

Early season success for Carnegie swimmers at Fins

A total of 24 swimmers from Carnegie's Orcas, Junior Development, Performance Development and Performance squads took part in the annual Fins graded gala held over the weekend of 21st and 22nd August at Kirkcaldy. Swimming in events of 50m and 100m incorporating heats and finals, there were some fine performances and early season successes from the swimmers.

On Saturday, there were gold medals for Eleanor England (14+O 50m free), Sophie Ross (11+U 100m fly) and James Gray (boys 11+U 50m breast). James' was the most exciting race over the weekend finishing in a dead heat for the gold medal. James was about 1m behind at the turn but caught his rival right at the finish and the two boys couldn't be separated. A silver medal was won by Ruth Laird in finishing runner-up to Eleanor, making it a 1-2 for Carnegie in the girls 50m free and Gavin Roderick won silver in the boys 12-13 100m free. There were bronzes for James Collyer (11+U 100m fly), Gavin Roderick (12-13 100m back, 100m IM and 50m free) and Hamish Neil (11+U 100m IM). The other swimmers who made finals were Jordan Dingwall (12-13 100m back), Claire Lee (11+U 50m back), Andrew England (12-13 100m breast and 50m free), Hamish Neil (11+U 100m fly) and Kirsten Cronie (12-13 50m free).

A special mention must go to two of our younger swimmers, 9 year olds Lucy Ross and Eilidh Lister who both competed in the 100m fly for the very first time - well done girls!

The good form continued into Sunday with golds for Eleanor England (14+O 50m fly) and Ben Potrykus (14+O 100m IM). Ben also won a bronze in the 100m breast, together with Gavin Roderick who capped a fine weekend's swimming with bronze in the 12-13 50m fly and Hamish Neil (bronze in 11+U 50m free). Also, winning places in the finals on Sunday were Harriet Gray (12-13 50m breast), Hamish Neil and James Gray (11+U 100m breast), Gavin Roderick and Jordan Dingwall (12-13 50m back).

Completing the Carnegie team, swimming well on the day and securing personal best swims were Eilidh Lister, Lucy Ross, Orla McQuade, Lucy Hallam, Heather Anderson, Kelsey Robertson, Aidan Mitchell, Gavin Ogilvie, Grant Ogilvie, Aaron Inkster and Chris Thompson.