



Northern Cross

Media release for Southampton Diving Academy

Members of the Southampton Diving Academy faced a particularly stiff competition in Leeds on 25th – 27th April when they took part in the Northern Cross Diving Championship.

Unusually the competition combined the C and B Age Groups, so that divers were competing with entrants up to three years their senior in fields of up to 43 entrants.

Despite this they made an excellent showing, with many of the C group competitors beating divers in the group above them.

Chris Farrow, competing in the D Age Group (11 years and under), came away with a bronze medal for his performance on platform. Entering the finals in fifth position he did well to pull a good performance out of the bad with the three high tariff dives he used to move himself up into a medal position.

Ellie Steele also made a good showing, finishing well above many divers two or three years ahead of her in all three of her events.

Coach, Ellie Clewlow, was delighted by the outcomes from the weekend. "The team we had taken were mostly 12/13 year olds, who found themselves competing against 14/15 year olds, which makes a tremendous difference," she explained. "They didn't let that effect their performance, though and I'm really impressed with what they achieved."

The contest followed closely after nine of the eleven team members had spent a week at a training camp in Las Palmas, where they had the opportunity to experience diving in the open air. The trip, which was sponsored by Hampshire Funeral Services, was a vital part of developing the experience of the youngsters, who may one day represent Britain in International Events, which are predominantly held at outdoor venues.

Full results were:

Chris Farrow, 1m 13, 3m 7, platform bronze; Ellie Steele, 1m 22, 3m 18, platform 17; Emily Jones, 1m 43rd, 3m 36th; Chloe Hendy, 1m 28th, 3m 27th, platform 27th; Kim Purkis, 1m 21st, 3m 19th; Vicky Jones, 1m 25th, 3m 12th, platform 19th; Melissa Harley, 1m 23rd, 3m 7th, platform 22nd; Jack Clewlow, 1m 10th, 3m 12th, platform 12th; Adam Purkis, 1m 14th, 3m 21st; Stephen Appleby, 1m 9th, 3m 19th, platform 17th; Dayne Mulford, 1m 26th, 3m 26th, platform 21st.

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