



White Rose

Media release for Southampton Diving Academy

Youngsters from Southampton Diving Academy made a significant impact at the White Rose Novice Diving Competition in Leeds on 4th and 5th October when they came away with fourth place in the team event.

The most successful member of the team was Max Brick (11) who took the gold medal in his event, despite scoring only 4.5's on his reverse dive, well below his usual standard. However, he made up for this by scoring 10 on his line up. Max has been undergoing testing with the World Class Start programme, which fast tracks children showing outstanding potential.

Max's coach, Charly Tomkys, was delighted with his result. "Max is diving very well and deserved this medal," she said. "He obviously has real talent, but he backs that up with commitment and determination, which accounts for his success today. I'm really proud of him."

Emily Batt (9), Georgia Wingrove (7), Jack Howsham (10), Emily Burden (12) and Ciaran Allen (8) all did very well to reach the finals in their events in what was a very high standard competition. Georgia's position was particularly commendable as the second youngest competitor at the event.

Jack also did extremely well, competing in a field of 29 divers, many of whom are on the World Class Start programme.

The line ups of all divers in the team were of a particularly high standard.

Director of coaching, Lindsey Fraser, welcomed the team back with high praise. "They have done really well to come back with such excellent results," she said. "The White Rose always attracts a big field from the best clubs across the country, so they will have been up against some tough competition."

Chaperone for the trip, Alison Farrow, was also very complimentary about the children. "They are beginning to come together as a really lovely team," she said. "Going away to competitions like this is quite a big thing for some of the younger ones, but they coped really well and it didn't seem to affect their performance."

Full results:

Emily Batt, 4th
Georgia Wingrove, 6th
Bethany Watts, 14th
Max Brick, gold
Jack Howsham, 6th
Nick Farrow, 24th
Andrew Dowling, 29th
Emily Burden, 6th
Danielle Robinson, 14th
Alex Cameron, 8th
Stephen Lingard, 11th
Ciaran Allen, 6th
Kate Hicks, 7th
Lucy Winch, 9th
Sam Colmer, 9th
Jonathan Mace, 11th

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Please note photo opportunities can be arranged.