



# Cologne

## Media release for Southampton Diving Academy

Some of the younger members of the Southampton Diving Academy had their first taste of international competition at the Telekom Post Cup in Cologne, Germany on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

The team of 11 youngsters were aged from 7 to 13 years and have been diving with the club for between 9 months and 2 years.

Despite large fields from clubs from 7 countries across Europe, the team performed very well, with some excellent final placings.

All events took place on the 1m board and involved both dives with a tariff restriction and dives with no limit on the degree of difficulty.

Emily Batt (9) was the most successful member of the team, taking a silver medal in the girls' 9 years and under event. She rose to the occasion by putting in a set of dives which consistently out-performed her showing during the training session prior to the competition and gaining her a well deserved second place in a high standard field.

Danielle Robinson (12) and Jack Howsham (10) also performed outstandingly well on the day, finishing a creditable 12<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively in their events. Danielle used her ability to get exceptionally good height off the boards to excellent effect and put in consistently polished dives throughout the competition. Coach, Charly Tomkys, was very impressed. "Danielle has made considerable improvement in a very short time," she said. "She has worked hard to put this list together and this weekend saw that work come to fruition. She looked fantastic!"

Jack also dived consistently well, but put in an especially outstanding forward one and a half somersaults on his last dive to clinch his placing. His coach, Ellie Clewlow, was very complimentary about his success. "Jack is diving really well at the moment," she said. "I was thrilled by how he did this weekend in a tough international field. If he keeps this up he has a great future ahead of him."

Georgia Wingrove (8), Ciaran Allen (9) and Stephen Lingard (9) all did very well to finish in the top 6 of their events. Both Georgia and Ciaran used a forward one and a half somersaults for the first time in competition and all three youngsters used a list consisting of dives of a much greater degree of difficulty than the majority of their rivals.

Director of Coaching, Lindsey Fraser, is very excited about the future for the whole of this younger section of the club. "It is very gratifying to see this younger group following in the footsteps of our already well established elite squad," she said. "With any luck Southampton will be making a very big impact on the diving scene at all levels in the coming season."

### Full results:

Lucy Winch, 19<sup>th</sup>  
Danielle Robinson, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Sam Colmer, 11<sup>th</sup>  
Francesca Godfroy 15<sup>th</sup>  
Emily Burden, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Stephen Lingard, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Ciaran Allen, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Jack Howsham, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Bethany Watts, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Emily Batt, silver  
Georgia Wingrove, 5<sup>th</sup>.



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