

Dorado Stars? competition month brings home results

The Dorado Stars Swim Club had its busiest competition month of the season in February and its most successful one in many years.

The Dorado swimmers participated in no less than four competitions across the province in four weekends.

Feb. 23, Ashley Riddall became the Festival 100-metre backstroke champion with an impressive time of 1:11.13. With this time, the 12-year-old girl becomes the first national level swimmer of the Caledon club after a five-year hiatus.

?This race was simply fantastic!/? said the Dorado Stars Head Coach Pierre-Étienne Lambert. ?The whole organization can be proud as Ashley is a pure Dorado swimmer. She discovered competitive swimming with our club and two years later she reached the national level!/?

A week later, her teammate Tess Routliffe competed at the Provincial Para Swimming Championship. Routliffe had a busy program with eight races on her agenda, taking part in eight finals. She ended up fourth three times. Unfortunately, Routliffe was unable to bring a medal home, but her times were fast enough to qualify for the CAN-AM competition in Minneapolis at the beginning of April, where she will swim against competitors from Canada and the United States.

Earlier in the month, the Central Region Winter Team Championships (CRWTC) and the Regionals meet gave the opportunity for more Dorado swimmers to shine. Samantha Hillson (two gold medals, 156 points), Angelique Singh (one gold medal, 150 points) and Madison Noonan (105 points) led the club to a fourth place finish at CRWTC, the best position for the STARS in many years. Madison Mackenzie won the 50m freestyle and Rhiannon Krauter claimed silver in the 50m breaststroke. Joshua Maas (49 points), Abiman Thayaparan (45 points), Tevaun Stewart (38 points), Alison Noonan (24 points), Jamie Vuk (15 points), Amy Karpenko (13 points), Tia Riarh (12 points), Gowthaman Thayaparan (12 points), Alia Myers (11 points) and Sahaej Arora (13 points) also contributed to this incredible team performance. Finally, Taylor McAuley took the sixth place at Regionals to set a new personal best time in the 400m individual medley event.

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