

Cotswold League 18 April at Monmouth

Cinderford hosted this round of the Cotswold League at Monmouth and came out on top with a win of 152 points to Brockworth and Bristol Penguins joint 2nd with 137 points and Bristol North 88. Cinderford swimmers dominated from the off with 13 year old Gabby Stephens winning the 100m IM with a 2 sec PB and Ceris Westlake winning the Open 100m IM. 10 year olds Zea Levy and Thomas Cottrell achieved PBs in the 25m freestyle races, Zea finishing in first place.

Next was the 50m backstroke where both Casey Ball and Luke Mills improved their times with Luke winning his race followed by the 100m butterfly with Nia Westlake winning her race and Todd Montague setting a new PB. The 13/u girls Emma Clarke, Lauren Kennedy, Hannah Desmond and Gabby Stephens won the freestyle relay with Emma setting a new PB on the first leg.

At this point Bristol Penguins and Cinderford shared first place with 45 points apiece and so a determined Cinderford team delivered a spate of wins from Maddie Worgan (with a PB) and Luke Mills in the 15/u 50m breaststroke; Carrie Nicholls (with a PB) and Josh Peck in the Open 100m backstroke; Hannah Kibble in the 25m butterfly with a 4 sec PB and Bon Fox de Vere in the 50m freestyle improving his time by 2 sec, Finlay Stuart-Gunter also set a new time in the 25m butterfly.

The 15/u boys, Sam Jenkins, Luke Mills, Andrew Cole and Craig Collett, won the 4 x 50m medley relay before wins for both Open medley relay teams of Ceris Westlake, Morgan Jones, Nia Westlake and Carrie Nicholls and for the boys Josh Peck, Todd Montague, Frazer Montague and George Fear.

By now Cinderford had a lead of 15 points but that didn't stop the team as wins by both Finlay and Zea in the 25m backstroke, Zea with a new PB, and in the 50m butterfly with Gabby Stephens also with a PB strengthened the gap. Alex Cleal took over 3 sec off his 50m butterfly time and this was followed by wins for Maddie Worgan and Sam Jenkins in the 50m freestyle and Nia Westlake and Todd Montague in the 100m breaststroke, Maddie and Todd with PB's.

The 50m butterfly saw PB's for Sarah Boundy and Andrew Cole and the 50m backstroke saw a PB for Danny Jones before Frazer Montague won the 100m freestyle and Hannah Kibble the 25m breaststroke.

Craig Collett, Lily Brice and Christopher Hadfield all improved their times of the first leg of the freestyle relays and Hannah Desmond on the medley relay. The final races of the evening were the Open 4 x 50m freestyle relays with Carrie, Ceris and Nia being joined by Gabby to win the girls and George, Frazer, Josh and Todd just touching first in the boys race to finish the evening in triumph.