

## DASC at N&D Championships February 2017



*DASC swimmers at N&D Championships  
Photo by Allison Matthias  
Missing: Daniel Boyer & Niamh Sweeney*

A total of 20 DASC swimmers have represented the club with pride, passion and success at the recent Northumberland & Durham Championships held in the 50m pool at Sunderland Aquatic Centre over two weekends in February. Congratulations to all of them for fantastic individual swims and a great team performance especially on the second weekend.

It was good to see 5 swimmers make their debut at N&D level – **Alex Boyer, Oliver Carr, Alfie Elliott, Harvey Matthias and Ellie Overton**. The busiest DASC swimmers were **Molly Mooney** with 9 swims across all 4 strokes plus IM, **Niamh Sweeney** with 8 swims and **Ryan Pepper** with 7 swims across all 4 strokes, and 7 events each for **Alex Boyer, Jack Hurworth, and Harriet Rogers**.

DASC came away with 6 medals. In the 13 years agegroup **Harriet Rogers** won gold in 50m and 100m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly and bronze in 100m Butterfly and swam PB times in all 7 of her events. **Ryan Pepper** won bronze in 50m Freestyle in the 14 years agegroup; he also competed in 7 events, 4 of them for the first time in a 50m pool. **Jacob Willson** won bronze in 50m Breaststroke for 15 year olds with a huge PB. **Alex Boyer** swam as a 10 year old in the combined 10&11 year agegroup. He achieved 4 Top10 finishes mainly against much older opposition. Comparing his swims with other 10 year olds in the agegroup he had the fastest 200m Breaststroke time and another 4 swims were in the top 3. He surely is a bright prospect for the future.

DASC had a total of 34 finalists/Top 10 finishers - **Alex Boyer 4, Ryan Pepper 5, Jacob Willson 1, Lauren Allinson 1, Alice Day 3, Lucy Mason 2, Molly Mooney 6, Chloe Oliver 1, Harriet Rogers 7, and Niamh Sweeney 4.**

All of the DASC swimmers achieved at least one PB swim in the Championships including **Will Beukenholdt, Daniel Boyer, Joshua Kestle, Richard Murray, Ella Boyer and Chloe Oliver.**

Out of 90 events DASC swimmers competed in, they did long course PB times in 63 of them with another 10 being first time long course swims at the events, making for a superb PB rate. There were also 29 times recorded which were faster than previous short course PBs! In addition there were 36 NER (North-East Region) qualifying times clocked up for the NER Championships to be held in May. This will be the next major focus for many of these DASC swimmers.



*DASC medallists at N&D Championships  
Harriet Rogers, Ryan Pepper and Jacob Willson  
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