

## Midland A.S.A. Youth Champs 2012

At last weekends Midlands Youth Championships at Coventry Boldmere club members had great success in reaching 31 finals and picking up 16 medals and winning 8 championship titles.

Of the six competing for City of Birmingham Bradley Lynch had a stunning championships by topping the podium in all four of his events. Bradley showed his versatility by winning the 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m Freestyle events, which also earned him the accolade of top boy in the 15/16 age category.

Josh Winnicott reached the finals of all his four events picking up 3 medals and just missing out on four with a 4th place in the 200IM. Gold came in the longer 400IM with a bronze in the 100m Breaststroke, while Josh had to keep his calm in 200m Breaststroke trailing in third at the halfway split. One second down on fellow Boldmere swimmers Luke Davies (who had qualified fifth) at the half way mark he out touched Luke by 0.4 to take the Gold with Luke taking the silver in a new best time. Luke made a further final in the 100m Breaststroke placing 5th.

Emma Smith picked up two medals in her favoured backstroke with a silver in the 100m event while her time bronze medal PB time of 2.20.03 broke the Warwickshire Junior county record that had previously stood for 11 years. Emma also reached the final of the 200IM placing 4th.

Like Bradley, Givenchy Sneekes reached all four finals of the 50, 100, 200 and 400m Freestyle where she placed 4th, 1st, 5th and 2nd while

Kristie Hackett reached the final of the 100m Fly with a 5th finish. Also competing in the City hat was Katie Richardson in the 400 & 800m Freestyle.

Royal Wolverhampton School girl Alice Dearing picked up two silvers in the 400m and 800m Freestyle, setting a PB in the shorter distance and improving from qualifying in 6th. Sixth was also where she placed in the 200m Fly final.

Also in the medals in Boldmere colours was Joey Stanger who, after qualifying 6th fastest in the 17/18 100m Freestyle final, touched in second place to pick up the silver. In the longer 200m Free he just missed out of the medals in 4th as he also did in the 50m sprint after qualifying in 8th after a swim off.

Jenny Fowler placed 6th in the final of the 17/18 100m Free but improved massively on qualifying 4th fastest for the 200IM final by touching first to take the gold. In his speciality Fly, Phil Hewitt improved on qualifying 7th fastest for the final of the 50m sprint with a 4th and then a 6th in the longer 100m event.

Breastroker Emily Gordon made all three finals of the 50, 100 and 200m events placing 4th and two 7th's respectively while Gina Luckett, in her first Youth championships, also made the 50m final finishing 7th in a PB time of 36.68. She also set a PB in the 50m Freestyle with a 29.54. Finally Josh Holsey competed in four events setting new best time in the 100m Freestyle of 59.89 seconds.

