

PRESS RELEASE

RUGBY ARTISTIC SWIMMING CLUB



THE COMBO CUP- RUGBY WIN 2 GOLDS AT NATIONAL COMPETITION HELD AT THE LONDON OLYMPIC POOL!

Rugby Swimming Club's Artistic Swimmers journeyed down to the London Aquatics Centre for the Swim England Artistic Swimming Combo Cup. After 2 years away due to Covid restrictions it was so exciting to be back in full action.

The Combo Cup is a very special event in the calendar because it provides an opportunity for some of these swimmers to compete at a national event for the first time.

The first Rugby team to swim were Rugby's 13-15 group in Division 2 with their retro 80's dance theme of differing tempos and challenging figure formations. Their delivery was smooth; energetic, fun, and precise. It was clear to see how much the team were enjoying themselves! They scored 61.4667 and came away with the gold medal, a full 2 points ahead of the silver medallists from The City of Bristol.

The second Rugby team swimming were 13-15 in Division 1 known as Team Aladdin. This was a strong and confident performance where a bronze medal was narrowly missed by only 0.1334 of a point. Even though they missed a medal they should be proud of coming so close in such a competitive category.

The next Rugby Team to swim were the 12 and under Division 1 with their American music theme. This was the first time at the Combo cup for most of the team members and they fully seized the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and enjoy the experience. Their energetic performance generated a healthy score for a novice team.

Two Rugby Teams competed in 15-18 Division 2. Team 1 scored a strong 58.8667 putting in a great performance which was fearless and lively. Team 2 with their own retro 80's theme won clear gold with a score of 66.6000, a lead of 1.8667 against the silver medallists from City of Salford. Their routine was unique, great fun, thrilling and dramatic. The spectators went wild!

The Combo Cup is awarded to the team with the most points at the end of the day. Sadly, Rugby were 2 points off the winning total this year, but they were gracious in handing their previously won cup over to The City of Salford team which was well deserved.

This was a great day for Rugby against a very successful year so far, all members fully appreciative of the return to training and face to face competition. Head Coach Hannah Secher said 'A fantastic competition and a fantastic way to end out competitive season. I am really pleased for all that competed and represented the club so wonderfully!'

Team members were as follows:

13-15 Division 2 -Gold medallists; Agata Sitko, Tyra Watson, Amy Buckley, Chloe Barrett-Leafe, Chloe Bartholomew, Imogen Ravenhall, Natalia Rodriguez, and Olivia Barry.

13-15 Division 1-Beatrice Banks, Emilia Owen, Emily Minor, Freya Twiss, Georgina Stoddart, Harriet Humphrey, Isobel Byrne, Jasmine Farr, Jemma King, Laura Oddy, Poppy Jenkins, and Rebecca Harper

12 and Under Division 1- Alice Pavlova, Daisy Clark, Daisy Jenkins, Darcey Townend, Isabella Flaig, Isabella Franks, Kara Anstruther, Kara Duckett, Lucy King, Mabel Chapman, Molly Heard and Leah Anstruther.

15-18 Division 2 Team 1- Ariane Sargent, Edith John, Hannah Hopkins, Jagoda Czuplak, Jessica Barrett-Leafe, Lily Van Vliet, Lola Marsay, and Mia Timothy.

15-18 Division 2 Team 2- Gold medallists; Charlotte Putt, Eve Howard, India Townsend, Jadine Carroll, Josephine Mozley, Lola Dudkowsky, Matilda John, Olivia Tyers, Poppy Williams, and Sophie Thomas.