



Swimmers show good form at first day of championships

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AN INCREDIBLE amount of thirty-two times 400m freestyle races took place last night at Kings Park Pool on the first night of finals of the 2 018 SA National Junior swimming championships.

There were medals for all three swimmers who are jetting off to the gold coast of Australia

on March 24 for the Commonwealth Games. Jarryd Baxter and Dune Coetzee won golds, and Luan Grobbelaar silver.

Jarryd swam to the top time of the day in the 17-18 age group winning in 3:56.42. In second place was KZN's Calvin Coetzee in 4:02.06, just ahead of Luke Erwee who recorded 4:02.13.

The fastest female was Dune, 15, who won her age group in

4:16.38 ahead of Rebecca Meder's 4:19.15 with Tori Oliver in third on 4:30.69.

James Freeman, 16, was triumphant in 3:58.26 with Luan Grobbelaar in silver medal position in 4:05.66 and Andrew Ross taking the bronze in this age group with a 4:05.75.

A commanding time of 4:01.78 from Ruan Breytenback, 15, saw him victorious ahead of Dylan

Wright on 4:08.11 and Righardt Muller's 4:08.20.

Ethan du Preez won the 14-year-old age group with 4:07.77 with Leshen Pillay taking gold among the 13-year-olds in 4:25.27, and Liam Coetzee, 12, taking his age group in 4:37.08.

Abi Meder won the 17-18 age group in 4:22.33 with Michee van Rooyen and Charlise Oberholzer in second and third.

Tuks teammates, Christin Mundell and Jamie Coetzer took the top two spots in the 16-year-old age group with 4:21.83 and 4:22.94. Jordan Jenna Rolfe was third.

On a night when Tuks won five out of the 12 titles on offer, Sune Liebenberg, 14, made her contribution with a victory in a time of 4:29.13. Kirsten de Goede of Seagulls took the silver in

4:30.98, and Trinity Hearne was third.

Hannah Robertson won the 13-year age group in 4:28.45 with Dieu Dene van Jaarsveld, 12, taking gold in 4:47.27.

Tomorrow's events are the 100m Freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 400m individual medley and 50m butterfly. Heats start at 8.30am, with finals starting at 5pm.

