

Well-travelled Richards takes coach role

YEOVIL District Swimming Club have revealed Rebecca Richards as their new head coach.

She was recently selected by unanimous decision from a strong field of national and international candidates.

Richards brings with her a wealth of experience which started as a scholarship swimmer at nearby Millfield School.

She continued her studies at the University of Wales, reading sports coaching and combining her studies with training and competing as a six-time BUSA freestyle finalist.

In 2008, Richards left Cardiff for the USA where she worked at swim camps alongside

American Olympic head coach Dennis Pursley. She then went on to work in Singapore.

She is also an avid triathlete and was the fastest female swimmer at the New Zealand Half-Ironman National Championships last year, as well as being Singapore champion over the standard distance triathlon.

Although Richards will primarily be working with the performance squad, she will oversee training programmes for all the swimmers.

Club chair Mary-Ann Marsh said: "We sought to appoint a highly-motivated head coach who has the skills and drive to develop our well-established club.

"We can't wait for Rebecca to

start working with our strong coaching and volunteer network. I have no doubt that her impressive coaching background, knowledge and boundless enthusiasm will help every one of our swimmers to reach their full potential."

Richards added: "It is an exciting time for me and YDSC. YDSC is a progressive programme with a host of talent that has the potential to go far.

"I can't wait to start work with these enthusiastic swimmers and I feel this is the beginning of something very special."

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