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EDITORIAL

Martin Laws

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the second edition of **TRAMPOLINE NEWS** for 2007. My thanks to **JOHN BEETON** who continues to keep us all informed, as well as all those that continue to contribute to this important news letter. Please circulate as widely as possible.

I know by now word will have reached some of you concerning **Natalie O'Connor's** accident and I know we all hope she makes a speedy recovery. We will keep you informed of her progress once all becomes clear. However this is undoubtedly a long recovery scenario. Our thoughts must also go to her coaches and team mates as they continue to compete in these difficult times.

I found myself recently browsing the pages of the 1972 Rebound International magazine which I found on the great website www.acrobaticsports.com. Whilst enjoying reading the varied articles including "**Paul Luxon, Grand master of the impossible**" and the words of one **Jack Kelly**, about double minitramp and his great performer **John Beer....** One thought just kept cropping up in my head..... Nothing has changed!

To my great amusement (the others in my office who had thought I had gone mad) I read the very controversial comments about the FIT and the decision to hold a World Championships every 2 years, indignantly stating "**who or what could justify such a decision**". Recently of course many were up in arms at the current FIG's decision to hold a world championships every year... this was said by some to be killing our sport....

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There was discussion about possibly barring performers and beaurocrasy in the sport including "**what did the federations get for their 300dms paid to the FIT?**". A standard cry I hear throughout the world right down to club level... Or the article "**Is the FIT Gymnastics dominated**"..... challenged by it.

Unfortunately in the world of the Trampoline Technical Committee change is inevitable and a part of daily life. Some are welcome and some less so, but I am convinced we must continue to change to evolve. That's our lot in life.

All of this tells me the world just revolves and what goes around, comes around! It also tells me we don't like change and will attach all sorts of serious fears to change if we feel challenged by it. It's just par for the course.

During this newsletter / future newsletter we will report a number of proposed and actual changes and our intent is to keep everyone informed. Please also make sure that we in turn get informed of your local issues and those changes & issues at regional and home nation level, as this is a growing problem in our expanding sport.

I can report that BG & UKSport are changing the World Class scene again in a hope to keep improving our results. We welcome a new face to Trampolining, **Graeme Maw** who joins us from **Triathlon** and has a wealth of experience in performance sport. Graeme is currently getting to grips with the existing structure and I am sure we will hear more from him in the future.

Natalie O'Conner

Sue Lawton

Senior International trampolinist **Natalie O'Connor** was seriously injured in an accident whilst training some three weeks ago. Natalie suffered a neck injury and has since undergone stabilising surgery.

She is currently in hospital having specialist rehabilitation treatment, and is suffering from an impairment to movement in her right leg caused through trauma to her spinal cord, which hopefully will not be permanent.

Editor's Note: as can be imagined, all in British Gymnastics are praying for a speedy recovery for Natalie. If you wish to send a message to Natalie, please do so through: Sue Lawton her club coach at: haystack@btopenworld.com
Many thanks. Ed.

National Technical Committee Development Update

Joanna Shackleton

Great progress has been achieved with clubs gaining GymMark over the last year. The figure is now 64 clubs having achieved and a further 67 working towards or have their application pending. This makes up 23.9% of the current British Gymnastics membership, which is very encouraging. GymMark is the British Gymnastics stamp of quality assurance for gymnastics clubs and it is hoped that all clubs will value the accreditation and gain it themselves.

If any club would like support in working towards GymMark, support can be given by the Regional Gymnastics Development Officer. In my role on the Technical Committee I am also happy to offer support if required to any club who contacts me.

In September 2007 it is hoped a new **National Competition Framework** for Young People for trampoline gymnastics will be launched. The National Competition Framework provides structures for competitions happening within a school or between schools and will sit beneath and separate from the current schools competition structure.

The National Competition Framework is being delivered through the school sport partnerships in England. Following consultation with a wide range of National Governing Bodies, a National Competition Framework for the delivery of each sport has been established, which can be delivered by teachers, school sport coordinators and coaches within the school sport partnership infrastructures. The vision is to develop for each sport a single competitive framework that includes competitions in school and club. This will clearly link with each sport's wider competition review and the work they are undertaking on developing clear athlete/player pathways based on LTAD principles.

