

Media Release for Southampton Diving Academy

Come Alive and Dive 2011

Members of Southampton Diving Academy were victorious on their own turf when they took a total of 12 medals between them at the recent "Come Alive and Dive" competition, held at their own pool. The young divers gave an encouraging performance, taking on four other clubs from across the South and winning the team event

Of the 17 Southampton Diving Academy divers taking part, many of them were competing on the 5m platform for the first time and they all gave impressive performances. Many of the divers were from the Talent Identification Programme from 2009 and 2010 and have only been diving for a short period of time, some as little as 6 months. The aim of the programme, which began in late summer of 2009, was to seek out youngsters to be fast tracked in the sport with a view to competing at national, and they are getting off to a great start in their competitive careers.

Emily Adams and Charlotte Lemon performed consistently well across both the springboard and the platform events with Emily taking the silver in both the springboard and the platform while Charlotte who has only been diving since September took gold in the platform and bronze in the springboard. Hannah Wright completed Southampton Diving Academy's dominance in the platform event taking a well deserved bronze medal.

In the girls 12 - 18 year old platform event Southampton Diving Academy's pair of Caitlyn Crumpler and Lauren Atkinson just got pipped to the top position with Caitlyn taking the silver and Lauren taking the bronze.

The boys event got off to a great start with Southampton's youngest team member, Angus Kerr, taking the gold in the 8/9 year old springboard event, showing great potential for a 7 year old.

Southampton Diving Academy's dominance continued in the boys 10/11 year old springboard event with Tyler Lane leaving it until the last dive of the event to pull off a fantastic inward one and a half somersault to take the gold. Thomas Bailey just missed out on 2nd position, taking the bronze medal and he continued to perform well taking the silver medal in the platform, just heading off team mate Rhys Crookes who took the bronze medal.

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