# Day 4: 20 More County Medals

**A further 20 age group medals were won on the fourth day of racing at the 2024 Beds County Championships as Lexie Sandiford, Oliver Fenwick, Emmanuel Kolobius, Talia Staines and Matt Wright once again also picked up Junior or Senior County medals.**

Our boys claimed seven of those age group golds, with Thomas Fenwick claiming three, George Saunders two and Maxim Collinson and Matt Wright one each.

Maxim won his in the 12 years’ 200m Breaststroke with Thomas winning the 13 years’ race, along with the 50m and 200m Backstroke. Thomas had to settle for second place in the 50m Butterfly. Elliot Bown came 5th in the 200m Breaststroke. Ethan Huntley touched 6th in the finals of both the 50m Back and 50m Fly, with Jack Canham finishing in 11th spot in the heats of the latter.

In the 14 years’ events, George Saunders won both the 50m and 200m Back but had to settle for 4th in the 200m Breaststroke ahead of George Rhodes who claimed 7th spot. Placings were reversed over 50m Fly with George Rhodes 10th and George Saunders 14th.

Emmanuel Kolobius finished 2nd in the 15 years’ 50m Butterfly to also be named second fastest Junior, whilst Olly Fenwick was 3rd in that age group’s 50m Backstroke and hence the third fastest Junior. Owain Roberts best swim of the day came with his 5th place in the 200m Breaststroke whilst Arnold Canares claimed 12th spot for his 50m Butterfly.

The 50m Butterfly was also the event in which coach Matt Wright claimed both the 17 years & over and Senior titles with a further County record, subject to ratification of 24.91 seconds.

Alice Buckingham continued her winning ways in the 10/11-year female’s races. She won golds over 400m Freestyle – in a Club age group’s record time – and both the 100m Breaststroke and Freestyle. Ruth Biscoe claimed the bronze medal position in that 100m Freestyle. Inaya Sampong touched 6th in the final which Mary Battersby just missed out on in 9th with Tilly Scrivener 18th, Zuzanna Walaszek 19th and Ella Kolobius 22nd. Tilly was also an unlucky 9th in the heats of the 100m Breaststroke, just ahead of Ruth (10th) and Inaya (11th) with Mary 19th.

Olivia Piaskowska was similarly unlucky to finish 9th in the 12 years’ 100m Freestyle with Violet Rhodes 11th and Alanna Njawaya 20th. Katie Biscoe was 16th in that event but came 7th in the final of the 100m Breaststroke.

Lexie Sandiford won her 13 years’ 100m Breaststroke to also be credited as the third fastest Junior female. Gina Collinson touched in 6th place in the final which saw Clara Leon 11th and Kaylyn Sampong 13th in the heats. Kaylyn and Clara swapped positions in their 100m Freestyle to finish 9th (that unlucky spot yet again) and 10th. Lexie finished third in that final. Lucia Day meanwhile claimed 6th place in that age group’s 400m Freestyle.

Good fortune did not however desert our 12/13 years’ Mixed 4 x 50m Freestyle relay team of Tommy Fenwick, Ethan Huntley, Kaylyn Sampong and Lexie Sandiford as they picked up the team gold. Our 14/15 years’ team of Emmanuel Kolobius, Olly Fenwick, Emily Calvert and Amerie Njawaya were less fortunate, just missing out on any colour of medal even though they were 0.2 seconds away from the silver position.

Amerie did however collect an individual gold medal for her victory in the 14 years’ 100m Freestyle, ahead of Nicole Cashin in 5th place and Lily Jo Evans 8th. In their 400m Freestyle Nicole claimed silver, Amerie the bronze with Emily Calvert 4th and Ella Pruce 6th. Emily also finished 7th in the 100m Breaststroke final with Ella 9th(!). in the heats of the 100m Freestyle Ella was placed 11th with Lauren Tough 18th and Lily Elin Kerr 19th.

Ava Howard finished 8th in her 15 years’ 100m Breaststroke final whilst Lauren Calvert was 6th in the 16 years’ 400m Freestyle and 10th in her 100m Breaststroke.

In the 17 years & over events, Talia Staines won gold for her 400m Freestyle, in the process claiming silver for the Senior Females’ championship. Meghan Davis was placed 13th in the 100m Freestyle.