In the first phase of this programme twenty Competition Managers were employed within School Sport Partnerships to manage and facilitate the systemic change with school competition structures, aligning them to the nationally produced templates. In the second phase, fourteen areas across England will have a team of Competition Managers led by a senior Competition Manager who will work strategically to support the development of schools competition. Gymnastics was one of the first eight sports to produce a framework and it is exciting that trampoline gymnastics will be joining this framework in due course.

The FIG President in his January Newsletter has mentioned that one of the tasks for the **FIG Executive Committee** over the coming months is, "the promotion of trampolining with financial assistance to federations prepared to substantially invest in the discipline". Watch this space!

FIG WORLD CUP EVENTS 2007

CHINA

The 2007-2008 world cup series continues in late April with the Great Britain team departing for **Kunshan CHN** on Tuesday 24 April, returning home on Monday 01 May.

Team Members: Gymnasts: - **Claire Wright, Jamie Moore (Ind/Sync), James Higgins, Gary Smith (Ind/Sync) and Mark Alexander, Simon Milnes (Ind/Sync).**

Officials:- **HOD Martin Laws Coaches Jack Kelly, Tracy Whittaker-Smith Judge Mike Philipson, Physio TBC.**

The NTTC wishes the team every success in this the third event in the current world cup series. **Ed.**

Wayne Smith former employee of British Gymnastics for a short period in 2006 has been co-opted to the NTTC to head the competition committee, replacing Craig Bellis, who resigned in November 2006. All members will want to wish Wayne well in his endeavours. **Ed.**

New Synchronised Equipment will be tested on the occasion of the World Cup series being held in **Kunshan City, China** on the occasion of the FIG world cup event being staged 27-29 April.

The equipment made by the Chinese will be used during the preliminary rounds of both the men and women's synchronised events, along with the normal three judges for synchronization. If the equipment is satisfactory, it may be used in the final routine without the three judges for synchronization, as per the present situation with other synchronised equipment in use at FIG sanctioned events.

The final decision on whether or not to use the equipment in the finals will rest with the FIG TC Representative at this event.

The long awaited international match between **Great Britain and Canada** will be held in the **EIS Sheffield on Saturday 25th August 2007**. The match will include all three Trampoline Gymnastic disciplines at both senior and youth level, with **Germany** sending their youth team to compete in the Youth Trampoline Match.

This international match should prove a very exciting event with all three disciplines of the youth match being contested at the same time in the morning, followed by the senior match in the afternoon again, at the same time.

Further details to follow.

FIG World Cup Quebec City, Canada

The second World Cup of the present series, which is being held in **Quebec City, CAN** on April 6-7 have attracted a high number of entries from 27 countries.

The 27 countries include **Australia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Sweden, Ukraine, United States, and Uzbekistan.**

There will be 63 official entries in the men's individual Trampoline competition, and 51 in the women's. Tumbling will have 23 entries in the men's event and 17 in women's.

The Competition will take place at the **Centre de Foires** in Quebec City.

2007-A CRUCIAL YEAR FOR BRITISH TRAMPOLINE GYMNASTICS

Jack Kelly

At the time of writing the World Class Programme gymnasts have attended six centralised sessions designed to monitor the progress they are making towards their technical and conditioning goals. The sessions were designed in September to assist personal coaches gradually bring their performers to an initial peak for the start of the domestic season. Each session had a specified theme and the gymnasts were expected to be ready to work to that pattern and use it as a framework within which their own gymnast-specific programmes could continue undisturbed.

The squad members who remained free of injury have shown significant improvement in both technical and conditioning testing, but of course the acid test will be competition results. Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the goal setting was the effect it had on the six gymnasts who were left out of the initial programme selection because of perceived inadequacies. These performers have worked hard to reach the targets set and four out of the six have actually been accepted onto the latter part of the programme. The other two, having been affected by injury or illness, will be striving to achieve membership of the World Class programme due to start in September. Nonetheless both gymnasts managed to demonstrate impressive progress.

