# Day 3 2024 Beds County Championships

The third day of the 2024 County Championships gave our youngsters the chance to shine with numerous personal best times and the 4 x 50m Medley relay events adding extra excitement to the racing.

Our team of Tilly Scrivener, Zuzanna Walaszek, Alice Buckingham and Ruth Biscoe won their 10/11 years’ Girls age group relay, with Alice also winning three individual events (100m Back, 100m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley). Her backstroke and IM times were Club age group records, subject to ratification. Ruth Biscoe finished 5th in the 200 IM with Tilly placed 7th. The heats of that age group’s individual races also saw Inaya Sampong, Mary Battersby and Ella Kolobius competing. For the boys, Leon Stark was placed 11th in his 50m Freestyle whilst also making the final of his 50m Breaststroke. Luke Hancock came 16th in the heats of that Breaststroke.

Tommy Fenwick, Elliot Bown, Ethan Huntley and Jack Canham were victorious in their 12/13 years’ Boys relay team. Earlier Tommy had won four events (200m Freestyle, 400m IM, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle). Ethan and Jack’s best individual placings of the day in the 13 year’s Male events were 4th and 5th in the 200m Freestyle, whilst Elliot finished 6th in the 50m Breaststroke final.

In the 12/13 years’ Female relay, the silver medal went to our team of Lucia Day (5th also in her 100m Back), Lexie Sandiford, Violet Rhodes and Kaylyn Sampong. Lexie Sandiford was also the third fastest Junior Girl for her 13-year age group’s 100m Butterfly winning time of 1:12.15. She also picked up individual silver medals for her 100m Backstroke – potentially a Club record - and 200m IM. Clara Leon just missed out on the final of the 100m Backstroke coming 9th whilst Kaylyn was placed 14th.

In the 12 years’ age group the other best individual placings came in the 100m Butterfly with Violet Rhodes’ 4th and Olivia Piaskowska’s 7th. In the 200m IM Katie Biscoe claimed 16th spot with Clara Newby 16th for her 100m Backstroke. Maxim Collinson meanwhile brought home the silver medal for his 50m Breaststroke whilst Jack Canham was placed 14th in his 50m Freestyle.

Bronze relay medals were won by the 14/15 years Boys team of George Saunders, Olly Fenwick, Emmanuel Kolobius and Arnold Canares. George Saunders won the 14 years’ individual 200m Freestyle and followed it with a silver in his 400m IM whilst George Rhodes was 5th in the final of his 50m Breaststroke.

Oliver Fenwick and Emanuel Kolobius finished second and third in their 15 years’ 200m Freestyle in times which also saw them placed as the second and third fastest Junior Boys. Emmanuel was also the second fastest Junior for his 50m Freestyle. Oliver also picked up a bronze medal for his 400 m IM. Owain Roberts came 9th in the 200m Freestyle, with Arnold Canares 15th over 200m and 13th over 50m.

Lily Evans, Emily Calvert, Amerie Njawaja and Nicole Cashin emulated their male counterparts with a bronze medal for their 14/15 Female medley relay. It was the culmination of a day where two individual 14-year age group silver medals were claimed by Nicole (200m Butterfly) and Amerie (100m Butterfly) and two bronze medals by Emily (100m Back and 200m IM). In that same group’s IM, Nicole finished 4th, Amerie 5th and Ella Pruce 7th. Amerie and Lily also touched in 5th and 7th place in the Backstroke final.

The first County record of the championships meanwhile fell to coach Matt Wright for his Senior and 17 years & over 200m Freestyle time of 1:54.16, reducing his own record by 0.66 seconds. Matt also won the 50m Freestyle titles beating his own Club record by half a second in a time of 23.61, a further potential County record.