

Polo top honours for Seagulls and Flyers

SEAGULLS SC and Blandford Flyers shared top honours in the finals of the Dorset Mini Water Polo League, held at Poole.

The Christchurch club's Key Stage Three team lost their first two games of the campaign back in September but remained unbeaten after that.

Maximum points from their last three games helped them to clinch the title from runners-up Bournemouth SC.

Blandford won the Key Stage Two league with a 100-per-cent record and a goal difference of plus-28, despite having a very young team, which included seven, eight and nine-year-olds.

Blandford also convincingly won a demonstration match against Seagulls at Dorset ASA's 75th anniversary Festival of Swimming.

Seagulls' Key Stage Two team meanwhile turned their league

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form around after two early defeats.

Seagulls coach Barry Alldrick said: "This is our first foray into competitive water polo and it has been an excellent tool for turning the individual sport of swimming into a team game.

"Similar positions are used to those in netball or football, which has made it easier for our swimmers to adapt."

Seagulls are currently recruiting players to enter teams in four leagues from September – both key stage leagues, a junior league for 15 to 18-year-olds and a senior league for players over 18. For more details, call Barry Alldrick on 07725 910077.

seven-second PB in the medley.

Campbell, 13, swimming in only his second open meet, improved his best times in five of his six events, knocking 11 seconds off his 200m freestyle PB.

He took gold in the 50m butterfly and silver in the 50m backstroke.



PROUD PAIR: Nick Campbell and Charlotte Green with their medals

DUO ON TOP FORM

SEAGULLS' Charlotte Green and Nick Campbell hit the form of their lives to win six medals between them at the Bletchley SC Level Three Open Meet, including one gold each.

Green, who celebrated her 11th birthday only a few weeks ago, won gold in the 11yrs 200m freestyle, silver in the 200m individual medley and bronze in the 100m freestyle and butterfly.

Several of her swims produced personal best times, including a

TABLES

Dorset Mini Polo League, Final Tables
Key Stage Three

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Christchurch	8	6	2	0	64	37	20
Bournemouth	8	5	2	1	54	53	19
Bridport	8	4	3	1	61	45	17
Blandford	8	4	4	0	50	45	16
Bere Regis	8	0	8	0	20	69	8

Key Stage Two

Blandford	6	6	0	0	40	12	18
Christchurch	6	4	2	0	21	21	14
Bere Regis	6	2	4	0	26	25	10
Bridport	6	0	6	0	11	45	6