

National Success for Harlequin Tumblers!



Eight gymnasts from Harlequin took part in the National Tumbling Finals on the 15th & 16th May 2010, returning with 1 Gold medal and British champion, 2 Silver medals and all 8 gymnasts in the top 10 in the country!

Saturday was the turn of the Elite tumblers, Jessica O'Sullivan aged 11 started the day off for the team in the Elite 1 Women's aged 11 and 12 years. She scored 25.00 for her first tumble and 24.20 for her second giving her a score of 49.20 to go into the final run in 2nd place. Jessica held her nerve and performed a strong 3rd tumble to score 27.60 to finish with 76.80 and take the silver medal.

In the Elite 2 Women's Tumbling aged 10–12 years, Emily Cullum aged 12 and Sofia Walker aged 11 were taking part. Emily took part in the first round of this group and a steady start saw her score 24.40 for her first tumble and 23.80 for her second to give her an overall score of 48.20, this meant that Emily was in 9th place by 0.10 of a mark. Sofia took part in the second round and achieved a score of 24.60 for her first tumble and 23.70 for her second tumble. This meant that she achieved a score of 48.30 to go into the final run in 8th place. For her final tumble she achieved a score of 26.70 to finish with 75.00 in 8th place.

In the Elite 2 Women's aged 13/14 years, Maja Austin aged 12 tumbled with precision and finesse to score 25.40 and 25.20 for her first two tumblers. This meant that she went into the final run in 1st place with an impressive 50.60 score. An excellent final tumble where she achieved a score of 28.10 meant that she finished with a total of 78.70 to take the gold medal and British title for the second time in 3 years by over 1.50 of a mark.

In the Elite 2 Men's Tumbling aged 13/14 years, Rory Donnelly aged 13 tumbled well having moved up 2 levels from last year to achieve scores of 22.20 and 22.80 for his 2 tumbles. This meant that he moved into the final run with a score of 45.00. He finished with a steady tumble to score 26.30 with an overall mark of 71.30 to take 5th place.

Sunday brought the turn of the National Level tumblers, starting in National 1 Women's aged 9–10 years with Freya Nelson. Freya aged 9 was taking part in her first ever National competition and despite a nasty cold affecting her sight she tumbled well to score 19.40 on her first tumble and 24.70 on her second which was the 3rd highest of the group. This meant that she finished with a total score of 44.10 to take a very respectable 10th place.

In the National 2 Women's Tumbling aged 9–10 years, Kirsten Evans aged 9 was taking part. A solid performance in her first two tumbles saw her achieve marks of 24.10 and 25.30 to enter the final in 2nd place with a score of 49.40. A secure final tumble saw her score 26.80 to finish with 76.20 to take the silver medal in her first National final.

In the National 3 Women's Under 13 years tumbling, 11 year old Sophie Black performed 2 strong tumbles to score 24.20 and 22.10 respectfully. This meant that she went into the final tumble with a score of 46.30 in 4th place. An accurate final tumble saw her score 25.50 to finish with 71.80 in a respectable 4th place.

Everyone at Harlequin would like to say a massive well done to all the tumblers for their hard work in the training leading up to the event, and their excellent performances on the day, your club and coaches are extremely proud of you all.