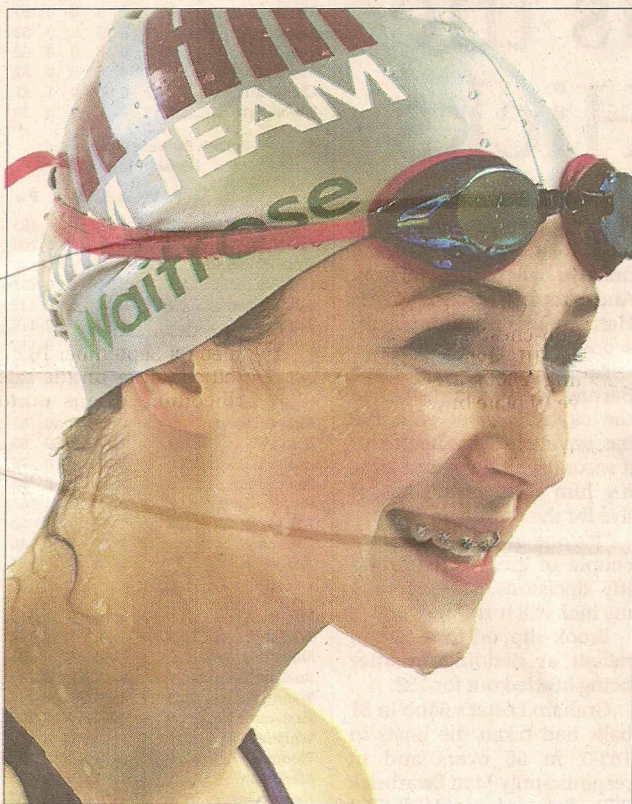


Box Hill finish season in style



Hatta girl: Lauren Mooney, who picked up a bronze medal in the breaststroke, shows off her smart new swimming cap.

AS the Box Hill squad relaxed into the final meet of the season, times kept on tumbling.

A small group of 13 dedicated swimmers turned out for the club at last Sunday's Haslemere Open.

And with both speed in the water and support on poolside, they managed to push Box Hill into seventh place out of 18.

Donning the new design hat sponsored by backers Waitrose of Dorking, hard work in training paid off with 34 top eight finishes – including four gold, two silver and eight bronze medals.

Leading the way was Felicity Skilton, who produced blistering form in winning the 200m free and 100m butterfly in lifetime bests, before adding a 100m free bronze.

Coach Conrad Cawley raved: "I'm really pleased for Fiz, who works so hard and sets a really good example." More Box Hill

gold came from 11-year-old Tilly Houston in the 200m free and Jenny Ball, 14, in the 100m fly.

Houston added two bronze medals in the 100m back and free while Ball picked up one in the 100m free.

Tabitha Read-Cayton recovered from her 100m breast disqualification to take a pair of silvers and a bronze, clocking a PB of 1min 15sec in the 100m free. And Georgia McGrath, at nine the youngest club swimmer at the meet, hinted at her emerging talent with a string of phenomenal times, plus a bronze in the 50m breast – a five-second improvement.

Josie Truelove, 10, swam 10 seconds faster than her 100m breast entry time for third, while another breaststroker, Lauren Mooney, 14, again showed her potential with third place.