

Stars take first steps in pursuing greatness this season

The Dorado Stars Swim Club was recently out in full force for their first meet of the season in Markham.

There were 53 competitive swimmers who brought their energy and enthusiasm to the first racing opportunity of the season. Just six weeks into training, the swimmers achieved an amazing 178 personal best times out of a possible 291 events. Several racers gained qualifying times for Central Regional competition.

In the 13 and under group, congratulations go to Joshua Maas, Alexandra Marculescu, Jordan McAuley, Taylor McAuley, Martin Naipaul, Tavinder Pourawal, Tia Riarh, Ashley Riddall and Angelique Singh. In the 13 and over class, congratulations are owing to Samantha Hillson, Chloe Noguera, Aran Pourawal and Kiara Seow. Tess Routcliffe achieved five CAN-AM standards.

The club was pleased to enjoy a smooth transition of head coaches over the summer as Pierre Etienne-Lambert headed back to university. The Stars new coaches demonstrated their experience and competence as the swimmers jumped right into well-organized, successful training under new head coach Courtney Desjardins and assistant coach Laura McPhie. Desjardins was pleased with the number of big heat wins, top-eight placings and club-wide best times from the youngest to the eldest of Stars. She commented that the coach's current goal is "to continually develop and establish key fundamentals and to commit to greatness at all levels and abilities of swimming. This meet was our first step in pursuing greatness this season."

The Dorado Stars look forward to hosting their Fall Invitational Swim Meet this month, with clubs traveling from across Central Ontario to their home pool at Mayfield Recreational Center.

The club welcomes swimmers to join their organization. Those who are passionate about swimming and want to learn more can contact team manager Carmen Desjardins at 905-846-6213.