



Hampshire County Diving

Media release for Southampton Diving Academy

Southampton Diving Academy established itself as the top club in the county when their elite team took all but one of the medals awarded at the Hampshire County Amateur Swimming Association Diving Championships held at the Quays on Saturday 24th May.

In all the team bagged 12 gold, 10 silver and 8 bronze medals at Junior, Senior, Junior Masters and Masters levels.

Most outstandingly successful on the day were Charly Tomkys (18) and Ciaran O'Reilly (14), who took 4 gold medals apiece, for Junior and Senior Springboard and Platform events.

In the more mature section of the club there were some very significant results for the Masters divers, who took 4 gold and two silver medals between them. Particularly notable was Dave Williams, who was competing for the first time and took a silver medal on springboard and a gold on platform.

Chris Jenkins, coach for the Masters section of the club, was very pleased by their performance. "I am thrilled with the way this section of the club is coming on," she said. "We have a very motivated group who are really seeing the benefits of their dedication, coming out of competitions with some excellent results."

There were some disappointments on the day too, with Pete Waterfield out of the Championships with a back injury and Gary Hunt only able to use feet first entries due to a painful injury to his thumb sustained during training earlier in the week.

Director of Coaching, Lindsey Fraser, was nevertheless delighted with the outcome of the day. "Our elite divers are performing very well at the moment," she explained. "Today was another important step towards the Nationals where I am certainly hoping for some good results this year."

Charly Tomkys and Gary Hunt will both be joining Pete Waterfield and Robert Appleby to compete in the Senior Nationals to be held in Manchester on 29th May – 1st June. Gary will be hoping that his injury will not be preventing him from performing at his usual high level.

More junior members of the team will be contesting the Age Group Nationals at their home pool on 28th June – 1st July. Spectators are welcome.

Full results are:

Junior Springboard

Emily Alderman, 5th; Ellie Steel, bronze; Anna Bennett-Britton, silver; Melissa Harley, 4th; Charly Tomkys, gold; Luke De Ste Croix, bronze; Adam Purkis, 6th; Jack Clewlow, 4th; Pat O'Reilly, silver; Ciaran O'Reilly, gold; Chris Farrow, 5th.

Senior Springboard

Emily Alderman, 5th; Ellie Steel, bronze; Anna Bennett-Britton, silver; Melissa Harley, 4th; Charly Tomkys, gold; Luke De Ste Croix, 4th; Adam Purkis, 6th; Jack Clewlow, 5th; Pat O'Reilly, bronze; Ciaran O'Reilly, gold; Gary Hunt, silver.

Junior Masters Springboard

Dave Williams, silver; Sarah Bayliss, gold.



Masters Springboard

Sam Youles, gold; Daniel Rechert, gold; Derek Dearden, silver

Junior Platform

Emily Alderman, bronze; Ellie Steel, silver; Anna Bennett-Britton, 4th; Melissa Harley, 5th; Charly Tomkys, gold; Luke De Ste Croix, silver; Jack Clewlow, bronze; Pat O'Reilly, 4th; Ciaran O'Reilly, gold; Chris Farrow, 5th.

Senior Platform

Emily Alderman, bronze; Ellie Steel, silver; Anna Bennett-Britton, 4th; Melissa Harley, 5th; Charly Tomkys, gold; Luke De Ste Croix, bronze; Pat O'Reilly, 4th; Ciaran O'Reilly, gold; Gary Hunt, silver.

Junior Masters Platform

Dave Williams, gold.

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