



# Records tumble on day two of national junior champs

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TWO national age group records were sent tumbling on the second day of the SA National Junior Swimming Championships at Kings Park Pool yesterday.

Both records came in the 200m butterfly, an event in which South African swimming has had outstanding recent results at the Fina World Championships and the Olympic Games.

Ruan Breytenbach, 15, of Tuks swam to 2:04.82 to win the 200m butterfly 15-18 event, and Ethan du Preez, 14, of Cybersmart Aquatics in the Western Cape recorded 2:03.02 to

win the 12-14 event.

In both instances it was a simple effort to swim faster than their own personal best times from earlier this season, as they were the reigning record holders.

Ethan also won the 200m freestyle later in the evening in 1:57.91 to gain his third gold of the championships. He is one of three swimmers who had attained three titles after day 2.

Dune Coetzee, 15, and Trinity Hearne, 14, won the girls 200m butterfly events in 2:15.93, and 2:25.91.

Dune won the 200m freestyle as well in 2:03.89 to claim her third victory of the champion-

ships, while her Tuks teammate Christin Mundell, 16, added the 200m freestyle, 2:04.66, and 50m breaststroke, 32.69, double to her 400m freestyle from day 1 to make it three.

There was some superb swimming in the 200m freestyles.

Jarryd Baxter, 18, showed just why he is about to board the plane to his first international competition with a victory in 1:50.50 ahead of Calvin Coetzee who did 1:53.53, and Aryan Makhija's 1:54.55.

James Freeman, 16, won in 1:52.37 with Andrew Ross, 1:54.51 and Matthew Bosch, 1:54.69, in second and third.

Ethan Spieker, 15, showed great promise with a victory in 1:56.12. Ryan Zazas, 13, got the gold with a time of 2:04.40 in a close tussle ahead of Lesben Pillay who did 2:04.72. Jose Canjulo, 12, of Namibia won in 2:12.58.

Abi Meder won the girls' 17-18 event in 2:06.52, ahead of Jenna Pearse, 2:07.01 and Mirine Nortje 2:07.78. Aimee Canny, 14, from Knysna won in 2:07.42, as did Hannah Robertson, 13, in 2:07.43, and Dieu Dene van Jaarsveld, 12, in a time of 2:16.66.

The 50m breaststroke events were closely contested. In 10 of the 12 events, the top three swimmers were separated by less than

a second.

Ronan Wantenaar of Namibia won the boys' 17-18 in 29.85 ahead of Luke Cillie's 29.92 and Luke Ashton on 29.98.

Joshua Emslie, 16, of Vikings Club in East London won in 30.02 with Joshua Hamilton second on 30.14 and Michael Deans at the wall in 30.16.

The top 15-year-old was Luan de Waal in 30.21 with Malcolm Botha, 30.55, and Ruan Breytenbach, 30.69 taking the other places on the podium.

Jaiden Staines, 14, won in 30.98 with Ryan, 13, taking gold in 31.87, and Kian Keylock, 12, of Boksburg winning the young age

group in 34.21.

In the girls' 17-18 years event, Jade Naser edged ahead of Kaylene Corbett with 33.24 to 33.26, with Tahlia Botha in third place on 33.74.

In the other age groups, Taily Seyffert, 15, scooped gold in 33.47, with Lara van Niekerk, 14, winning well in 32.48, and Emma Kuhn, 13, victorious in 34.87, and Michaela Dal Medico, 12, starting her winning ways with 35.80.

Swimming action continue until Sunday. Tomorrow's events are: 50m freestyle, 200m Individual Medley 50m backstroke, the girls 800m freestyle and boys 1500m freestyle.

