



Coaches Report

Queensland Championships Day 2

Heats

Chloe Healy-Johnson was first to swim today in the Women's Open 100m Butterfly. Chloe swam an impressive (1.03.93), Chloe's fastest time in years. Chloe will be back tonight after qualifying for the B final.

Dougal Richmond swam a wonderful PB in the boys 13 years 200m Individual Medley (2.41.11) 41st. Great reward for Dougey as he has been one of our hardest trainers lately.

Our open ladies Ebony Blackstone and Charlotte Webby hit the pool in the 400m Freestyle. Congratulations to Ebony swimming her fastest time in 6 years on her way to making her first QLD Open final. Ebony qualified in 9th with a 4.19.84. Our favourite kiwi, Webby swam 4.29.44 to finish 17th overall. Great job girls.

Elke Becks continued her amazing form making another QLD Open final this morning in the ladies 100m Breaststroke (1.13.23). Elke looked amazing, and I can't wait to see her race the big girls again tonight.

Jonathon Friend had a little trouble backing up this morning in the open 100m Breaststroke. Jono swam 1.08.58. Hopefully we will see a better performance in the 200m Breaststroke later this week.

Caitlin Roberts always loves to surprise her coach, and she did that again swimming an amazing 59.38 (24th) in the women's open 100m Freestyle.

Next was our Open boys in the blue-ribbon event, the 100m Freestyle. Daniel McConnell (51.89) PB, Jye Cornwell (52.27) 12th, Thomas Bergin (52.49) 16th and Robert Friend (52.70) 17th, all swam strong. Super congratulations to DMC on progressing through to the B Final tonight.

Ethan Nagle swam 4.32.48 23rd, in the boys 16 years 400m Freestyle. Not the result we were after, but still another learning experience gathered through racing.

Laura Brosnan swam 4.30.76 to qualify for the girls 17 & 18 years 400m Freestyle final. Well done Laura.

To finish off the afternoon, we had Jacqueline Davison-McGovern compete in the girls 14 years 800m Freestyle final. Jacq swam her heart out taking the bronze medal in a very strong time of 9.12.40. Congratulations Jacq!



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Finals

Chloe Healy-Johnson kicked off the night with another amazing swim in the women's open 100m butterfly (1.03.88). For Chloe to swim faster than her heat time was incredible and it was so good to see Chloe back to her all time best. Chloe has not missed a Qld. State Title since she was 12. To be making finals and still be performing at such a high level over a significant period is a testament to Chloe's pure grit and determination.

Yeronga Park's next finalist to hit the water was Ebony Blackstone in the women's open 400m freestyle. Having made her first Australian Team this year, Ebony raced in a world class field with all 10 competitors having represented their country at some level. Ebony swam faster than her heat posting a slick time of 4.19.48, placing 7th in Queensland. Well done Ebony.

Up and coming superstar Elke Becks also improved on her heat time swimming a very smart 1.13.19 in the women's open 100m breaststroke, placing 9th in Queensland. It was always our master plan to have Elke mix it with the open girls before she starts her age group events this week. Elke has handled this additional challenge with pure class. Tonight, to be sitting in the same line up with four 2016 Rio Olympians shows you how great Elke is travelling, and the calibre of the company that she is keeping.

Our rose amongst the thorns, our only male finalist for the night, Daniel McConnell [DMC] swam with his heart on his sleeve swimming just a touch outside his shiny PB time from this morning with a 52.51. The open events have A and B finals which means 20 people get to swim at night. Visitors are allowed four spots in the final and unlimited spots in the B final so the competition at Qld. Championships is close to the best in the world. I am so proud of DMC who finished as the 9th fastest Queenslanders. Even at the tender age of 20, DMC has grown and matured to be a natural and much respected leader of the YP family.

Finishing off a great night for Yeronga Park was our very own lovely Laura Brosnan, crushing her morning time with a sensational 4.29.50 in the girls 17/18 years 400m freestyle (9th).

As always, so good to see our very own club legend Ted Curtis working tirelessly all day. It was also great to see Nicole Rogers come out again for the final session to cheer her team on. A cheeky shout out to Mitchell Pumpa who came out to support the team this morning. Nice to have him back after his week-long holiday at schoolies and a 2 week family holiday on the coast.

See you all for Day 3

Rob and Alberto