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Camden Swiss Cottage Swimming Club youngsters make a strong start to the new season

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## ***The talented swimmers show off their medals***

MEMBERS of Camden Swiss Cottage Swimming Club made a strong start to the new season when they competed in the Middlesex County Youth and Age Group Championships.

The competition was held over two weekends for swimmers aged 13 and under at the Southfield Road Pool in Enfield, and over one weekend for swimmers aged 14 and above at the London Aquatics Centre in Stratford.

At the first meets under new head coach Adam Taylor, both of the age groups finished as runners-up in their respective team competitions – producing more than 300 personal best times along the way.

Para-swimmer Charlotte Hyde topped the club's gold medal table with five wins, swimming to victory in the 50m, 100m and 400m freestyle, the 100m backstroke and the 100m breaststroke. The talented 16-year-old added a silver medal in the 200m individual medley.

Ella McEver claimed 10 medals over her two weekends of competition. She dominated the breaststroke events for the third consecutive year by winning the 50m, 100m and 200m events.

The 13-year-old also scooped silver in the 100m, 200m and 400m individual medley, the 800m freestyle, and the 100m butterfly. She wrapped up a magnificent weekend by taking bronze medals in the 200m backstroke and the 200m butterfly.

Lucas Bohm, aged 11, claimed triple gold, touching home first in the 100m individual medley, and the 50m and 200m breaststroke. He also won silver in the 100m breaststroke.

There was also a hat-trick of wins for club-mate Jackson Olin, who won the 100m and 200m backstroke and the 100m butterfly. The 16-year-old added to his overall medal tally by finishing second on the podium in the 50m and 200m butterfly and third in the 100m freestyle.

The medal count continued to rocket with Anna Podurgiel, 16, taking gold in the 50m and 100m freestyle, silver in the 200m individual medley and 200m freestyle, and bronze in the 50m and 200m backstroke and the 100m butterfly.

Ally Larson, 18, continued to demonstrate her great versatility by taking gold in the 200m and 400m individual medley, along with silver in the 50m butterfly and bronze in the 100m butterfly and 100m freestyle.

Another of Camden's top performers was Ava Lambropoulos, who ended the championships with nine medals. The speedy 11-year-old won gold in the 200m individual medley and silver medals in the 100m individual medley, the 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m freestyle, the 50m and 100m butterfly and the 100m backstroke.

Ava's older sister Alexis, 14, also swam well, claiming gold medals in the 200m and 400m freestyle.

There were also a string of individual golds, with Oliver Wright, 13, winning the 200m breaststroke, Edie McGrath, 13, clinching first place in the 200m butterfly, and para-swimmer Leah O'Connell, 16, swimming to victory in the 200m individual medley. There was further success with Oliver adding to her gold by winning silver in the 50m and 100m breaststroke, while Leah added silver medals in the 50m and 100m freestyle and the 100m breaststroke.

Brandon Biss, 13, swam a busy programme to bag seven individual medals – sealing silver medals in the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke, and the 200m and 400m individual medley, and two bronze medals in the 400m and 1500m freestyle.

Leo He, 13, amassed four medals, bringing home silver in the 50m freestyle, and the 50m and 100m butterfly, as well as bronze in the 100m individual medley.

Damian Miceta, 11, touched home second for silver in the 50m freestyle and 200m breaststroke, as well as claiming bronze in the 50m and 100m breaststroke.

There were also individual silver medals for Nick Finch, 12, Marlie Rittenhouse, 15, Amir Castronovo, 15, Yann Divet, 15, Lauren Brantley, 16, Nirav Tomasi, 16, and Charlie Fraser-Allen, 18.

There were bronze medals for Emilia Magliocco, 13, Annelise O'Connell, 13, Sharlize Abbas, 14, Lyelle Kahaner, 14, Alex Chen, 14, Will Chen, 14, Alex Pama, 14, Nathalie Lustig, 15, Marlie Rittenhouse, 15, Nick Finch, 12, Clementine Butler Brown, 16, Ally Dill, 16, Charlie Fraser-Allen, 18, and Bryce Puszet, 19.

After seeing Camden also win a couple of gold medals in boys' relay races, assistant head coach Gerry Gillespie said: "As a coach, I was very proud of the performances that our swimmers produced during three weekends of tough county competition.

"Our swimmers clocked some great times this early in the season and demonstrated improved skills. They also showed determination and resilience and I am already looking forward to seeing what they can produce later in the year."