Access to the 2007/2008 programme (The UK Sport Performance Review permitting) will be initially through the attainment of two "consideration" scores leading to a subjective appraisal of each gymnast's capability to perform at world class

level. A personal interview will follow leading to an offer of programme membership for the successful candidates. Full details of the "consideration" scores and the subjective criteria are available on the British Gymnastics website.

There is no doubt that the main focus of attention during 2007 will be the World Championships to be held in Canada in November. This year the event takes on even more importance because of its role as the qualifying event for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. The top British performers have been focusing their training on this event for at least three years with the aim of firstly gaining selection for the Worlds team, secondly to give an outstanding performance in Canada thereby ensuring our place at the Olympics and finally to become Great Britain's Olympian of 2008.

There is no doubt that within trampoline circles the World Championships is the major event, but in terms of public perception and personal kudos, participation in the Olympic Games is much more highly regarded. However there is another reason for the Olympics taking centre stage and that is the emphasis placed on it by UK Sport who is largely responsible for funding the World Class Programme. The aim at the World Championships will be to make sure GB establishes at least one man and one woman within the 15 top countries in the world at the event. Should any of our gymnasts reach the World's final that would guarantee an Olympic place for the nation and in the event of us getting two finalists, either for men or women, two Olympic places will be assured? Realistically we have a strong chance of gaining one male and one female Olympic place with an outside chance of securing two places for our women. It must be emphasised that the gymnast gaining the Olympic place for GB is doing exactly that, and not in effect gaining their own personal place. The individuals to represent us in Beijing will be decided following a trial process.

Whilst the selection process for the GB Olympians has still to be confirmed, the World Championship trials have already been announced. The first trial will be the British Nationals on 14th/15th July followed by two specific trials on 8th and 15th September. Full details of the selection criteria can be downloaded from the British Gymnastics website. The Worlds trials promise to provide exciting trampolining with some of our younger men and women bidding to break into the senior team. All well informed observers of the British scene can probably write down a few names on the team sheet already, but there is serious competition for at least half the places and even the "favourites" will have to be at their best to guarantee selection.

FIG WORLD RECORDS

Up to-date World Records for both **Tumbling** and **Double Mini-Trampoline** can be found on **Page 9** of this Newsletter. **Trampoline** World Records were published in the **June 2006** edition of Trampoline News. **Ed.**

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World Class Programme

Steve Green

In March the first Grade 1 took place. From this point the selection process for the funded **World Programme** will, once again, consider scores from the five listed Grade 1's in England, plus the Welsh Grade 1, and the British Championships, as well as 'approved' international events in the same period until July 2007.

If you wish to clarify whether various international events will be classified, in the first instance send you request to the Programme Manager who will ensure this is agreed with the Technical Managers. Essentially gymnasts will be required to post minimum scores twice in accordance with their age level in the two competition groups outlined within the selection process.

Scores will be considered from the first Grade 1 in March 2007 until the British Championships in July 2007. (Round scores must be posted within the same competition). Gymnast's who achieve the scores twice, in accordance with the parameters outlined, will then be considered for invitation to perform the technical drills and physical tests, as well as attend an individual meeting with their primary coach. Invitations will be issued by the Performance and Technical Department after the British Championships.

UKSport:

UK Sport has undertaken a review of Trampoline Gymnastics. Their report is soon to be released and may impact on the proposals made within the target scores and programme structure. British Gymnastics is also acutely aware that the Grade 1's are imminent and it is important that you have the parameters to the selection process. Therefore, in the knowledge that UK Sport may choose to honour the parameters we had previously agreed, we announce the target scores and selection process in order for gymnasts to be considered for the funded programme. At this stage a decision as to the 'Clusters', their selections and existence / structure, has not been made. This programme may or may not exist depending on the outcome of the review undertaken by UK Sport.

FIG World Cup Kunshan City, China

With the **Definitive** entry deadline having been passed there is a very disappointing entry for the Tumbling events for this world cup, with only 32 entries overall with 16 entries in each of the women's and men's events.

