



Surrey Plain Diving

Media release for Southampton Diving Academy

A team of seven divers from the Southampton Diving Academy represented their club at the Surrey Plain Diving Competition at Crystal Palace on Saturday 27th September.

Coming away with a silver medal and two top six places between them, the team did well against strong opposition.

Ciaran Allen (8) was the most successful member of the team, taking his silver medal against a very challenging field. He is currently showing good form, having achieved a gold medal in the Hampshire County Intermediate Competitions the previous weekend.

Bethany Watts (7) also achieved well. The youngest entrant at the meet, she was very unlucky to miss out on a medal, having to settle for fourth position when one of her four dives was not up to her usual standard. Bethany has recently been chosen to go through to the second round of the selection process for the World Class Start Programme, which is a national initiative set up to nurture the talent of youngsters identified as having outstanding potential.

Alison Farrow, coach for the team, was delighted with the outcome. "They were a relatively inexperienced team diving at a high quality meet," she said. "Nonetheless they dived well, gave a good account of themselves and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience."

Director of coaching, Lindsey Fraser, is very pleased with the development of this section of the club. "This little group are coming on very well," she said. "They all show promise and I think we can expect some considerable success at novice and intermediate level this year."

Full results were as follows:

Ciaran Allen, Silver
Bethany Watts, 4th
Nick Farrow, 8th
Andrew Dowling, 10th
Amy Lovett, 6th
Heather Bilsby, 7th
Francesca Godfroy, 8th

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