



PRESS RELEASE FOR THE STAR DIVING CLUB - 8TH April 2009

Star's little Gem

At the Diving National Skills Finals in Leeds last weekend, Gemma McArthur from the Spectrum based Star Diving Club, came home with a fantastic Bronze medal in the Girls Group C class.

Gemma's bronze medal was the result of much hard work by the ten year old from Fleet, and was achieved against extremely tough competition. The standard of Gemma's group was the highest in any event of the weekend and this seemed to inspire Gemma to perform all her 12 dives beautifully, in a large field beating many divers from the larger clubs across the country.

The Star club took a team of four to this year's Finals and was very pleased with the achievements of all its members. Connor Gardner (15) competing in the Boys Group B competition was required to perform more demanding complex dives and only narrowly missed out on the medals in another high class field finishing in fourth place. Joshua Raine (14) thoroughly enjoyed his weekend with probably his most consistent competition ever, achieving a brilliant 8th place in the Boys Group C event. Hope Latham (14) diving in the Girls Group B dived well but experienced a disappointing competition after an almost perfect warm up finishing in 16th place.

Coach Neil Mitchell said, "The National Finals are a tough competition but all of our divers must be proud to be doing so well at this level. Little Gemma did particularly well and deserved to bring home a medal. The Star diving club is growing in strength and the results just go to show our commitment to the members."

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