In Trampoline, there are 39 women and 50 men entered from 18 participating member federations.



Gymnastics Trampoline Test event Schedule National Indoor Stadium Beijing

Friday 30th November 2007

Session GT01	Start: 1100 hrs	End: 1214 hrs
1100-1138 hrs: Women's Qualification – Routine 1		
1138-1214 hrs: Women's Qualification – Routine 2		
Session GT02	Start: 1214 hrs	End: 1328 hrs
1214-1252 hrs: Men's Qualification – Routine 1		
1252-1328 hrs: Men's Qualification – Routine 2		

Monday 2nd December 2007

Session GT03	Start: 2015 hrs	End: 2057 hrs
2015-2042 hrs: Women's Final		
2047-2057 hrs: Women's Medal Ceremony		

Tuesday 3rd December 2007

Session GT04	Start: 2015 hrs	End: 2057 hrs
2015-2042 hrs: Men's Final		
2047-2057 hrs: Men's Medal Ceremony		

Notification of Change of Venue



The upcoming **Trampolining Grade 2 competition in Northern Ireland** on **14th April 2007** has a changed venue. It was originally scheduled to take place at Falls Leisure Centre but due to unforeseen circumstances, the centre is no longer able to cater for the event. The venue has subsequently been changed to the **Ards Leisure Centre**.

The next edition of **TRAMPOLINE NEWS** is due for publication on **Friday 1st June 2007**.

Does your **Club** have any news that they would like to share with our readers? Trampoline News is not a results service, but anything interesting that your members are doing – fetes, sponsored events etc – let me know. **Ed.**

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Moore and Milne prevail in Eastleigh

Jamie Moore and **Simon Milnes** were the winners of the first Grade I competition of 2007 with fine displays in each of their events, with **James Higgins** making a strong challenge in the men's event to finish second overall. **Katherine Driscoll** also appeared to be on her way back after a long illness with a fine display in the ladies event. Results of the senior events were:

Ladies

01. Jamie Moore (NTGA) 36.0/12.5 points
02. Katherine Driscoll (Apollo) 34.4/12.9 points
03. Daniella Pietruszka (OLGA) 32.1/104 points

Men

01. Simon Milnes (Kirklees Rebound) 38.6/16.0 points
02. James Higgins (NGTA) 38.0/14.5 points
03. Gary Smith (Jumpers Rebound) 36.7/15.2 points

World Cup USA

The **Nominative** entry for the above event lists **58** entries for the men's individual Trampoline competition, with **38** entries in the women's. In synchronised there are 26 pairs in the men's and 13 pairs entered in the women's events.

Tumbling sees a relatively small entry in both the men and women's competition with 18 and 16 entries respectively.

It is also interesting to note that where there are 22 Trampoline Judges registered, there are only 8 judges registered for Tumbling! **Ed.**

Cirque du Soleil is seeking new talent for its thirteen current productions and upcoming creations. *Cirque du Soleil* will be holding acrobatics and circus arts auditions all around the world.

With the number of shows growing, you can easily imagine how many new artists are required to fill new roles, serve as permanent or temporary replacements, play back-up positions, etc.

The *Cirque du Soleil* Casting team is specifically seeking artists in the following disciplines:

Artistic, rhythmic and acrobatic gymnastics, circus arts, trampoline, tumbling, diving, synchronized swimming, martial arts, stunts, extreme sports (BMX, rollerblading, etc.), urban acrobatic disciplines (b-boy/hip-hop, urban movement, acrobat-dancers, etc.).

Since 1984, *Cirque du Soleil* has carved out a special niche for itself in the world of performing arts. Through a mix of street performance, circus arts, dance, theatre, music and singing, *Cirque du Soleil* has given life to a magical new universe.

Do you know any talented individuals interested in joining *Cirque du Soleil*?

Contact us at any time for additional information; we'll be happy to answer your questions.

If you wish to receive any additional information regarding *Cirque du Soleil* auditions, please send an e-mail to casting@cirquedusoleil.com.

