

Swimming Fin runs Rings round rest

FIN RING HRUBESH was in devastating form for Box Hill at the Cranleigh Open Meet.

The 12-year-old won six gold medals and set new club records in each event, the best an improvement of nine seconds on his previous best in the 100m breaststroke.

Overall Box Hill claimed 24 medals and several speeding tickets – awarded to swimmers who go faster than the qualifying standard.

Several youngsters from the club were taking part in their first meet and although there were a few disqualifications the overall performance was outstanding.

Charlie Bennett, nine, won his two events in fine style and two others of the same age were in fine form. Freya Johnson claimed bronze in the 50m breaststroke while Felicity Everden won the 100m individual medley plus two silvers in the 50m butterfly and backstroke.

Her brother Toby, 11, took part in every single event and improved his entry time in all but three.

Other medallists included nine-year-old duo Florence Niemy and Gabriela Horn-Montoya.

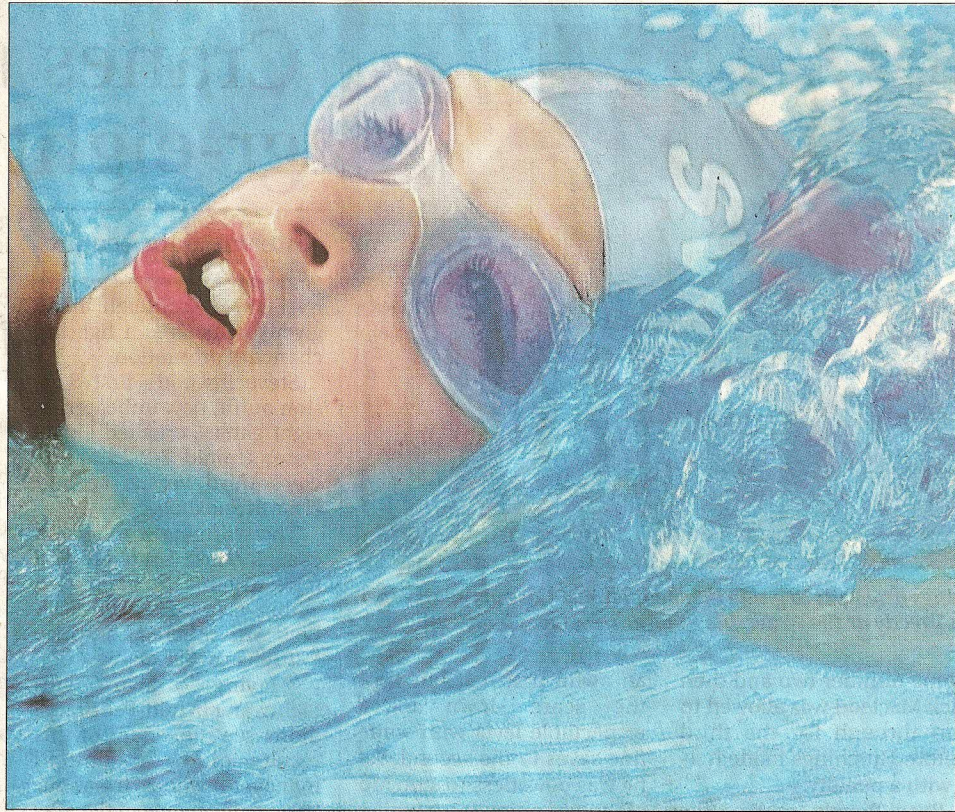
Anna Brophy, who is the same age but more experienced, set club records in the 50m breaststroke and butterfly on the way to claiming four golds while the ever-improving Martha Hansford, 10, and twin sister Pippa claimed three medals between them.

Charlotte Cole, 10, showed great skill and determination to win the 50m back and add silver at 50m fly.

Annie Barlow enjoyed herself in slicing 15 seconds off her 50m free best.

And there were four club records plus a silver for 13-year-old Rebecca Lynch as she took improved her combined entry times by 39 seconds in four events.

It all made a highly satisfactory meeting for new head coach Steve Cryer, who commented that he was “happy with the overall team performance with some fine swims. However, we still have a lot of work to do.”



Lightning quick: Rebecca Lynch broke four Box Hill club records and gained a silver medal in the Cranleigh Open Meet.