

PRESS RELEASE

RUGBY ARTISTIC SWIMMING CLUB



ARTISTIC SWIMMING: SUCCESS FOR RUGBY AT REGIONAL NOVICE COMPETITION

Rugby Artistic Swimming Club travelled to Walsall on Saturday, May 21st for the West Midlands Novice competition.

This event is open to swimmers currently assessed and working at an introductory grade level for their age-group, and, for many of those taking part - this was their first competition.

The event started with the figure competition; where swimmers are required to complete a number of artistic swimming elements and where Rugby put in a particularly strong performance.

In the Grade 0 category, we saw Amelie Jeary take silver in the 12U's and Georgina Stoddart take gold in the 1315 field.

Moving up to Grade 2 and Rugby medalled in all 3 age groups; Gold for Keva Ennis and Silver for Aaron Lee in the youngest category the 8/10's, with Keva then taking silver in the 12U age group and in the 1315 field, Emilia Owen snatched bronze.

The afternoon was all about the routine swims and the two Rugby teams provided strong performances in a competitive field.

In the Under 12 age group, Rugby's Division 1 Combination Team – Team America, which consisted of squad members; Alice Pavlova, Daisy Jenkins, Daisy Clarke, Darcey Townsend, Lucy King, Kara Duckett, Kara Anstruther, Leah Anstruther, Isabella Flaig and Molly Heard - took the silver medal, swimming strongly to their American themed medley of Kid's in America, Party in the USA and Surfin' USA.

In the 13-18 Division 1 Combination category, the Rugby team of; Rebecca Harper, Georgina Stoddart, Freya Twiss, Jasmine Farr, Poppy Jenkins, Emily Minor, Jemma King, Emilia Owen, Harriet Humphrey, Beatrice Banks and Laura Read-Groves ended the day achieving a fantastic gold medal for their Aladdin routine.

Hannah Secher, Head Coach for Rugby Artistic Swimming commented, "a great event for our club with strong performances from our young swimmers, some of whom have never been involved in a competition before. I'm proud of all those who participated today and how they all handled themselves under the pressure of competing away from their home pool and under the watchful eyes of judges, team-mates and supporters."

Artistic swimming is a fantastic sport that combines strength, teamwork, stamina and choreography. If you would like to find out more, please email head coach Hannah Secher at rugbysynchro.headcoach@gmail.com For more information about the club, please visit: www.rugbysynchro.co.uk or follow us on Twitter at [@RugbySynchro](https://twitter.com/RugbySynchro) [#LetsGoRugby](https://twitter.com/RugbySynchro)

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