The British Universities Sports Association (BUSA)

held its National Finals on 11th March on the campus of the **University of Surrey**.

Simon Milnes (University of Manchester) successfully defended his BUSA national title with a score of 101.00 pts. This was the third BUSA Championship title for **Simon** after winning in 2005 and 2006.

Philip Dodson (University of Hertfordshire), who was silver medallist in 2005 and bronze medallist in 2006, won the silver medal with 93.10 pts.

In the women's competition, **Lisa Blackburn** (University of Manchester) also retained her title. **Blackburn** finished with a score of 89.40 pts (10.20 pt tariff). **Hannah Frost** (University of Bournemouth) took the silver medal with 88.20 pts, followed by **Asha Bayliss** (University of Bath - 86.10 pts).

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Summary of decisions at the ordinary meeting of the **FIG Executive Committee**, held March 2 - 3, 2007, in the **City of Neuchâtel (SUD)**.

The Executive examined proposals and modifications to the **Technical Regulations**. Note: the final decision is in the hands of the FIG Council, scheduled to meet and give its decision in **Orlando USA** in May. Modifications requested dealt mainly with:

- Cancelling the World Cup Final in Trampoline and the creation of a third world championship in the cycle.
- A rule for settling ties will be proposed for use at Olympic Games only

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4 Nations Annual Match

GBR CZE DEN POR

Saturday 9th June 2007

**Rossmore Leisure Centre,
Poole, Dorset**

Competition begins at 1400 hrs

Contact Sharon Wood for further details

This is the one event that you do NOT want to miss in 2007.
Ed.

FAQ, EXPLANATIONS & SITUATIONS

TRAMPOLINE GYMNASTICS

Preface

The FIG TR TC has for some time been contemplating producing a **Question & Answer** section on the FIG website that would allow members to have immediate answers to the most frequently asked questions that the TC members receive on a regular basis. The purpose of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), Explanations & Situations origination is the flexible collection and presentation of common experience, improvement of unification of understanding, interpretation and application of the FIG rules (**FIG Technical Regulations, FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points, etc.**) and solving of various situations at the Trampoline Gymnastics competitions during the current cycle.

The FAQ, Explanations & Situations knowledge should be applied with regard to particular circumstances and with respect to the right / duty of Chair of Judges Panel to make the final decision in all cases of dispute on the rules interpretation (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics' Guide to Judging - 1. Rule interpretation*).

If different interpretation of the FIG rules has been applied in the past, the application of FAQ, Explanations & Situations knowledge and unification of interpretation of the FIG rules should be applied at current and future Trampoline Gymnastics competitions. In any case, the National Federations are free to alter the parts of rules for domestic competitions under their authority (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points -*

Preface).

The Frequently Asked Questions, Explanations & Situations will be continuously updated during the current Olympic cycle.

The following FIG documents (and / or their updated versions) should be read in conjunction with Frequently Asked Questions, Explanations & Situations:

- FIG Technical Regulations 2007, Section 1 - General Regulations
- FIG Technical Regulations 2007, Section 4 - Special Regulations Trampoline Gymnastics
- FIG Code of Points Trampoline Gymnastics 2005-2008
- FIG Guide to Judging to the current Code of Points Trampoline Gymnastics
- FIG Rules for Advertising & Publicity

It is expected that the first edition of the FAQ, Explanations & Situations should appear on the FIG website early in the Summer. **Ed.**

17th Aalsmeer Flower Cup

Results

British Gymnastics had a large presence in this latest edition of the Flower Cup, with an official Great Britain team, as well as a large number of club entries journeying to Aalsmeer for this popular competition.

British names appeared in all finals and on all podiums with the exception of one event.

Jamie Moore, James Higgins, Cara Jamieson, Lauren Allen, Emma Smith, Jason Ryall and Kayleigh McCarthy all took medals in their respective events; and in some instances against extremely high class opposition.

There were a total of **376** entries overall.

