

Hay River Lions roar in Yk pool

Twelve take part in swim meet

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Hay River swimmers always have a good time in Yellowknife's pool.

The 25-metre lanes give them the opportunity to compete in a facility bigger than

what they are accustomed to back home.

Of course that will change when Hay River's new pool opens – hopefully sometime this year.

Twelve swimmers from the Lions Swim Club competed in the Shoppers Drug Mart Clas-

sic in Yellowknife last week.

Coach Kelvin Yee said his team was performing very well.

“The kids have all got at least three personal bests,” said Yee from the pool deck.

Colton Yee once again demonstrated his fish-like

abilities in the pool.

At 13 years old, Colton was swimming with competitors three years older.

“He's got all firsts in every swim,” said Kelvin.

In the 50-metre freestyle, he faced senior swimmer Axelle Kearnan, 16, and

Shawn Legaree, 15, of Yellowknife.

Despite winning the heat, he said he didn't do very well.

“I added a second to my time,” said Colton.

Feels good

He said beating older, more experienced swimmers always makes him feel good.

Tia Novak was also happy to be in the pool.

The 17-year-old exchange student from Switzerland loves to swim.

Back home, she said she isn't able to compete as she does in Canada because Swiss clubs have more of an elite focus.

“Here I have the possibility to do it for fun. There I don't,” she said.

She said she has enjoyed her time in Canada. It's her first trip here.



Tea Novak is an exchange student from Switzerland who is living in Hay River. She joined the swim team because she enjoys the sport, but doesn't have the opportunity to compete back home.

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