

Morgan's swimmers' success

FRESH from his outstanding success at the County Championships, where he won both 50m and 100m men's freestyle events, Owen Morgan took 15 of his swimmers to the Haslemere open last Sunday.

For many this was their first taste of competition and they rose to the occasion in splendid form winning 14 medals.

Eve Williams, 12, stormed to victory in the 50m butterfly, adding silver in the 50m backstroke, while team-mate Josie Truelove, also 12, won the 50m breaststroke in fine style.

Truelove later went on to add a fourth place in the 200m freestyle and fifth in the 100m individual medley.

Young Charlotte Cole, nine, swam a tactical race to take silver in the 100m IM and snatched gold in a closely fought 50m backstroke with a fine finish.

Older sister Annabelle, 11, gained silver in her favourite event the 50m breaststroke, gaining a lifetime best time. Twin sisters Martha and

Pippa Hansford, nine, battled it out in the 50m breaststroke event with Martha taking silver and Pippa the bronze.

Anna Brophy, 10 last week, proved that she is going to be force to be reckoned with as she powered down the pool in a lifetime best to snatch silver in the 50m freestyle.

The Box Hill boys were once again outnumbered by the girls but they put on a great show just the same. A gold medal for Sebastian Dudley, 10, in the 50m freestyle event proves his hard work in the training pool is paying off.

He added two more top 10 places with seventh position in both 50m individual medley and 50m freestyle. Fin Ring-Hrubesh, 12, kept up the boys end with two bronze medals coming in the 50m butterfly and 100m IM.

Squad coach Owen Morgan was full of praise for his young team saying: "I was very pleased with the results and proud of the swimmers for showing such resolve."

Other top 10 places from Box Hill swimmers taking part included Jasmine

Murdoch in the 50m backstroke (sixth), 50m freestyle (seventh) and 100m IM (eighth). Rebecca Lynch, nine swam a great 50m freestyle to get sixth place, Isabelle Tinkler, also aged nine came sixth and eighth in the 50m and 200m events respectively.

At the recent County Championships Carrie Bonnar, 10, qualified for the District Championships to be held at K2 Crawley in both 100m and 200m breaststroke.



DIVE: Owen Morgan in action, enjoyed success with his young swimmers

Swimming Morgan's so proud of Box Hill stars

OWEN MORGAN'S fine Surrey Championship success rubbed off on his young charges at the Haslemere Open.

Welshman Morgan emerged as the county's quickest swimmer as he swept to the 50m and 100m freestyle titles.

But his focus was on his role as Box Hill squad coach last Sunday. And his young team rose to the challenge superbly scooping 14 medals. Morgan was full of praise, saying: "I was very pleased with the results and proud of the swimmers for showing such resolve."

Eve Williams stormed to victory in the 50m butterfly – adding 50m backstroke silver – while Josie Truelove, also 12, won the 50m breaststroke.

Charlotte Cole, nine, swam a tactical race to take silver in the 100 IM and snatched gold in a close 50m back thanks to a fine finish. Elder sister Annabelle, 11, gained silver in her top event, the 50m breast, clocking



Time to chill: Box Hill pair Eve Williams and Josie Truelove.

a lifetime best time. Nine-year-old twins Martha and Pippa Hansford battled it out in the 50m breast with Martha taking silver and her sister bronze.

Anna Brophy, who celebrated her 10th birthday last week, proved she is going to be a force to be reckoned with by powering to a lifetime best to snatch

silver in the 50m free. The Box Hill boys were once again outnumbered by the girls but they still put on a great show.

Sebastian Dudley's work paid off with gold in the 50m free and the 10-year-old added two more top 10 places. Fin Ring-Hrubesh, 12, picked up a pair of bronze medals.