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EDITORIAL

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Dear all,

This has been an interesting year for trampolinists. We have seen trampolining become a discipline of British Gymnastics and our sport participate in the Olympics for the first time, with both Jaime Moore and Lee Brearley qualifying for the Ladies and Men's individual events. Their results of 12th and 6th places respectively are not only a credit to themselves but also their clubs and personal coaches.

In this years Europeans, an event that combined both Senior and Youth Championships for the first time, tumbling, as well as coaches, judges and physiotherapists joined the trampolinists, making a total of 46 team members, one of the largest contingents at the event. The team finished with **two silver** and **five bronze medals**. Special praise must go to our trampoline Youth teams, in which the Girls came 2nd and the Boys 3rd. These results show the strength in depth of trampolining in this country. Also, with the planned development of Double Mini-Trampolining in this country, we should be able to increase both team size and medal collection in the future.

In 2001, the 22nd World Championships and 6th World Age-Group Championships will occur in Denmark, during July and August, whilst prior to that, the Trampoline Technical Committee is hoping to arrange a trampoline international competition against Russia, with a probable venue in the middle of England. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Trampoline Technical Committee, the planned elections in December this year have been rearranged for March 2001. It is important that trampolinists in each region are involved when the Region decides its vote for next March.

I would like to thank the present Trampoline Technical Committee for all the work they have done this year in enabling our sport to smoothly integrate with British Gymnastics. However, my special thanks must be given to **Bob Richardson** and **David Pickup**. **Bob** for his efforts in being responsible for all levels of competition Nationally, and **Dave** for the unselfish and good humoured way he has dealt with the many and varied tasks that have come his way as Secretary of the Trampoline Technical Committee. Unfortunately, neither person will be

Available for Trampoline Technical Committee work next year and Dave will be an enormous miss to the sport when he moves to Italy at the end of 2000. I believe I speak for all trampolinists when I wish Dave every success in the years to come.

Finally, on behalf of all the members of the Trampoline Technical Committee, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Malcolm Clark

UK SPORTS

The UK Sports Council has agreed to fund a Consultant to look at the Constitutional implications of having separate Sports Councils in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland!

END OF AN ERA

The agreement between the **FIG** and the former **Scottish Trampoline Association (STA)**, which allowed the STA to compete at all FIG International Events for a period of two years, after the merger between the **International Trampoline Federation (FIT)** and the **FIG**, comes to an end on the **31st December 2000**.

It was in **1980** that Scotland obtained membership of the FIT and during the following twenty years competed in all major FIT international events, including World and Intercontinental Championships, as well as the World Cup. Undoubtedly, the highlight of this period was the success of **Alistair McCann** and **Jeffrey Fogg** on the occasion of the **1982 World Championships** held in **Bozeman, USA** when they won the Silver Medal in the Men's Synchronised competition.

As from 1st January 2001 Scottish trampolinists and officials, like their counterparts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, will only be eligible to compete at major FIG International Competitions, as members of Great Britain teams.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2006

Melbourne, the host City for these Games have requested that trampolining be added to the Programme for these Games! **Ed.**

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TRAMPOLINE MAKES OLYMPIC DEBUT

And what a debut – with house full notices on both nights. With an estimated audience attendance of 12,500 on each of the competition days. We had drama. We had tears; and we even had the "Mexican Wave", which went on and on. We even had a lap of honour at the end of the men's competition by all three medallists. What is more, everyone stayed until AFTER the medal ceremonies had long passed, each day. It was brilliant – everyone said so, from the paying public to those in the Olympic Family tribunes. The IOC was impressed. The FIG was impressed. SOCOG were impressed. NBC could be nothing other than impressed. Trampoline was on show to the world and what a show. There were gasps of amazement from the mainly partisan audience at the skills being performed before their very eyes. This was NOT backyard sport (as had been suggested by an American reporter in Time Magazine) but one of intricate skill that left everyone demanding more. If the audience **scared Robin Forbes AUS** with the reception she received, they very nearly took the roof of the Super Dome when **Ji Wallace AUS** entered the arena the following day, smiling like a Cheshire cat. What allegedly had put Robin off, worked miracles for Ji. The louder the cheering, the bigger the smile from Ji, and the better he seemed to perform – and how the audience reacted to their local hero. The atmosphere was electrifying, with Wallace qualifying for the men's Final in 4th place, just one place ahead of our own **Lee Brearley**. Having maintained 4th place with an excellent final voluntary, it was just a case of wait and see. When **Dimitri Polyarush BLR** faltered; and it was clear that Wallace was now in medal position, the crowd reaction was just deafening, which rose to a crescendo when **David Martin FRA** also erred at the final hurdle. It was now clear to all that Wallace, lying 4th some three minutes earlier, was now certain of Silver Medal, with only **Alexandre Moskalenko RUS** between himself and Gold Medal. However, **Sasha** was not easily giving up *his* medal and performed magnificently, scoring **9.0 9.0 9.3 9.4 9.4 14.0 Total 41.70** which was 2.4 points ahead of Wallace, with a completely stunned **Mathieu Turgeon CAN** finishing in Bronze Medal position, a further 0.2 points behind.

