

MISS QUATRO 'JEWEL OF THE SOUTH' GRADES CHAMPIONSHIP – 3RD/4TH MARCH 2018

EAST LONDON GYMNASTICS CLUB

At the beginning of March 6 gymnasts from Harlequin's artistic squad travelling to East London Gymnastics Club the home of Team GB's Georgia-Mae Fenton for an Invitational Grades competition.

This was the first time Harlequin had entered this level of invitational. Named 'Jewel of the South' there were over 400 gymnasts traveling from as far as Birmingham and Portsmouth just to compete at this friendly 3 day event. This large scale competition gave our girls the chance to see gymnasts and clubs from beyond our eastern region borders and was a fantastic experience to perform under an unfamiliar pressure. With 4 high scoring pieces and 2 rosettes for overall places our girls did extremely well all-round and loved the friendly, fun atmosphere. We will definitely go back next year and hopefully take more gymnasts.

On Saturday 3rd March Lucy Walsh competed in the Club Grade 5 age 9. With an overall score of 58.600 she came in 11th place. She also achieved a high scoring silver award for her vault. Well done Lucy!

On Sunday 4th March in round 1 it was Elizabeth Hardie's turn in the National Grade 3 Age 12+. Elizabeth came in 8th place with an overall score of 56.400 and she too received a silver award for her vault score. 2 for 2 so far girls, well done!

Cassidy Pratt was next to compete in the second round of the day. After nailing a beautiful beam routine she received silver award for her high scoring routine. Overall she scored 57.750 giving her 15th place overall.

In the last round there were 3 gymnasts to compete. Shai-Amari Freckleton competed in the Regional Grade 3 age 11+. Shai managed an overall score of 58.250 landing her in 6th place. Darcey Wraight competed in the National Grade 4 age 10. After performing her giants on the metal bar for the first time ever she finished in 12th place scoring 55.600 overall. Imogen Cook also had a successful competition gaining a silver award for her vault score and taking 9th place overall with her score of 54.300. In the last round these girls didn't disappoint.

It was a positive experience and all the Harlequin gymnasts came back feeling inspired and ready to hit the training hard so that next year will be even better!

