

Swimming Success

Double Gala Delight for Darlington Amateur Swimming Club

N&D Team Championships 10 June at Sunderland

Junior League Division 2 Final 11 June at Tynemouth

It was a busy weekend for Darlington Amateur Swimming Club as two teams of swimmers across all age groups competed in two regional finals. Saturday saw a squad consisting of 55 swimmers in all age groups competing together in the prestigious Northumberland & Durham Regional Team Championships held at Sunderland Aquatic Centre. It is the first time Darlington have had the breadth of swimmers across all ages to enable them to field such a strong team in these 'N&D' finals, consisting of age group team swims, as well as open freestyle and medley races. The Darlington swimmers performed magnificently in all events throughout the day to qualify in 26 out of a possible 28 finals. "The standard throughout the day was extremely high and to make finals and be competitive throughout, shows the massive improvement in DASC over the last year," commented Head Coach Glen Fenby. The day culminated in a well-deserved bronze medal for the 13-14 years 4 X 50m Girls Freestyle Team, who certainly ensured that the swimmers hard work and efforts were rewarded. The club will now target this competition for next year, aiming to improve further and gain more medals.

It was another early start for some of the younger swimmers on Sunday as they headed to Tynemouth Swimming Pool for the final of the Junior League Division 2 competition. The Durham and District Junior League is an exciting competition between clubs in the region for youngsters aged 9-12 years. Gala events involve both individual and relay races, with points awarded to each club on the position achieved in each race. The team dropped into Division 2 at the start of this season, but according to Coach Lucy Proctor, that has only made them more determined. "I've seen a real competitive spirit from our young swimmers this season, training hard and fighting for top places, I'm so proud of their achievement." The Darlington swimmers were outstanding and just got pipped to 2nd place by a strong North Tyneside squad, with an impressive Sunderland team winning overall and securing promotion to Division 1 next season.

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