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Falkirk Otter ASC NEWSLETTER

Kieran

Kieran McGuckin has broken a 12-year-old record that was originally set by Gregor Tait. He set a new 100m backstroke West District time at the Scottish Open Championships in January and it could be a sign of big things to come in the future because previous holder Tait eventually went on to win gold at the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Kieran also competed at the WISE (Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England) International Schools Gala in Crawley. He fought off strong competition to earn his place in the Scottish team and returned home with the bronze trophy for the 200m breaststroke.

One week later at the West District Open Championships in Cumbernauld, he had more medal success, breaking the West District (17 years) record for the 200m I.M. and taking the silver in the process.

Kieran, along with team-mates Ross Muir and David Smith, also took gold, silver and bronze medals respectively in the 200m backstroke - a position normally reserved for the larger swimming clubs.

Galas

The Club will be represented at the following galas:

Falkirk Otter Mini Meet - 26th April at Larkhall

FIRST Gala - 27th April at Larkhall

City of Glasgow Open Meet - 3/4th May at Tollcross

North Ayrshire Junior Meet - 10/11th May at Auchenharvie

Group 3 West District Championships - 17/18th May at Larkhall

Junior League - 17th May at St. Margarets

Senior League - 25th May (venue to be confirmed)

Website

The Club's website is currently being updated and useful information is available by logging on to www.falkirkottersasc.org

Minutes

The minutes of the committee meetings are available at the club desk for your information.

Results

A group of swimmers from Falkirk Otter ASC recently competed at the West District Open at Cumbernauld on 15& 16 March. Kieran McGuckin: Gold 200 Back, Silver 200 IM, Bronze 50 Breast; David Smith: Gold 100 Back, Silver 50 Back, Bronze 200 Back; Ross Muir: Silver 200 Fly, 400IM, 200 Back, Bronze 800 Free. This was a fantastic haul of medals at this level and a first for the club when Kieran Ross and David had a clean sweep of the medals in the Men's 200 Back!

Stirling Open on 22&23 March - 11yrs: Charlotte McKenzie Silver 100 Fly and 100 Breast, Bronze 100 Free, 200 Free, 100IM and 100 Back; 13yrs: Nicola Cuthbertson Bronze 100 Breast; 11yrs: Ian Elrick Bronze 100 Back, 4th 200 Free, 100IM, 100 Free and 100 Fly, 5th 100 Breast; 12yrs: Scott Campbell Gold 100 Fly, Silver 200IM and 100 Breast, 6th 100 Free and 100 Back; 13yrs: Gregor Birrell Bronze 100 Back, 4th 200 Free, 5th 100 Fly, 6th 200 IM. Other swimmers competing were Erin Risk, Gemma Cuthbertson and Kirsty Park who all achieved personal bests.

Scottish National Age Group Championships at Tolcross, Glasgow - 10-12yrs: Scott Campbell Finalist in 100 Fly (10th) and 200 Fly (8th); Boys 16-18yrs: David Smith Bronze 200 Back Finalist in 100 Back (5th); Ross Muir Finalist 200 Back (8th), 200 IM (8th) and 200 Breast (5th), 400 IM (7th); Kieran McGuckin Finalist in 100 Breast (7th) and 100 Back (9th). Other swimmers who qualified and swam superbly to achieve personal bests were Charlotte McKenzie, Ian Elrick, Gregor Birrell and Scott MacKay

Birthdays

Happy Birthday from everyone at the Club to the following people:

Birthdays in April:

Lachlan Devine

Ian Elrick

Callum Lawrie

Drew Meikle

Lauren Yorkston

Gavin Neilson

Kirsty Park

Skye Hamilton

Elenor McGlashan - Coach

Jim Duffy - Computer Expert and Ex-Vice President



If you have any ideas or want anything included in next month's issue of the Newsletter, please see a member of the committee