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EDITORIAL

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I would like to begin this editorial by congratulating our very successful World Championship team for their success in Odense last weekend. To have finalists in eight of the possible ten finals, culminating in four **bronze** medals, was a great achievement. Our haul of medals could have been even higher, especially in the men's Tumbling event, where our team were only just beaten for bronze, and in the ladies Synchronised competition, where **Claire Wright** and **Kirsten Lawton** qualified for the final in second place, only to falter at the final hurdle. A report on the 22nd World Championships appears later in this issue.

Since the last issue of Trampoline News, we have staged a very successful National Championships in Birmingham and from all accounts, both the venue and competition were very highly rated.

Our bid to stage a FIG World Cup event in the present series has proven unsuccessful. However, this was most probably due to the lateness of the bid. I can assure members that future bids will be lodged in plenty of time!

At the time of writing, our WAG team in Odense, are hopefully, winning lots of medals. They are in good spirits and when I spoke to a number of them on Sunday, very much looking forward to the start of the event.

I also have some good news about the WAGs. In the past, the FIG Executive has stated that after **Odense**, the WAGs would not be recognized as a FIG event. I can now tell you there has been a change of heart by the Executive. At their meeting in Odense last Friday; they have now agreed to also run the WAGs in the future, as an **official** FIG event. This is indeed good news, as we need this event to help with the development and motivation of our youth and juniors, as does the organiser of the World Championships, who relies on the competition to help finance the very costly WC., which are traditionally held the week prior. The scrapping of this event has been a constant worry to the FIG TC – not any more!

I would like to end this editorial by offering the best wishes of the TTC to our teams heading for **Akita JPN** and **Brisbane AUS** during the current month, to participate in the **World Games** and **Goodwill Games** respectively, and to adding to our 2001 medal tally. **Ed.**

SUCCESS IN TURNOV

The Great Britain team of **Katherine Driscoll**, **Aurora Necco**, **Polly Osmond**, **Andrew Coulter**, **Gary Short** and **Gary Smith** are to be congratulated on their success in the recently held annual **Four Nations International Match** involving national teams from **GBR DEN CZE** plus a team from the **Rhineland Area** of Germany. Results were:

Great Britain:	413.9 points
Denmark:	402.3 points
Czech Republic:	395.8 points
Rhineland:	375.7 points

Individually, Gary Smith was second with 107.5/15.6 points. Andrew Coulter third with 106.0/14.2 points and Gary Short 5th with 103.2/13.1 points

An excellent result all round.

WORLD CUP POINTS GAINED IN HANOVER

Great Britain trampolinists gained a number of World Cup Points, in this the first of the 2001-2002 World Cup series, held in **Hanover GER** early in June.

In the ladies event both **Kirsten Lawton** and **Claire Wright** qualified for the inaugural 8 x place individual Knock-out Finals, with Claire bringing home 4 points and Kirsten 3 points. In the Synchronised competition, Claire and Kirsten maintained their world standing in the event with a fourth place, gaining 6 points.

In the men's competition, **Lee Brearley** and **Paul Smyth** reached the men's Synchronised Final, gaining 2 points.

This was an impressive start in the present World Cup series by the Great Britain team members; and especially the ladies. Long may it continue.

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INTERNATIONAL EVENTS FOREIGN GUESTS

British Gymnastic Registered Clubs are reminded of the necessity to inform the FIG of any international guests invited to participate in their competition here in the United Kingdom. Form A can be obtained from either British Gymnastics (**Barbara Stephan**) or myself, and must be completed three months prior to the event, and must include such information as:

Date and Venue of the event
Kind of event i.e. Trampoline, Sports aerobics etc.
Name of Chair of Judges Panel etc.

In accordance with the **FIG Technical Regulations** and the **FIG Statutes**, there is a small charge to pay to the FIG for the holding of such events where foreign gymnasts are included.

BRITISH NATIONAL FINALS REPORT

Sue Lawton

The **British National Trampoline Finals** were held at the **National Indoor Arena** in **Birmingham** on the 7th and 8th of July. The grand arena was a fitting setting for such a prestigious event and the audience had a spectacular raised view of the championships.#

The championships produced some of the finest British trampolining ever seen, presenting breathtaking finals in each of the twelve events.

Friday night open training allowed the competitors to determine which trampoline to use and familiarize themselves with the size of the venue, lighting and facilities.

For many, the highlight of the weekend was the Men's and Ladies events, neither of which disappointed the audience, with drama in the Men's when more than one title hopeful proved inconsistent' and others gave great performances, including the eventual Champion, Olympian **Lee Brearley**.

