/Leinster)** and **Zoe Thompson (Ards SC/Ulster)** in the same heat of the 12Yrs event as the girls posted solid first day swims with Walshe finishing in 2:35.5, but disqualified for a turn infringement while Thompson posted a time of 2:40.15, which was a solid effort for her at this new level of competition.

Next up was **Sean Scannell (St Fiacch’s SC/Leinster)** who posted a superb swim of 1:07.78 in the 100BC delivering a powerful race and finishing 7<sup>th</sup> overall in his age group but unfortunately missed out on a second swim in the 12yrs Age group, given the 2 foreigner rule at the event. The team of 13 had something further to cheer about as **Ciaran Burke (Tuam SC/Connacht)** posted a new PB in the heats to qualify for the final where he further improved his earlier PB with an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish overall in the 14yrs age group.

The girls performances continued to be positive as **Mary Carey (Limerick SC/Munster)** posted a strong 100FC swim in the Girls 12yrs event as she too qualified for the final and further improving her heat swim as she finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place overall.

In the final individual event for the day Leinster Swimmer **Cathal Kearney (NAC SC)** and Munster based **Eoin Corby (Limerick SC)** were really pleased with their efforts in the 12yrs 200BS as both boys posted strong new PB’s finishing in 2:50.12 for Corby and Kearney close to him with a 2:51.84.

Some poor photos of the athletes below but better to follow in the coming days.



Overall a good first day for a new group of regional athletes experiencing this level of competition for the first time.

**Day 1 Results -**

200IM	Ellen Walshe	L		/ 2:35.50	(DQ)	12Yrs
	Zoe Thompson	U		/ 2:40.34	(36 <sup>th</sup> )	12Yrs
100BC	Sean Scannell	L	32.59	/ 1:07.70	(7 <sup>th</sup> Qual)	12Yrs – no final as 2 foreign rule
	Ciaran Burke	C	29.99	/ 1:02.81	(8 <sup>th</sup> Qual)	14Yrs PB
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100FC	Mary Carey	M	30.04	/ 1:02.34	(11 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Res)	12Yrs
	Mary Carey	M	30.33	/ 1:01.96	(10 <sup>th</sup> )	12Yrs
200BS	Cathal Kearney	L	1:22.46	/ 2:51.84	(15 <sup>th</sup> )	12Yrs PB
	Eoin Corby	M	1:20.51	/ 2:50.12	(13 <sup>th</sup> )	12Yrs PB