



Aaron Bartlett, pictured with head coach Rebecca Richards, retained his 50m breaststroke title

## National successes for Yeovil swimmers

FOUR swimmers from Yeovil District Swimming Club are celebrating two successful weeks of competing at National level at the Olympic sized 50m pool at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield alongside the country's top young athletes.

Harriet Watts and Jessica Carroll, both pupils of Sherborne Girls School, were the first to race at the British Summer Championships, having both competed at the event in previous years.

Watts, 15, who recently returned from Croatia, representing the South West ASA at her first International meet, competed in the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke heats,

finalling in two events and finishing in very impressive fifth and sixth places.

Carroll, 16, qualified for the 50m and 100m breaststroke, despite having a busy year studying for her GCSEs.

Jasmine Moore of the Gryphon School and Aaron Bartlett, who left Preston Academy this year, represented the club at the Swim England Summer Nationals at the same venue.

Bartlett, 16, was returning to the event for the third year running, hoping to defend the title of 50m breaststroke champion that he had won the previous year.

Determined not to relinquish it, he won again with a

personal best of 30.15 seconds in an exciting final.

He also competed in the 100m breaststroke, finishing sixth.

Moore, 15, qualified for the event for the first time in the 50m and 200m backstroke and 50m butterfly, demonstrating her versatility as an up-and-coming young athlete.

All four have developed their swimming from a young age through YDSC having joined the club during their primary school years and progressing through it's squad structure.

They have been coached by the club's army of skilled volunteer coaches and now train under the guidance of head coach Rebecca Richards, herself a former competitive swimmer.

Richards said: "We are always on the look out for our national swimmers of the future.

"So if you have a child of primary school age who loves swimming then get in touch with us for an assessment - who knows they could be the next Adam Peaty."

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