Men Class 1 – 64 entries

02 James Higgins Northampton 37.3/14.5 points

06 Tom Lewis GBR 36.1/14.5 points

07 Mathew Wright GBR 36.0/13.4 points

09 Luke Rendell GBR 34.1/12.7 points

Women Class 1 – 37 entries

01 Jamie Moore Northampton 35.6/12.7 points

02 Lauren Allen High Flyers 34.5/12.3 points

07 Danielle Pietruszka OLGA 32.8/11.8 points

10 Yasmin Gumbs Northampton 14.5/6.1 points

Boys Class I – 66 entries
10 Joe McAdam OLGA

Girls Class I – 90 entries
01 Cara Jamieson GBR 33.7/11.5 points
02 Emma Smith Liverpool 33.6/11.9 points
05 Katy Ianson GBR 33.1/11.0 points
06 Bryony Page GBR 33.1/11.0 points

Men Class II (all ages) – 48 entries
02 Jason Ryalal OLGA 31.7/7.8 points
06 Sina Abolghassam OLGA 30.1/7.8 points
08 Zachary Sheridan OLGA 30.0/7.4 points

Women Class II (all ages) – 71 entries
01 Kayleigh McCarthy Ministry of Air 30.7/7.8 points
04 Cloe Liddle Apollo 30.7/8.0
06 Sabrina Dunn Queensmead 29.9/8.0
09 Laura Wright Kingston 29.3/7.0

Whilst all gymnasts and their coaches are to be congratulated on their fine efforts, I believe that a special word of congratulations should go to **James Higgins** Northampton, for his result in the men's event against a number of world class gymnasts; and especially when his second place was only 1.6 points behind the current Olympic Bronze medalist (**Henrik Stehlik GER**) and with the Sydney Silver Medalist (**Ji Wallace AUS**) in third place.

With James now beginning to show the potential that many knew he had prior to his retirement from the sport some years ago, I believe that there is going to be a number of very surprised gymnasts on the world cup circuit in 2007. Likewise, Jamie Moore is showing great form and there will not be many that will surpass her this year. It is obvious that both of these Northampton gymnasts have been working extremely hard over the winter months.

Young **Cara Jamieson** continues to progress well, with the rest of her current GBR team mates close on her heels.

Well done GB. Ed.

Flowers Cup, Holland, 16 – 18 March 2007

John Beer

The Team assembled at the Holiday Inn, Stanstead Airport on the 15th March ready for a 05.00 check in the following day.

The flight to Amsterdam left on time taking 35 minutes! The team had two 'people carriers' waiting and after a short journey (20 minutes) to the Best Weston Hotel (along with teams from Australia, Belarus, Portugal and Hawaii) all were in their rooms

before 11.00. The accommodation was good with a mix of twin and single rooms.

After lunch (in an indoor beach volleyball centre!!) training began at the venue (15 minutes drive from the hotel) at 17.00 until 22.00 (we finished by 19.30). The competition hall (used for training) was set out with 8 Eurotramp 6 x 4s on 4 panels. Training went well and all went through their sets and vols. Only one 'hiccup' the organisers had no record of payment, but as I had an 'honest face' and 'swore blind' it must have been paid (which it was) they let us in.

Dinner was taken (accompanied by the Portuguese team) in a restaurant near the hotel and all were in bed by 22.30.

The competition started at 07.30 but due to the draw all our competitors were in 'flights' after lunch (1st on at 14.10) so the team had a late breakfast 09.30 and rested until the general warm-up at 12.30.

Performers' performances:

Tom Lewis: Tom has obviously been working in a more focused manner and performed very well in the men's event. More emphasis on the 'set' routine is needed to ensure a better two round score.

Matthew Wright: Matt has improved greatly in the last 6 months both in execution and consistency. Matt's final vol was performed very well and we look forward to more of the same

Luke Rendell: Luke had the highest form score (27.5) for the 'set' but did travel too much in the 2nd half of the vol.

All three above made the men's final, for all three this was their first men's international.

Michael Freeman: Mike performed a good 'set' (27.4) but lost height and travelled too much in the vol.

