

Media release for Southampton Diving Academy

European Masters

Members of Southampton Diving Academy, based at the Quays, travelled to Stockholm in Sweden on 16th – 19th August to take part in the European Masters Diving Championship 2005.

The two divers from the local club were Samantha Youles and Tony Hunter who joined a team of 13 British divers in all, who came back with 5 gold, 11 silver and 1 bronze medal between them.

Tony Hunter was particularly successful, coming back with gold on platform with a score of 259.1 points, silver on 3m springboard with 249.25 points and narrowly missing out on a third medal when he took 4th on 1m springboard with 235.25 points.

Sam had a more disappointing championship, hampered by broken toes which prevented her from entering the springboard events. However, she overcame all odds to take gold on platform with a score of 193.45 points despite having to use 4 armstand dives to accommodate the toes, which prevent her from executing forward, reverse or inward dives.

Coach, Chris Jenkins, was very pleased with the outcome. “The whole team did very well and Sam and Tony made a vital contribution to their success. It was a real privilege to coach them.”

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Please note photo opportunities can be arranged.