

Media release for Southampton Diving Academy

G-Star Championships 2011

A team of 31 divers from Southampton Diving Academy travelled to Leeds to compete in the G-Star Championships and came back with a haul of 16 medals, 7 Gold, 3 Silver, 6 Bronze medals.

Top of the medals table on the Southampton team was Chris Farrow in the boys 16+ group who took Gold on both the 3m and the 1m springboard. On both occasions Chris improved his placing from the preliminaries to take the gold, winning by a clear margin. Although Chris topped the list with 2 golds, there were several other younger divers who each deservedly won gold in their events. In the boys 11 and under event Robbie Brodie won gold on the 1m springboard, moving from 5th place in the preliminaries, Lewys Oakley took gold in the boys 12/13 year old 1m springboard, again bettering his performance in the preliminaries where he lay in third position. In the boys 14/15 year old age group Alastair Khakoo again performed his best dives in the finals on the platform, winning the gold having been in third in the preliminaries.

The boys showed that they have strength in depth within the team and there were several other podium places. Harrison Williams (boys 11 and under) came away with two silver medals from the 3m springboard and the platform events. Harrison just edged out team mate Robbie Brodie on the 3m springboard, with Robbie taking his second podium position of the weekend, this time with a bronze medal.

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In the boys 12/13 year olds Lewys Oakley performed fantastically and continued his medal haul, making the final in all three of the events, this time taking silver on the platform and a bronze on the 3m springboard.

For the girls Portia Angove led the way with a gold on the platform. However, Miranda Dibden diving in the 11 and under category, proved that she can dive consistently well across all three events, making the final and coming away with a three bronze medals (1m springboard, 3m springboard and platform).

In the girls 16 and over category, Southampton Diving Academy dominated the platform event with Bethany Watts taking the gold and Rachel Holland taking the bronze.

Team Coach for the event, Fran Godfroy was extremely happy with the divers' successes. "This meet is always a challenge for our divers," she explained. "there were entries from the top divers from all the top clubs in the country and we saw some great performances from some of our divers and they were rewarded with 16 medals and just missed out on taking the team trophy".

Full results sheet attached

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