

Round-up Sport

Club records go as season ends on high

YEOVIL & District Swimming Club ended the season in style with their annual club championships over two weekends.

It was the last chance for swimmers aged six and over to race before the summer break and produced plenty of excitement.

There was good support from families and friends as the event was held under the guidance of the club's many volunteer coaches and judging officials.

Long-standing club records were broken by Jacob Bailey (400m IM), Carina Hand (25m breaststroke, butterfly and backstroke), Harriet Watts (100m backstroke), Ben Card (100m backstroke, 200m IM), Mark Stevens (50m freestyle) and Jessica Carroll (100m breaststroke).

While the majority of the club now begin their well-earned break, five swimmers will continue their training in preparation for the British Summer Championships and ASA Summer Nationals at Sheffield's Ponds

Forge International Sports Centre.

Kayleigh Parker, Harriet Watts, Jessica Carroll, Olivia Flack (all of Sherborne Girls School) and Aaron Bartlett (Preston Academy) have all qualified in the top 24 of their age group for a variety of events and will race between July 26 and August 5.

■ Yeovil & District Swimming Club finished an impressive fourth against some tough opposition at the second round of the Southern Junior League



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in Bristol.

The group aged nine to 12 were up against seven other clubs, including top seeds Plymouth Leander and other top clubs from Keynsham and Bristol.

Under the guidance of junior squad coach Helen Roberts, Yeovil were well prepared despite several older swimmers

being unavailable and many having to swim in higher age groups.

They made a steady start in the relays and retained their focus to avoid the danger of disqualification.

Yeovil stepped up to the mark for the individual races, picking up several top-three finishes, including from J Hansen (9), C Hand (10), C Perrin (11) and J Lee (12).

B Baird and I Moore not only had top-three finishes in their 11-year-old age group, but also in the 12-year-old category.

The whole team got involved to cheer on Yeovil in the final event, the cannon relay, a H Davidge led supporters in a chant.

Plymouth won the event from Keynsham, with Yeovil fourth.

A spokesperson said: "Thank you to all the helpers on poolside and the fantastic support from our parents. We have a break now over the summer, with the third and final round scheduled for September."