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LEADERS PER AGE GROUP

10 and Under

G: Aya Adams (Blue Whales) 114.5pts

B: Tzion Tamale (Aqua Aki) 101

11-12 Years

G: Mushirah Nabatanzi (Aquatic) 146

B: Kristian Bwisha (Imara) 157

13-14 Years

G: Tyrah Muganzi (Gliders) 137

B: Arthur Nsubuga (Imara) 128

15-16 Years

G: Theresa Kikambi (Dolphins) 132

B: Jonathan Kaweesa (Torpedoes) 152

17 and Over

G: Rahmah Nakasule (Aquatic) 144

B: Pendo Kaumi (Dolphins) 111

KAMPALA. Jaguar's Zara Mbaniga, 14, did not have much age group joy but topped the open 11 and Over girls in the 400m freestyle with a time of 4:51.53 during the second leg of this year's Uganda Aquatics Swimming League Meet held at Kampala Parents School on April 11 and 12.

Only Gators' Paloma Kirabo, 16, joined in swimming under five minutes at 4:56.70 in the event.

The duo also touched first (5:29.64) and second (5:49.44) respectively in the 11 and Over girls' 400m individual medley (IM).

Sailfish's Arthur Mwase, 17, topped the 11 and Over boys in the 400m free with a time of 4:20.33 but came second in the 400m IM (5:14.38) which was won by Dolphins' Pendo Kaumi, 19, (5:07.25).

10 and Under

Aya Adams of Blue Whales Aquatic Venture leads the 10 and Under girls with 114.5 points. During the second league meet of the year, she topped the junior girls in the 50m butterfly (34.70) ahead of Gliders' Talitha Siima (35.36). Adams also topped the 100m backstroke (1:22.69) and was joint top in the

Battle for points intensifies in swim league



Backstroke prowess. Gators Jayson Aronda went under 1:10.00 in the 100m. PHOTO/MAKHTUM MUZIRANSA

50m free (32.81) alongside Otters' Gabrielle Amaya.

Aqua Aki's Tzion Tamale also leads the boys with 110 points after he topped the 10 and Under boys in the 50m fly with a time of 35.30 ahead of Dolphins' Daniel Sebaana (35.91). The 100m backstroke belonged to Imara Aquatics' Mathew Ssaka (1:25.72), who edged Altona's Elisha Rukundo by 13 microseconds. Dolphins' Isaac Isabirye topped the 50m free in 31.19.

11-12

Aquatic Academy Kampala (AAK)'s Mushirah Nabatanzi, who leads the 11-12 girls with 146 points, drew first blood by taking their 50m fly gold (32.10) ahead of Altona's Liora Lumu (33.27) on April 11 while Dolphins' twins Jinan Nakato (1:16.91) and Jehan Babirye (1:18.79) edged her in the 100m backstroke. Nabatanzi returned the next day to take the 200m breaststroke (3:09.10) by just six microseconds ahead of Imara's Alba Ihunde, who is second with 122 points. But Nakato, third on 119 points, topped the 50m free in 29.35.

Otters' Shane Mugenyi took the 11-12

boys' 50m fly gold (29.89) ahead of Imara's Kristian Bwisha (30.48) but the latter, who leads the group with 157 points, returned to top the 50m free (27.39), 100m back (1:09.75), and the 200m breaststroke (2:48.63) – where Mugenyi (2:51.57) and the Imara duo of Jeremiah Ssempijja (2:54.67) and Ibrahim Lule (2:55.90) also went under three minutes.

13-14

Gliders' Tyrah Muganzi continues to be undisputed fly queen in the 13-14 girls' group as she won the 50m race in 30.30 seconds on a day she was pushed to bring her game by Ozpreys' Gabriella Opolot (30.76) and Dolphins' Mackayla Ssali (30.90). Muganzi also stunned Mbaniga in the 100m backstroke, winning it in 1:10.10 – 50 microseconds faster than the latter thereby keeping top of the age group leaderboard with 137 points. Mbaniga's age group joy returned with a 200m breaststroke (2:52.11) triumph ahead of Mackayla (2:59.53). The latter had her moment of glory in the 50m free (28.42) edging Opolot by two microseconds.

For the 13-14 boys, Black Panthers' Benjamin Ssali (28.35), Dolphins' Manuel Ssemenda (28.51), Torpedoes' Elijah Ayesiga (28.79), and Imara's Arthur Nsubuga (28.84) all went under 29 seconds in the 50m fly. Nsubuga, who leads the group with 128 points – one more than Ayesiga and seven more than Benjamin, topped the 100m back (1:08.07) with Gators' Jayson Aronda (1:09.60) joining him in swimming under 1:10.00.

Ayesiga took the 200m breaststroke (2:44.06) with Nsubuga (2:45.37) and Sailfish's Robin Vandenhoeke (2:48.62) joining him under 2:50.00. Meanwhile Benjamin (25.80) needed four microseconds to see off Manuel in the 50m free.

15-16

The 15-16 girls were edged by Kirabo (31.73) with Dolphins' Crystal Ssemenda (31.93) running close in the 50m fly. Kirabo (29.06) also edged Crystal by three microseconds in their 50m free a day after taking the 100m back (1:11.41) and hours after Dolphins' Theresa Kikambi, who leads the group with 132

points – three more than Kirabo, taking the 200m breaststroke (3:03.77) gold.

Torpedoes Jonathan Kaweesa's 26.11 put him in his own 50m fly class in the 15-16 boys' category but was treated to similar wrath by Imara's Isaiah Kuc (1:04.86) in the 100m backstroke. Kaweesa, who leads the group with a commanding 152 points, clocked 1:07.14 while Gators Fredrick Luzinda (1:09.58) and Aqua Aki's Elijah Mukisa (1:09.74) were the others below 1:10.10.

Kaweesa returned to win the 200m breaststroke in 2:40.64 as Black Panthers' Payton Ssekitto (2:41.73) and Altona's Elisha Karuhanga (2:43.74) joined under 2:45.00. Kaweesa also won the 50m free in 25.25 with AAK's Kigundu Ssango (26.77) and Jaguar's Kyle Jjagwe (26.95) the closest to him.

17 and Over

In the 17 and Over girls' group, AAK's Rahmah Nakasule (30.03) stunned Altona's Tara Kisawuzi (30.29) in the 50m fly and also topped the 100m back (1:11.59) as she perched at the top of standings with 144 points. Swagiah Mubiru won their 200m breaststroke in 3:01.28 ahead of her Gators' teammate Husnah Kukundakwe (3:04.97) while Kisawuzi later returned to top the 50m free in 27.78.

For the senior boys, Aqua Aki's Tendo Mukalazi clocked 25.23 to edge category leader Kaumi (25.97) in the 50m fly race that had eight swimmers under 27 seconds. Kaumi has 111 points – four more than Gators' Ethani Ssengooba.

Mukalazi also topped the 50m free in 23.03 as Mathew Mwase (24.38), Gators' Peterson Inhensiko (24.43), Kaumi (24.66), Ssengooba (24.73), and Imara's Larry Feni (24.89) went under 25 seconds too.

Inhensiko won their 100m back (1:00.52) ahead of Kaumi (1:01.48) and Mathew (1:01.83) while Torpedoes' Kyle Kimuli (2:30.71) edged the Imara duo of Feni (2:31.72) and Namanya Ampaire (2:35.24) in the 200m breaststroke.