

World Masters

Perth, Australia (Long Course) 18th-24th April, 2008

Club Performance:

2 Swimmers – Mike Battersby, Colin Knowles

5 Individual swims

1 3rd-10th Place Bronze medal

3 Welsh Records

Gala Details:

by Mike Battersby

Colin Knowles and Mike Battersby made the long trip down under for the 12th FINA World Masters Championships in Perth, Western Australia. It was Mike's first World Master's but Colin was an old hand, it being the fifth he had attended.

As you would expect from the Australian's it was very well run with fantastic facilities. The Challenger Stadium, with its three 50m pools, had already hosted two World Championships and is probably the best aquatic centre in the world.

Colin was suffering a bit from a bug picked up on the plane out but did will in the 50m and 100m breaststroke despite the races being held in the outdoor pool during a bit of a storm.

Mike managed three PB's and broke the Welsh long course records in the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke gaining a best place 10th in the 200m and receiving a nice 3rd to 10th place medal for his trouble.

Mike Battersby	200	BR	03:02.74	10th	Welsh record
Mike Battersby	100	BR	01:22.08		Welsh record
Mike Battersby	50	BR	00:36.08		Welsh record
Colin Knowles	100	BR	02:14.44	23rd	
Colin Knowles	50	BR	00:54.14	21st	