Philip Dodson: Philip was below 'par' due to a lack of training caused by an injury to his heel (a deep cut under the heel requiring stitches), this was still sore.

Andrew Freeman: Andrew did not perform as well as expected and unusually for him was forced to stop in the vol.

Again this was the first men's international for Andrew and Michael.

Cara Jamieson: Cara Had the highest form score (26.0), along with Bryony Page, for the set routine. Her 1st vol lost height in the second half of the routine and travelled. Her second routine was much better achieving the second highest vol form score in the competition.

Katy Ianson: Katy looked very secure in all her routines and has worked very hard to ensure all her moves stay 'square'. Her final vol was an improvement on the 1st vol and looks good for the future.

Bryony Page: This was Bryony's first international competition with the British team. As before Bryony had the top form score. She also posted the highest vol form and total score (34.4 & 60.4) in the first round taking her into the final in first place. Unfortunately in the final a mistake forced her to 'down tariff' and lose form.

This, other than Philip, was a junior team and all the performances were good and all looks good for the future seniors. A number of the foreign coaches commented on how good they thought our performers were (there were a number of

British club entries along with British Gymnastics, some were part of the World Class Programme).

The Competition finished at 21.30 and was followed by a very friendly party; all were back in bed by 02.00 (about 4 hours after I would have liked to have been in bed!!).

The travel arrangements for the return were very good as the flight home was not until 12.45 so a late breakfast was taken, the cars returned and the flight only delayed by 30 minutes.

My thanks to all the competitors, Physiotherapist - **Belinda Smith**, Judge – **Bruce Craig** and Coach **Sharon Wood** for making it both a successful and enjoyable competition.

Sportbusiness, March 10: Prague City chiefs have rubber stamped plans to bid for both the **2016** and **2020 Olympic Games**. The decision was confirmed by mayor **Pavel Bem** after a vote by the city's executive committee. Bem said: *"We will not be favoured to win the Games in 2016, but despite that we will shoot for it to raise our chances for a candidacy in 2020. This must not be Prague's Games, but the Games for the entire country."*

Prague is likely to find itself bidding against **Tokyo, Qatar, Madrid, Rome, New Delhi**, and either **Chicago or Los Angeles**, for the 2016 Games.

The IOC will announce the winner in 2009.

Sportbusiness, March 11: The race for the right to host the **2014 Commonwealth Games** has been reduced to a field of two runners after the Canadian city of **Halifax** withdrew its candidacy on Thursday.

The Scottish city of **Glasgow** and the Nigerian city of **Abuja** will now battle it out after Halifax formally withdrew its candidacy due to a rising budget which prompted local authorities to withdraw their financial support. It was an announcement met with *"profound regret"* by the **Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)**, and came eight months before the winning city is declared in Singapore. CGF Chief Executive **Mike Hooper** said: *"This was totally unexpected, but we will now go forward with two excellent bids from Abuja, Nigeria, and Glasgow, Scotland. From what we know, both cities have excellent credentials and we are anticipating a close contest."*

Double Mini-Trampoline

Nick Earle

1st Trial for IAGC and World Championships

The 1st of three trials to select the teams representing Great Britain took place on **Sunday 25th February**. The competition was hosted by the **Elite Trampoline Club** in **Enfield** and although the sports hall is a little small, we did manage to fit in the two DMT's and the judging panel with a little space left for the very supportive audience.

Congratulations go to the following athletes that have met the criteria for the **IAGC**. U13 Boys - **Oliver Rowlands**, U13 Girls – **Sophia Beavan**, U15 Boys - **Luke Strong, Kristoff Willerton** and **Mitchell Benham**, U17 Boys – **Alex Foster**, U17 Girls **Hanna Moses, Sarah Littler** and **Laura Clark** and U19 Girls - **Kate Bramall** and **Jennifer Bloodworth**.

