

Apex Success in Sydney



Competition Arena

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Apex swags medals in Sydney

The Apex Trampoline competition squad returned from Sydney Olympic Park today with a swag of medals from the 2012 NSW State Age & Elite Championships. 10-year old, Patrick Schluter stole the show in the Under 11 Men's events claiming the gold medal in the Double-Mini tramp and a bronze in the Individual Trampoline. In the synchronised event, Patrick partnered with Kingborough's Matthew French to win the gold medal in the Under 13 Men's event.

Senior International and 17+ competitor, Damien Axelsen showed great height and stability on the Double-Mini to win the bronze medal in an event dominated by NSW International performers. Damien also competed well in the 17+ Men's Individual Trampoline, however, a mistake in the first round of competition cost him a medal in the event. Head Coach, Ben Kelly, said that Damien was quite clearly the best competitor in the event, outscoring his rivals by more than 2 points in both optional routines and although disappointed in his compulsory routine, his performances are most definitely heading in the right direction. Damien also won the silver medal in the Senior International Men's Syncho competition, partnered by Owen Gilbert from Ingleburn and made his interstate Tumbling debut winning the silver medal in the 17+ men's event.

Musashi Ledger, competed in the 17+ and Junior International events, winning the bronze medal in the 17+ Men's Synchronised Trampoline and finishing in the Junior International Men's DMT event.

The competition was held at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, the same venue which will host the 2012 Australian National Championships in May/June. Ben said the team was planning to use this competition as a trial run before the main event next month. The team all competed well, adapting quickly to the competition equipment, with positive feedback from Australian Olympic Judge, Brett Austine regarding the teams performances, style, and competition readiness.

The Apex Team was accompanied by Launceston team members, Hannah Chesterman and Stuart Snare, as well as Kingborough team members, Matthew French and Rona Hunter. Officials were Ben Kelly, Jo Penny, Alison Morgan and Jack Penny.

The Apex competition squad will now start preparing for the 2012 National Championships which will serve as the first trial for the Indo-Pacific Championships being held in October.

