


Junior all-stars

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INTERNATIONAL STAGE BECKONS FOR BURNELL

MAKING A SPLASH: Messingham-born star of the future Jack Burnell. Picture: Marian Wood.



MOST 16-year-olds would spend the summer working in a part-time job and enjoying their time off.

But for Messingham-born Jack Burnell, it could be a busy part of the year.

The young swimmer has excelled in his sport over recent years, with his latest reward coming this weekend when he flies to Israel to take part in the Len Cup, representing Great Britain in the open water event.

If successful, he will qualify for the European Junior Open Water Championships, in Holland, on July 31.

Sandwiched between the two events is a trip to the European Juniors in Helsinki, on June 11, where he will represent Britain in the 1500m freestyle.

With such a prestigious schedule ahead, it is perhaps appropriate that Junior all-stars tipped the young star for the top long ago.

"He has been swimming for eight years and he has always been quite talented," said his father David.

"I was looking at stuff that has been in the press and there was one in the Telegraph that said Jack was going to be one for the future!

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"He has been training with Lincoln Vulcans for the last 18 months with coach Fred Furniss, who he gets on very well with.

"He is swimming 50,000 metres a week and training extremely hard.

"It is three early mornings a week which means we're up at 4am to be poolside by 4.45am.

"Then he does sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Friday in the evenings from 7-9pm.

"When he qualified for the Euros at the British Championships, it makes it all worthwhile."

With so much training to be done, it is often difficult for the former Scunthorpe Anchor swimmer to find the time to socialise with friends, but his dad believed he is smart enough to see the 'bigger picture.'

"He can't really mix training and a social life," added Burnell.

"But he is quite happy to throw himself into that.

"It is a hard task and there are times when he wants to do other, non-swimming, things but he sees the bigger picture."

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