

Derventio eXcel Swim Squad

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Derventio Prepare for British Champ's

A group of talented young swimmers from Derventio eXcel Swim Squad are now in the final stages of preparation for competition at the ASA British Championships and Commonwealth Trials, which are to take place at Ponds Forge Pool in Sheffield from 29th Mar 2010. Eight swimmers from the elite Derbyshire squad have made the very tough qualifying times which will enable them to compete with the top swimmers in the UK, including the likes of double Olympic gold medallist Rebecca Adlington and Derbyshire's own, Ross Davenport.

The eight Derventio qualifiers are:

- ✚ Catherine Williams (13) – 50, 100, 200 & 400m Freestyle
- ✚ Emily Allsop (16) – 50, 100 & 200m Backstroke
- ✚ Zichen Liu (18) - 50, 100 & 200m Backstroke
- ✚ Chris Steeples (17) – 100 & 200m Breaststroke
- ✚ Sarah Vasey (13) – 100 & 200m Breaststroke
- ✚ Molly Renshaw (13) – 100 & 200m Breaststroke
- ✚ Hannah Jones (12) – 200m Butterfly
- ✚ Livvie Sefton (17) – 50m Butterfly

Emily & Chris are both ranked high in their respective age groups and hopeful of making the GB squad, which is to compete at the European Junior Championships in Helsinki, Finland in July.

This is Andi Manley's first British Championships in charge of Derventio, since taking up the position of Head Coach in June last year. Andi said: "Some of our swimmers are now on the verge of progressing to international level and the talent emerging from the younger members of the squad is extremely promising; which is a testament to the hard work that they put in at the pool, day-in, day-out, throughout the year. Although these eight have made the times to compete at this event, 2/3 of the squad have also achieved numerous qualifying times for the National Championships in August. I fully expect many of these to also make the British Champ's times next year"

Derventio sponsor, swimwear manufacturer, blueseventy have also agreed to provide all Derventio swimmers competing at this event with the newly approved Fina (world swimming governing body) costumes, known as nero-TX jammer and kneeskin.

Andi will also be taking other members of the squad along to compete in the relay events all of whom are expected to shine at the Derbyshire County Championships which begin this weekend.

Picture L to R: Andi Manley (Head Coach), Sarah Vasey, Catherine Williams, Hannah Jones, Zichen Liu, Emily Allsop, Christopher Steeples, Molly Renshaw, Livvie Sefton



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