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RUGBY ARTISTIC SWIMMING CLUB



RUGBY ARTISTIC SWIMMING CLUB IMPRESSES AT WARWICKSHIRE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

RUGBY Artistic Swimming Club continues to impress this season with an outstanding performance at the Warwickshire and Staffordshire Invitational Artistic Swimming Championships, which were held on 12 June at Walsall Gala Baths with Rugby bringing home a remarkable medal haul across the board including many gold medals.

The Championships is one of the biggest and most significant competitions of the season for Rugby with 63 swimmers from all of the Club's competitive squads being represented across the four age groups (12 years and under, 13-15 years, 15-18 years and Champs) with swimmers receiving a Warwickshire placing as well as an overall ("Invitational") placing for their individual figures, and their solo, duet, and Free and Combination (Combo) Team routines.

For some swimmers the Championships signalled the last competition of the season; for some a final chance to represent the Club before moving on, and for others an opportunity to practice routines locally before the upcoming national "Combo Cup" competition, which will be held at the London Aquatics Centre next month.

5 of Rugby's swimmers Lola Huett, Alexa Holland, Tyra Watson, Charlie Putt and Emily Dakin win Rugby's first 9 medals of the day (5 silver and 4 bronze) in the Figures competition across every age group

Rugby's first successes of the day were in the Figures (set moves that must be performed by individuals) competition with 5 of Rugby's swimmers taking home 9 medals (5 silver and 4 bronze) between them across every age group. Lola Huett (12 years and under), Alexa Holland (13-15 years), Charlie Putt (15-18 years) and Emily Dakin (Champs) won silver, and Tyra Watson (13-15 years) won bronze in the

Warwickshire competition; with Lola also winning silver, and Alexa, Charlie and Emily winning bronze in the overall competition in their respective age groups.

A further 6 medals (3 silver and 3 bronze) followed for Lola Huett, Kitty Tyers (12 years and under), Alexa Holland (13-15 years) and Matilda John (15-18 years) in the Solo competition

Representing Rugby in the Solo competition were Saranne Black, Lola Huett and Kitty Tyers (12 years and under), Alexa Holland and Chloe Bartholomew (13-15 years), and Matilda John (15-18 years) with Lola and Alexa winning silver and Kitty and Matilda winning bronze in the Warwickshire competition; and Lola winning silver and Alexa winning bronze in the overall competition in their respective age groups. All soloists performed beautiful routines with Lola receiving the highest overall score for her routine in the 12 years and under, age group and Chloe receiving the second highest overall score for her routine in the 13-15 years age group.

10 more medals (4 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze) across every age group followed for Rugby's duet pairs Lola Huett and Kitty Tyers (12 years and under), Chloe Bartholomew and Imogen Ravenhall (13-15 years), Matilda John and India Townsend (15-18 years); and Jessica Farndon and Maisie Grinter (Champs); and Mixed duet pair Keva Ennis and Aaron Lee (12 years and under)

Representing Rugby in the Duet competition were Lola Huett and Kitty Tyers (12 years and under), Chloe Bartholomew and Imogen Ravenhall (13-15 years), Matilda John and India Townsend, Jagoda Czuplak and Ariane Sargent (15-18 years), Lola Dudkowsky and Olivia Tyers (15-18 years and Champs), and Jessica Farndon and Maisie Grinter (Champs). All pairs delivered great performances with Lola and Kitty winning gold, Chloe and Imogen and Matilda and India winning silver, and Jessica and Maisie winning bronze in the Warwickshire competition. And with Lola and Kitty winning gold; Matilda and India winning silver; and Chloe and Imogen and Jessica and Maisie winning bronze in the overall competition in their respective age groups with Matilda and India receiving the joint highest score for their routine in the 15-18 years age group and Lola and Olivia receiving the second highest score for their routine in the Champs category.

Also winning gold in both the Warwickshire and overall competition and remaining unbeaten this season was Rugby's Mixed Duet pair (12 years and under) Keva Ennis and Aaron Lee the current Midlands and National Champions.

7 teams competed for Rugby (2 Free Teams and 5 Combo Teams) across all 4 age groups sweeping the board in the Warwickshire competition in the events they competed in and almost sweeping the board in the events they competed in, the overall competition by winning a total of 13 gold team medals and 1 silver team medal

In the Teams competition, Rugby's two Free Teams (12 years and under and 13-15 years) and 4 of Rugby's 5 Combo Teams (12 years and under Div. 1, 13-15 years Div. 1 and Div. 2 and Champs) each won gold in the Warwickshire and overall competitions while Rugby's 15-18 years Div. 2 Combination Team won gold in the Warwickshire competition and silver overall.

Free Team members

12 years and under: Saranne Black, Keva Ennis, Lola Huett, Aaron Lee, Kitty Tyers

13-15 years: Imogen Ravenhall, Sophie Henry, Alexa Holland, Tyra Watson, Chloe Barrett-Leafe, Amy Buckley, Chloe Bartholomew, Olivia Barry, Natalia Rodrigues, Agata Sitko

Combo Team members

12 years and under Div. 1: Kara Duckett, Darcey Townsend, Daisy Clark, Alice Pavlova, Daisy Jenkins, Mabel Chapman, Isabella Flaig, Isabella Franks, Kara Anstruther, Leah Anstruther, Molly Heard, Lucy King

13-15 years Div. 1: Emily Minor, Laura Read-Groves, Beatrice Banks, Jemma King, Harriet Humphrey, Emilia Owen, Georgina Stoddart, Poppy Jenkins, Rebecca Harper, Freya Twiss, Jasmine Farr, Isobel Byrne

13-15 years Div. 2: Imogen Ravenhall, Sophie Henry, Alexa Holland, Tyra Watson, Chloe Barrett-Leafe, Amy Buckley, Chloe Bartholomew, Olivia Barry, Natalia Rodrigues, Agata Sitko

15-18 Div. 2: Ariana Sargent, Jagoda Czuplak, Mia Timothy, Hannah Hopkins, Edith John, Hattie McMillan, Jessica Barrett-Leafe, Lola Marsay, Lily Van Vleit

Champs: Poppy Williams, Josephine Mozley, Lola Dudkowsky, Olivia Tyers, Sophie Thomas, Lili Carroll, Charlotte Putt, Eve Howard, Matilda John, India Townsend

Head Coach Hannah Secher said "...I am really pleased with the whole club effort into these Championships. We are coming to the end of our competitive season now and this was a great whole club effort and performance with great results..."