In a much more predictable Ladies final the audience witnessed a ladies tariff record set by the Ladies Champion, **Claire Wright** when she competed a 13.9 difficulty.

Many British Gymnastics, British Trampoline Federation and local dignitaries attended the event and were clearly highly impressed by the amazing displays of aerial skills involved in trampolining.

A standing ovation was given to **Cathy Page** who was recently

Honored as a recipient of an MBE for services to trampolining.

I would like to thank Pam Smith and her committee, who all worked tirelessly to make the event the success it undoubtedly was. It would also be remiss of me not to thank our sponsors: and especially **Gymaid** and **Universal Services** for providing the trampoline equipment for the championships.

335 Competitors from 63 clubs had qualified at the preliminary Grade 1 events throughout the 2001 season to take part in the finals.

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The next meeting of the TTC is scheduled for Heathrow, London on Sunday 16th September 2001.

22nd Trampoline, Tumbling & Double Mini-Trampoline World Championships Odense (DEN)

Bronze Medal

Ladies Individual trampoline
Claire Wright

Ladies Individual tumbling
Katherine Peberdy

Ladies trampoline team
**Claire Wright, Kirsten Lawton, Victoria Pollard, Aurora
Necco**

Ladies tumbling team
Katherine Peberdy, Zoe Styles, Elizabeth Gough

Finalists

Men's individual tumbling
Robert Small – 7th

Men's tumbling team
Robert Small, Damien Walters, Richard Harris – 4th

Ladies synchronised trampoline
Claire Wright, Kirsten Lawton – 5th

Men's synchronised trampoline
Paull Smyth, Lee Brearley – 6th

The men's trampoline team only just missed the finals of their event, finishing in 6th place. With 17 teams entered, this was an excellent result also.

In tumbling, the men's team were curtailed somewhat, with injuries to both **Ross Gibson** and **Robert Proctor** prior to the event. Without taking anything away from other members of the squad there is no doubt that with both Ross and Robert in the team, the medal count would have been greater.

Our ladies synchronised team was most certainly in with a chance of a medal in their particular final, but the slightest of errors in the final saw the Canadian pair overtake them into Bronze position. A repeat of their second routine would have secured silver medal, with a score of 48.7/12.7.

The large British contingent could not contain themselves and every appearance of a member of the British team was given a

rousing welcome, with flag waving and cheering.

Claire and Katherine were both overcome with emotion, not only by their success but also by the reception they both received from our supporters, which both girls and the rest of the team members really appreciated.

The ladies trampoline final was won by, as one would expect, **Karavaeva RUS**, but by only 0.01pt over **Dogonadze GER** in second place. Her performance up to this point had been less than we have come to expect from Irina. In fact, Karavaeva had only just managed to qualify for the finals in 7th place after the prelims. However, unlike the men's final that followed, only one lady, **Tsyguleva UKR** failed to perform to their best, and it is to Claire's credit that she did not falter at the last hurdle.

I am certain that this success will be a great boost for Claire. She thoroughly deserves her bronze medal and must now be looking forward to even greater success.

The men's individual final saw only three men finish their routine without penalty. This has been unheard of before in a World Championship and the audience was kept on the edge of their seats until the very last minute. As Chair of the Judges Panel for the event, I just could not believe what I was witnessing – **Chernova UKR** was first up and put together a really excellent routine, setting the standard for all others, with a score of 41.4/16.2. **Martin FRA** was next but had deduction at the end of his routine, followed by **Villafuerte NED** who managed to hold his routine together to score 40.2/15.5. Next to compete was **Nikitin UKR** – who fell, followed by **Poliaroush BLR** – who also fell. He was followed by **Kubicka GER** and **Knytchev RUS** – who both followed those before them with even more spectacular falls. Enter **Moskalenko RUS** cool as could be to perform an exquisite routine, scoring **9.2 9.3 9.0 9.3 9.0 16.00 Total 43.5 – Men's World Champion** once again.

Our injuries in the men's tumbling team were a bitter blow, especially the injury sustained by Robert Proctor, who had eventually to travel home on crutches and who will most likely be out of the gym for the next six months.

Kirsten Lawton was really unfortunate not to make the ladies individual finals, except for a small error in her second routine. Her 13th placing could just as easily have been 8th place having lost 1.8 points for touching the side pads. This would have put her 0.4 pts ahead of the 8th qualifier, **Marina Mourinova RUS**.

Like all of the major events, once the competition begins, everything begins to run smoothly and this championship was no different. However, we did have one or two small problems. The team hotel was not what the team had expected to be and transport arrangements were less than ideal. However, it is to the teams' credit that this did not affect their training or performance in any way and they are to be congratulated for their efforts.