

County Blocks 8th & 9th February 2014

The first full weekend of events for Cinderford swimmers taking part in the 2014 County Blocks beckoned at GL1 in Gloucester. The longer distances of 800 and 1500m had already been swum at Bath with Nia Westlake achieving the well deserved silver medal in the 800m

Cinderford had a number of swimmers taking part in their first County Championship: 10 year old Hannah Kibble lived up to her nickname of "pocket rocket", showed great potential finishing in silver medal position in the 200m freestyle with a 17 sec PB and 4th places in the 50 freestyle and breaststroke. Gabby Stephens took an impressive 8th place medal in her 50m backstroke with a PB and she improved her 50m freestyle time to 31.91 sec.

Other newcomers in the Counties: Jess Bayliss, Harriet Kearsley and Sarah Boundy all sprinted to improved times in the 50m freestyle. Tamzin Latham (10) had a great swim to achieve a PB in her 50m breaststroke and Rebecca Howard well deserved her improved 100m IM time

Luke Mills sprinted to a PB to achieve an excellent silver medal in his 50m backstroke he also came 8th in his 50m breaststroke with a PB. Solid performances saw Sam Jenkins improve his times to come 5th and 7th in his 50m backstroke and butterfly. Maddie Worgan improved her 50m breaststroke time to achieve 7th position with a determined swim. Nya Levy had a busy weekend of events including improvements in time in her 50m freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly and 100m IM.

Nia took on another gruelling 7 events during this weekend improving her 200m butterfly time to claim silver and her place in its Championship final and finished in 7th position overall. She also finished in 3rd position in the 400m IM, the 50m backstroke and butterfly. Ceris Westlake took the superb gold medal in the 50m butterfly to gain her place in its Championship final and finished 5th overall, she also took bronze in the 50m freestyle

The older boys taking part were Todd Montague and Billy Harris, controlled swims saw Todd improve on his times in the 50m freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke and his 100m IM achieving 4th, 5th, 7th and 5th place. Billy was disappointed that feeling unwell he could only achieve a very respectable 7th place in his 50m backstroke. The 15 year olds impressed with Frazer Montague improving all his 50m times and achieving 5th place in the breaststroke and the 100m IM and Morgan Peck improving his freestyle, breaststroke and IM time. At the end of a tiring weekend Jake Parker and Jamie Leighton had to wait to the final event to compete in the 50m freestyle showing good technique