BRITISH AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – Pond's Forge, Sheffield, July 31st 2014

Day 2 of the Competition was a busy and very positive day for the 14 Irish Athletes attending this year's British Age group championships, as the athletes were joined by a further competitor for the days racing. The Day opened with the Girls 400IM as 12yr olds ***Zoe Thompson (Ards SC/Ulster)*** delivered a strong swim in the early heats and ***Ellen Walshe (Templeogue SC/Leinster)*** also delivering a great new PB to finish in 11th overall in the event and 1st reserve for the final.

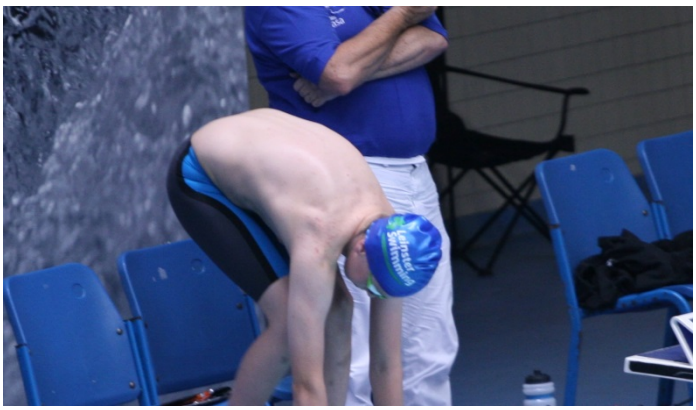
The next event for the boys was the 200BF where ***Aaron Carroll (Limerick SC/Munster)*** swam a strong heat to finish in 15th place but fellow 12yr old ***Sean Scannell (St Fiacch's SC/Leinster)*** posted a strong heat swim of 2:29.77 to qualify for the final in 7th place this morning.

In the 13yrs Age group ***Finn McGeever (Limerick SC/Munster)*** also posted a solid heat swim after a superb performance at the Irish Age Groups last weekend, while 14yr olds ***Mitchell Wilson (Galway SC/Connacht)*** also posted a strong swim to qualify himself for the 1finals in his age group.

The Girls 200BS saw an additional athlete join the team as ***Sarah McCracken (Lisburn SC/Ulster)*** was pleased with her effort in the 14Yrs 200BS as she swam well while ***Zoe Thompson (Ards SC/Ulster)*** also posted a good heat swim time. Next up on the block was the boys 100FC event, **Cathal Kearney (NAC SC/Leinster)** swam to 19th place in his age as ***Jack McMillan (Bangor SC/Ulster)*** and ***Ciaran Burke (Tuam SC/Connacht)*** both posted new PBs in the heats with McMillan going on to qualify for the 14yrs final.

The girls performances continued to be positive as ***Ellen Walshe (Templeogue SC/Leinster)*** posted a strong 100BF swim in the Girls 12yrs event as she too qualified for the final in a new PB from her heats swim earning her a 3rd place ranking going in to the final. The final boys event for the morning saw them compete in the 200IM in their respective age groups. Connacht Team mates ***Ciaran Burke (Tuam SC/Connacht)*** & ***Mitchell Wilson (Galway SC/Connacht)*** raced in the 14yrs age group against ***Nathan Turner (Aer Lingus/Leinster)*** while **Eoin Corby (Limerick SC/Munster)** also raced the event in the 12yr old age group and all boys performing well with Burke posting a strong PB, while Wilson and Turner were right on their best times and Corby too, delivering a strong swim..

Mid-day session saw the boys tackle the 1500FC. Munster athlete ***Finn McGeever (Limerick SC)*** was delighted with his PB of 17:40.82 to finish 14th in his 13yr age group, while ***Nathan Turner (Aer Lingus/Leinster)*** posted a strong swim 17:31.06 to finish in 24th in the 14yrs age group, while the strongest 1500 of the day for the Irish was a great swim by **Jack McMillan (Bangor SC/Ulster)** to break the 17Min barrier in a time of 16:59.78 to finish in 7th place in the same 14yr age group.



A strong second day's performance across the TEAM with more experience gained and some great racing tonight

Check out the results on the link - http://www.swimmingresults.org.uk/swimming/results/2014/age14/

Day 2 Results -

400IM	Ellen Walshe	L		/ 5:24.56	(11th)	12Yrs	**PB**
	Zoe Thompson	U		/ 5:40.15	(37th)	12Yrs	
200BF	Sean Scannell	L	1:09.78	/ 2:29.77	(7th Qual)	12Yrs	Qual'd for Final
FINAL	**Sean Scannell**	**L**	**1:09.00**	**/ 2:28.33**	**6th**	**12Yrs**	**6th & PB**
	Aaron Carroll	M	1:10.77	/ 2:36.26	(15th)	12Yrs	
	Finn McGeever	M	1:09.28	/ 2:26.31	(25th)	13Yrs	
	Mitchell Wilson	C	1:03.66	/ 2:18.11	(10th)	14Yrs	
FINAL	**Mitchell Wilson**	**C**	**1:03.66**	**/ 2:17.15**	**(8th)**	**14Yrs**	**8th**
200BS	Zoe Thompson	U	1:26.46	/ 3:00.71	(32nd)	12Yrs	
	Sarah McCracken	U	1:22.03	/ 2:51.09	(35th)	14Yrs	
100FC	Cathal Kearney	L	29.78	/ 1:01.94	(19th)	12yrs	
	Jack McMillan	U	27.02	/ 55.47	(9th)	14Yrs	**PB** Qual'd for Final
FINAL	**Jack McMillan**	**U**	**26.62**	**/ 55.67**	**(8th)**	**14Yrs**	
	Ciaran Burke	C	27.03	/ 56.24	(23rd)	14Yrs	**PB**
100BF	Ellen Walshe	L	31.97	/ 1:07.13	(3rd)	12yrs	**PB** Qual'd for Final
FINAL	**Ellen Walshe**	**L**	**30.77**	**/ 1:05.09**	**(2nd)**	**12yrs**	**PB SILVER**
200IM	Eoin Corby	M		/ 2:34.20	(15th)	12Yrs	
	Mitchell Wilson	C		/ 2:21.34	(22nd)	14Yrs	
	Ciaran Burke	C		/ 2:21.85	(24th)	14Yrs	**PB**
	Nathan Turner	L		/ 2:22.53	(26th)	14Yrs	
1500FC	Finn McGeever	M		/ 17:40.82	(14th)	13Yrs	**PB**
	Nathan Turner	L		/ 17:31.06	(24th)	14Yrs	
	Jack McMillan	U		/ 16:59.78	(7th)	14Yrs	**PB**

SEAN SCANNELL (Leinster) in Action in FINAL

MITCHELL WILSON (Connacht) in Action in FINAL

Jack McMillan (Ulster) in Action in FINAL

ELLEN Walshe (Leinster) receives SILVER medal in Girls 12Yrs 100BF

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