In both the women and men's competitions there were no major

upsets as to who would eventually make their way through to the Finals, although, if he had not sustained a serious injury in training beforehand, I would have expected **Nakata JPN** to have been one of the eight Finalists in the men's event. **Lee Brearley GBR** performed magnificently, surprising quite a number of people, including myself, with the high standard of his compulsory and 1st voluntary routines. To finish in 6th position in an Olympic Final, in any sport, is no mean feat. Lee can be justly proud of his achievements in Sydney. His, was a brilliant effort.

In the women's competition, **Jaime Moore GBR** had a nightmare of an Olympics, falling well short of what we all know she is capable of doing. The disappointment on her face after the 1st voluntary exercise said it all. We all felt so sorry for her. However, no one could have been more disappointed than **Anna Dogonadze GER**, leading going into the Finals, only to come to grief after only her second move, and finishing up on the end deck, totally dejected. Anna had been suffering from a heavy cold throughout the three days previously and her strength just left her at the final hurdle. As expected, the queen of women's trampoline, **Irina Karavaeva RUS** easily took the Olympic title she so richly deserved, with a brilliant display. **Oxana Tshuleva UKR** finished in Silver Medal position, with another surprised, although richly deserved, Canadian, **Karen Cockburn**, in Bronze Medal slot.

And what of the future: there is talk of perhaps adding Synchronised Trampolining to that of the Individual Competition in the Olympic Programme, even as soon as Athens in 2004! This is a goal that I will be pursuing long before then. **Ed.**

Men's Final Results

- 1 Moskalenko Alexandre RUS 9.0 9.0 9.3 9.4 9.4 14.0 **41.7**
- 2 Wallace Ji AUS 8.5 8.7 8.3 8.4 8.4 14.0 **39.3**
- 3 Turgeon Mathieu CAN 8.3 8.2 8.4 8.5 8.4 14.0 **39.1**
- 4 Martin David FRA 8.8 8.8 8.9 9.1 9.1 12.0 **38.8**
- 5 Polyarush Dimitri BLR 8.4 8.4 8.6 8.4 8.5 12.8 **38.1**
- 6 Brearley Lee GBR 8.4 8.5 8.3 8.3 8.4 12.8 **37.9**
- 7 Villafuerte Alan NED 5.6 5.5 5.5 5.6 5.7 10.9 **27.6**
- 8 Chernonos Olexandre UKR 1.5 1.6 1.5 1.5 1.5 03.0 **07.5**

Women Final Results

- 1 Karavaeva Irina RUS 9.0 9.0 8.8 8.8 8.8 12.3 **38.9**
- 2 Tshuleva Oxana UKR 8.6 8.6 8.5 8.6 8.6 11.9 **37.7**
- 3 Cockburn Karen CAN 8.5 8.3 8.5 8.3 8.2 12.3 **37.4**
- 4 Khilko Ekaterina UZB 8.4 8.4 8.2 8.3 8.2 11.7 **36.6**
- 5 Karpenkova Natalia BLR 8.3 8.5 8.3 8.0 8.0 10.8 **35.3**
- 6 Furu Akiko JPN 8.2 8.5 8.3 8.0 8.0 10.8 **35.3**
- 7 Kherperia Rusudan GEO 7.5 7.4 7.1 7.2 7.4 12.1 **34.1**
- 8 Dogonadze Anna GER 0.9 1.0 0.8 0.8 0.8 02.5 **05.0**

12 Moore Jaime GBR

YOUTH TEAM SUCCESS

Members of the Great Britain Youth Team are to be congratulated on their successful venture into Germany where they defeated the German Youth Team by a clear **18.4 points** [546.2 points to 527.8 points] in their annual match. Stars of the youth team were **Simon Milnes**, overall winner of the event, scoring 105.2 with a 13.3 tariff, **Natalie O'Conner** who won the **Under 18 Girls** event, with **Catherine Driscoll** and **Brooke Milliner** winning the **Under 15 Girls** and **Boys** events respectively. According to Team Manager, **Bill Leach**, the result was an exceptional performance from the young team, many of whom performed at their very best.

The match was held in the town of **Duisburg**, October past.

