

Junior all-stars

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FLYING HIGH: Jack Newton (also pictured inset) has been impressing in the pool, earning a place in the national junior swimming championships with top times in the 100m and 200m butterfly. Pictures: Paul Torrie

SCUNTHORPE Anchor swimmer Jack Newton has powered his way into the national swimming spotlight.

Jack has set national qualifying times in both the 100metres and 200m butterfly events to earn himself a place at the national junior swimming championship at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, in July.

What makes 11-year-old Jack's achievements even more impressive is that he has only been swimming competitively for a couple of years.

"Jack's sister has been really fed up as well because she has been swimming a lot longer," Jack's mum Zoe joked to Junior all-stars.

"Jack just used to watch on the sides and we said why don't you give it a go?"

"And it's been the making of him really!"

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"He's been swimming for two years and fly is his number one stroke.

"He won gold medals in nearly all of his events in our club championships.

"He has swam in the county finals before, he finished in the top 10 last year.

"He is more of a long distance swimmer and he is still hoping to set a national time for the 400m fly."

Jack set his times at the British Gas Yorkshire Swimming Association Age Group Championship at John Charles Aquatics Centre in Leeds.

In the 11-years 200m butterfly final, Jack, who attends Queen Elizabeth School in Gainsborough, finished fourth in a time of 2.49.99 minutes.

His time over the first 100m of his 200m butterfly heat of 1.21.14, also the fourth best, was enough to qualify him for a place in the 100m heats in the nationals as well.

His performance, swimming for Cleethorpes and Scunthorpe Aquatics (CASA), delighted his mum Zoe.

"I'm not quite show how he managed it, but on the day he swam in the heat and qualified for the final but missed the 200m national time by half a second," Zoe continued.

"Then an 90 minutes later, in the final, he knocked three-and-a-half

seconds off to get the national time.

"It was really exciting because there were quite a few of us watching and cheering him on.

"And he got a pat on the back from his coach Dave Leeman afterwards as well, so he was really pleased with how he did.

"It generally takes a couple of years longer, and only a month previous he was 13 seconds off the national time.

"He's hoping to do well at the nationals," Zoe added.

"I would think there will be about 20 others who have got national times, but he is ranked number seven at the moment so he's hoping to enjoy it and do well."



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