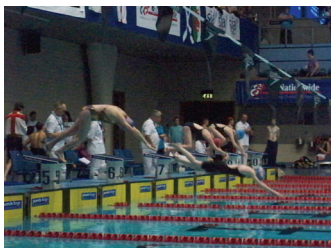




# PE & Sport Newsletter

## DSE National Junior Swimming Championships 2009



Pictured Above: Stephanie Moore entering ahead of the field in the 100M Freestyle

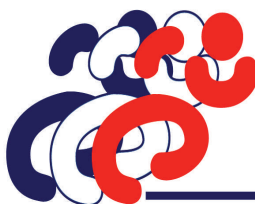
### Event First Timers

The staff at the Gateshead Kestrels would like to give a special mention to the three Gateshead Kestrels who attended the Junior Swimming event for the first time. The three swimmers were:

- Emily Stewart
- Ryan Smith
- Matthew Loftus

All three were a valuable attribute to the squad and all performed exceptionally well and took no time at all to fit right in!!

Nineteen British Records were broken at the Nationwide Junior Swimming Championships. Over 200 disabled swimmers aged 10 to 18 enjoyed an action-packed weekend at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. Gateshead Kestrels entered twelve of these young people into the event, which gives young British talent a chance to experience elite competition. The Kestrels swimming programme has been held at Birtley Pool on Tuesday evenings from 4-7 and is delivered in association with Gateshead and Whickham ASA Amateur Swimming Club.



### Disability Sport Events

Gordon Neale, Director of Events for DSE, said: "It was a truly brilliant weekend, with so many outstanding performances from these youngsters. This event is instrumental in providing our country with future international champions and DSE is proud to be a part of their success."



### Medal Table

#### Gold Medals

Matthew Loftus X 2  
Josef Craig X 3  
Samantha Neill X 3

#### Silver Medals

Matthew Loftus X 2  
Stephanie Moore X 3  
Josef Craig X 3  
Claire Walker

#### Bronze Medals

Matthew Loftus X 2  
Claire Walker X 3  
Michael Craig X 4  
Ryan Smith X 2

Squad Medal Total  
28



## World Class Talent

Congratulations to Josef Craig for being selected by British Swimming to join the World Class Talent Programme. Josef (pictured right with fellow Gateshead Kestrel Stephanie Moore and double gold Paralympic medalist Ellie Simmonds) who swims in the S8, SB8 category took part in the 50M, 100M, 400M Freestyle, 50M, 100M Backstroke and 100M Breaststroke. His race times were fast enough to be inside the British Swimming World Class Talent Programme boundaries and have highlighted Josef as a possible future British Paralympian and will enable him to access top Great Britain swimming coaches and facilities. Well done Josef and good luck in the future!