Team Members were:

Bill Leach – Head of Delegation/Judge
Claire Thomson – Judge
Sue Lawton – Coach
Sharon Wood – Coach

Under 15 Girls

Katie Harris
Lauren Allen
Kirsty Ward
Hannah Lewis
Katherine Driscoll

Under 15 Boys

Steven Walsh
Philip Dodson
James Smith
Alex Lawrie
Brooke Milliner

Under 18 Girls

Sophie Sheppard
Colleen Stopforth
Alice Brown
Natalie O'Conner
Vicky Pollard

Under 18 Boys

Mathew Baker
David Horridge
James Higgins
Andrew Coulter
Simon Milnes

The **2001** venue for this annual match is confirmed as **Crosfields School, Reading on 29th September.**

FIVE EUROPEAN MEDALS FOR GB TRAMPOLINING

1 Silver and **4 Bronze** medals were added to the total of major event medals won by GB trampolinists, on the occasion of the **European Senior and Youth Championships**, which were held in **Eindhoven, Holland** during the period **15-21 October 2000.**

Medals were won in the following categories:

Senior Championships

Teams

Men – Bronze

Synchro

Men – Bronze

Ladies – Bronze

Youth Championships

Teams

Boys – Bronze

Girls – Silver

In addition, the **ladies** senior team finished in 4th place in their particular event (0.3 points off medal position) whilst the girls **youth** team also finishing in 4th place (0.6 points off medal position) in their event. We also had finalists in both the senior ladies [9th] and youth girls [7th and 8th] and boys [5th and 8th] competitions respectively.

These results and performances from the youth and senior team members, bears well for the future.

The next meeting of the TTC will be held in **Luton** on the **20th January 2001.**

73rd FIG CONGRESS

Marrakech, Morocco

ELECTIONS

The **FIG Congress** was held in **Marrakech** during the period **13-15th November 2000** and the following members of **British Gymnastics** are to be congratulated on their election to the various positions within the FIG:

John Atkinson – Sport Aerobics Technical Committee
John Beeton – Trampoline Technical Committee
Brian Stocks – Council Member
Patricia Wade – Sport Acrobatics Technical Committee

Their Term of Office is for four years and is in conjunction with the Olympic cycle.

TTC ELECTIONS

Due to an administrative error, these elections will now be held in **March 2001.** BG will issue details to members soon.

Aalsmeer Flower Cup

This BI-annual event is scheduled for **Saturday 17th March 2001** in the town of **Aalsmeer, Holland**. The competition is recognised by both the **KNGU** and **FIG**, and normally receives a very large entry from our sport.

For more information about this event, please contact the following: **Secretariat – Mrs P van Zijverden, Aletta Jacobsstraat 28, 1433 PE Kudelstaart, Holland** e-mail flowercup@trampolining.net or visit their web sight at: <http://jump.to/flowercup>. Ed

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 7-8 JULY 2001

The National Championships in 2001 will be held in the **Birmingham Indoor Arena**. **Irene Thompson** has been appointed as the Nationals local organiser.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

The **Competition Committee** has agreed new guidelines for all **Grade 1 and 2 Competitions**. In future, there **MUST** be a 5-metre gap between the two centre trampolines. If the gap is less than 5 metres, the centre four trampolines are to be joined together.

Assistant Chairs of Judging Panels are to be appointed to alleviate the **Chair of the Judges Panel** having to repeatedly go under the end decks!

REVISED ENTRY FEES

Competition entry fees have been revised for **2001**. It will now cost **£7** for entry to **Grade 1 and 2 Competitions**. Fees for **Grade 2 Nationals** have risen to **£10** and for **Grade 1 Nationals** **£12**. Increases have come about in order to compensate for the increased cost of hall hire, particularly in the South of the country!

Regions and Home Countries are asked to continue reviewing and setting their own entry fees for **Grade 3 to 6 competitions**, in line with their local financial requirements. As a guide, **East Midlands Region** have increased entry fees from **£5** to **£6** and the **Northern Region** have increased their entry fees from **£4** to **£5**.

FOUR COUNTRIES INTERNATIONAL MATCH

This Annual Senior International match, involving teams from **Great Britain, Germany, France and Denmark**, will be held at the **Temple Park Centre, South Shields, Tyne & Wear** on **Saturday 7th April 2001**, from **1400-1700 hrs**.

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bill.leach@edcom.sunderland.gov.uk is heading the local Organising Committee on behalf of the TTC and can *cope* with additional supporters *at a cost*. Please contact Bill direct if you require accommodation.

JUDGE RECORD BOOKS

ALL Judges should be in possession of a **Judge Record Book**, obtainable from **Mike Phillipson, 12 Castle Drive, DOVER, kent CT16 3EN**. Tel/fax: 01304 825686.

PLANNED FACILITIES

Facility building development was planned to occur at **Lilleshall** during the next **four** years, with a hall for **Rythmic Gymnastics** and a hall for **Sports Gymnastics**.

TUTOR UPGRADES

The TTC have approved **Tutor upgrades** for the following coaches:

Hilbre Hockenhull (NW) to Tutor (**advanced coach Part1**)
Jack Kelly (E) & Tony James (WAL) to Tutor (**senior coach**)

Peter Heames, TTC Member for **Judge Education**, has agreed to Chair the **Double Mini-trampoline (DMT)** sub-committee, set up to progress this discipline.

The **Judge Education** sub-committee consists of Chair: **Peter Heames (WM)** and members **Steven Grist (WAL)**, **Peter Herron (NW)**, **Tony Hull (S)** and **Sally Slinger (E)**.