

Stewart battles older opposition

Despite competing against girls four years older, Sheri Stewart of the Town of Markham Aquatic Club (MAC) held her own during last weekend's Senior swim meet at Brock University.

Stewart, 12, qualified for the finals in the 200 and 100-metre backstrokes and finished a creditable seventh and eighth. She also placed fifth and sixth in the consolation finals of both butterfly events.

Although they were all under 15 years old (the age at which most competitors switch to Senior level

meets), swimmers from the MAC's Bronze group participated in the April 26, 27 Senior meet.

Jennifer Lynes, 12, also fared well and broke a club record while placing fourth in the consolation finals of the 200-m. freestyle. She also qualified for a second swim in the 100 and 400-m. freestyle consolation finals, earning a seventh and eighth.

Other consolation finalists from MAC were Kristina Baker, sixth in the 400-m. individual medley, eighth in the 200-m. butterfly and eighth in the 1500-m. freestyle;

Sergio Bogani, fourth in the 200-m. butterfly; Dalen Sharp, sixth in the 400-m. freestyle; and Karen Jones, fifth in the 100-m. freestyle.

The girls' relay team of Baker, Jones, Stewart and Lynes recorded an eighth overall in the freestyle relay and thirteenth in the medley relay.

Swimmers from the Blue and Red groups participated in an April 27 tri-meet with clubs from Ajax and Newmarket.

David Fogel led the way in the

10-and-under age group with a first and three second-place finishes. He placed first in the 200-m. backstroke and second in the 100-m. freestyle, 200-m. breaststroke and 200-m. individual medley.

Other finishes in the 10-and-under group included Johnathan Lung with a third in the 200-m. individual medley and the 100-m. freestyle and a fourth in the 200-m. breaststroke; Brendan Herlihy, fourth in the 100-m. freestyle and fifth in the 200-m. breaststroke; Trina Field, third in the 100-m. freestyle, fourth in the 100-m. butterfly and 200-m. individual medley, and sixth in the 200-m. backstroke; Sarah Smith, fifth in the 100-m. freestyle, 100-m. butterfly, 200-m. breaststroke and 200-m. backstroke; Ilana Mantell, third in the 200-m. breaststroke;

and Debbie Wright, sixth in the 100-m. butterfly.

In the 11-and-12 age group, James Thursfield finished strongly with a second in the 200-m. backstroke, third in the 100-m. freestyle, fourth in the 100-m. butterfly, fifth in the 200-m. breaststroke and sixth in the 200-m. individual medley.

Jeff Knight earned a fourth in the 200-m. breaststroke and fifth in the 100-m. freestyle, while Charlotte Curgenvin took thirds in the 100-m. freestyle and butterfly, and fifth in the 200-m. backstroke.

In the 13-and-over age group, Jeff O'Grady placed second in the 200-m. breaststroke, fifth in the 100-m. butterfly and sixth in the 100-m. freestyle. Christina Varga recorded a sixth in the 100-m. butterfly event.



Tight squeeze

Markham District High School's Brian Izzard moves through opposition players with support from Peter Shaerif in Senior rugby exhibition play against Pickering Tuesday. The Markham team

downed Pickering 6-4. This was followed by a 26-4 trouncing of Huron Heights in regular league action Thursday.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

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