



Flatland Swimming & Goldfins defend titles

The 2017 Short Course A Provincials & Junior Cup were held this past weekend in Moose Jaw and Flatland Swimming defended their title of “A” Provincials Large Team Champions and the Saskatoon Goldfins defended their title of Junior Cup winners. Congratulations to both clubs.

Flatland first won the “A” Provincial title at the 2016 Short Course competition and then defended the title in June in Swift Current for the 2016 Long Course meet. The Goldfins have won Junior Cup numerous times over the years.

The host club; Moose Jaw Kinsmen Flying Fins won the small team award (15 or less swimmers entered in the meet). Congratulations to the Flying Fins and the Goldfins.

Only Flatland Swimming and the Saskatoon Goldfins were vying for the Large Team award (16 or more swimmers entered in the competition) with 9 clubs competing for the Small Team award. Flatland scored a total of 885 points, and the Goldfins 536.50. Moose Jaw, with a total of 14 swimmers, scored a total of 740 points to win the Small team award.

The Junior Cup side of the competition was very close and an exciting race. After Saturday Flatland Swimming was 2.5 points head, then after Sunday morning session the Goldfins were ahead by 3.5 points and then during the Sunday afternoon session they pulled ahead. The Goldfins ended up with 346.50 points and Flatland swimming 324.

Swim Sask Provincial Coach Aaron Maszko says: “This was a really good competition for Saskatchewan teams when you compare the improvement seen at the 2017 Championships to previous years. It is very exciting to see the hard work of the athletes, coaches, and clubs paying off. Many athletes are being coached to try different and new events throughout the year, and this is likely why we are seeing such large improvements, rather than comparatively small improvements in a limited number of races done over and over again.”

The most improved club at the competition was the Swift Current Barracudas, followed by Prince Albert Sharks and then the Regina Optimist Dolphins.

The ten improved athletes across all events are: Aubrey Naphin (YSSC), Yuni Kim (ROD), Myla Kachmarski (ROD), Ashlin Jones (FS), Simon Kilback (ROD), Taya Hauser (FS), Ostap Kucherha (YSSC), Molly Hilderman (RYMM), Macy Harlos (ROD) and Madisyn Steeves (MJKFF).

Congratulations to swimmers that achieved Personal Best times this weekend, as well as to the following 9 swimmers that achieved their first “AA” time to make them eligible for the upcoming inaugural Long Course Prairie Champs in Saskatoon March 24 to 26:

Mikaela Broten (GOLD); Anna Bulych (GOLD); Rachel Hahn (GOLD); Audrey Lacey (FS); Seungwoon Lee (ROD); Liam Murphy (PASS); Jill Olorenshaw (LASER); Lucas Potter (SCB).

In addition, 18 swimmers added “AA” times qualifying them for additional swims at the Long Course Prairie Champs as well.

Swim Saskatchewan would like to thank the Moose Jaw Kinsmen Flying Fins for hosting this competition again, and to the Referees Gary Thronberg and Scott Sundquist for also refereeing this meet once again. We would also like to thank officials from all clubs that helped officiate.