

The London Region Championships 2006

Croydon Amphibians (CASC) took a small but nevertheless strong and fast improving team to Crystal Palace for the Youth and BAGCAT Championships. Hik Harazawa, like his younger brother Hiro had a very busy weekend. Over two days of fabulous swimming and humid conditions, Hik came 8th in 100m Fly, 6th in 200m Free and his proudest moment was touching second in the 400m I/M in 5.18.56 in the 15/16 yrs age group. However, Hik remains the fastest 15yr old in the London Region.

Lydia Cooper, Purley based Backstroker came 4th in the 100m Back in a PB time of 1.11.64 and then came 7th in the 200m Back final. Other fine performances came from Francesca Hayward 7th in 200m Brst, Katy Hogan 13th in 200m I/M, Alice Schroeder 17th in 50m Free and Alice Elvin 10th in 100m Fly and 11th in 400m Free. The Youth relay teams swam very well and the boy's 4 x 200m free team came away with a bronze. Well done to Hik, Sam, Andrew & Edd.

The BAGCATS saw some fabulous results from our juniors as well. Sam Crowther, 14yr old from Sutton went into this year's London Region as the Surrey 100 and 200m Brst Champion. He faced stiff opposition from Ealing star Tariq Miller but still stormed to victory in a PB time of 2.40.04. A further silver medal in the 100m Brst, this time succumbing to Miller and 7th in the 200m I/M.

The medal rush did not stop there as Hiro Harazawa finished 7th in 200m I/M, 8th in 400m Free, 6th in 100m Fly and 7th in 200m Brst. The Kenley based star better known for his Butterfly skills, collected a bronze for the 200m Fly but went one better and touched second in the 400m I/M. The 9th placed 10yr boy in the BAGCATS.

Alice Hogan, fast improving freestyler just missed out on the medals in 4th place of the 100m free in 1.13.81 and a 6th place in the 200m free. David King came 5th in the 100m back in a PB time of 1.10.34, 6th in the 100m free and made the 200m Brst final. William Epps, the 6th best 10 yr old overall in the BAGCATS finished 4th five times over the Championship. One of his best swims was 4th place in the 200m free in 2.38.65.

Some other super swims came from Thomas Parker 14th in 100m back, James Mulcahy 11th in 400m free, Thomas Andrews 9th in 200m free, Catherine Wrench 15th in 200m free, Izzy Trompetas 10th 100m back and Lewis Franks 11th 100m free. Last but not least congratulations to all relay participants.

Due to illness, Katherine Parrish, James Tamplin & Ciaran Kavanagh were unable to attend this year and CASC wishes them good luck for next year's Champs.

CASC's Chief Coach, Chris Hatton was extremely proud of all the swimmers' achievements over this year's Championships. He said there was new exciting talent emerging and the future looked promising for CASC.