We did see some excellent passes from U13 Girls - **Georgia Downing** and **Naomi Warner**, U17 Boys - **Thomas Foreman**, U17 Girls – **Adeva Bryan, Emily Steen, Georgina Varley** and **Melissa Bailey** and U19 Girls – **Louise Pennell**. All of these athletes met the selection criteria in one round (prelim or final) but not in both. **Mark Pennell** was also looking good in warm-up, but unfortunately he injured his knee on his first pass,

The Ladies competition was disappointing with the majority of the front runners failing to make the final. **Asha Bayliss** scored 65.2, meeting the criteria (64.1) in the prelims, but didn't complete her finals passes. **Asha Philip** scored 69.0 in the prelims and amazed the audience with her passes, but couldn't keep the last pass on her feet resulting in a crash. **Kate Bramall** was the only lady to hold her nerve and walked away with the Gold medal.

The Mens competition got off to bad start with **Dominic Swaffer** breaking a metatarsal in his foot on his first pass. **Jason Plowman** and **Toby Eager** scored 69.0 in the prelim round, but neither could better this in the final. **Mike Scott-Beaulieu** took the gold medal with an amazing score of 70.9, but he'd made some mistakes in the prelims so he didn't meet the criteria (69.4). However, congratulations go to **Matthew Swaffer** who was the only man to meet the selection criteria scoring 69.7 and 69.6.

PS. Dominic Swaffer is recovering well and I would hope to see him at the 2nd or 3rd trial. **Mark PeNnell** has had an operation on his knee and will be out of action until the summer, but is still hoping to go to Canada in November!

The 2nd trial is on Sunday 22nd April at the Welsh Institute of Sport in Cardiff.

GBR v CAN

The **EIS Sheffield** has been confirmed as the venue for this three disciplined match at both senior and youth levels, on **Saturday 25th August 2007**, starting at **1100 hrs** with the Youth Match, followed at **1600 hrs** with the Senior event.

Additionally, the annual **GBR v GER Youth Match** will be incorporated into the event, making this one of the largest international competitions held in Great Britain in which all three disciplines of Trampoline Gymnastics have taken part at the same time.

Further information will be available in the June edition of Trampoline News. **Ed.**

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Tumbling – Men’s Individual

Highest total score	Jiexu Wang	CHN	153,60	17.09.05	World Championships	Eindhoven (NED)
Highest score in one pass	Jiexu Wang	CHN	40,40	16.09.05	World Championships	Eindhoven (NED)
Highest difficulty in one pass	Jiexu Wang	CHN	13,60	16.09.05	World Championships	Eindhoven (NED)
Highest total difficulty	Jiexu Wang	CHN	47,70	17.09.05	World Championships	Eindhoven (NED)

Tumbling – Women’s Individual

Highest total score	Olena Chabanenko	UKR	141.60	16.07.05	World Games	Duisburg (GER)
Highest score in one pass	Anna Korobeynikova	RUS	36.10	11.06.05	World Cup	Levallois (FRA)
Highest difficulty in one pass	Olena Chabanenko	UKR	10.00	16.07.05	World Games	Duisburg (GER)
Highest total difficulty	Olena Chabanenko	UKR	38.00	16.07.05	World Games	Duisburg (GER)

Double Mini-Trampoline – Men’s Individual

Highest total score	Radostin Rachev	BUL	149.50	17.09.05	World Championships	Eindhoven (NED)
Highest score in one pass	Alexei Illichev	RUS	38.90	16.09.05	World Championships	Eindhoven (NED)
Highest difficulty in one pass	Casey Finley	USA	10.80	16.09.05	World Championships	Eindhoven (NED)
Highest total difficulty	Radostin Rachev	BUL	36.10	17.09.05	World Championships	Eindhoven (NED)

Double Mini-Trampoline - Women’s Individual

Highest total score	Sarah Charles	CAN	141.60	17.07.05	World Games	Duisburg (GER)
Highest score in one pass	Sarah Charles	CAN	36.00	16.09.05	World Championships	Eindhoven (NED)
Highest difficulty in one pass	Ilse Despriet	BEL	8.00	16.09.05	World Championships	Eindhoven (NED)
Highest total difficulty	Sarah Charles	CAN	28.40	17.07.05	World Games	Duisburg (GER)

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