

Starring at regional level



REPRESENTING THEIR REGIONS Various Dukinfield Xarifa underwater hockey players in their Lancashire and Yorkshire teams during a competition in Newport

UNDERWATER HOCKEY Dukinfield Xarifa saw a number of their players make a splash when they were chosen at under-13 and under-16 level for Lancashire and Yorkshire.

A regional competition, held in Newport, was attended by

teams from eight regions around the UK.

Twelve-year-old Harry Thompson was top scorer in the under-13s' matches, scoring 15 goals in his seven games for Yorkshire.

Despite his goalscoring

exploits though, Yorkshire's under-13s were pushed into second place by.

Also playing for Yorkshire were 11-year-old pair Bradley Thompson and George Lythe.

In contrast, Lancashire's under-13s were a much less

experienced team and ended sixth out of the eight regions that entered.

Xarifa's players in that team were the brother and sister pairing of Daniel (10) and Lauren Saville (12).

As for the under-16s competi-

tion, the Yorkshire team - assisted by Xarifa's Zoe Higham (13) and Honor Sangster (14) - took bronze medals after helping them finish third behind winners Devon and second-placed Wales.

Lancashire's under-16s team,

which included Abby Thompson (15) and Jacob Doodson (15), saw themselves pushed into fourth place.

"Considering they don't play together regularly, they put on a good display of teamwork," said Xarifa coach Phil Lawrence.