

National Success at Australian Championship for Tasmanian Trampoline Team!



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Congratulations to you all! Full report and photo's included.

The Tasmanian Trampoline Gymnastics team flew high above the other states at the 2013 Australian Gymnastics Championships which was held at Sydney Olympic Park last week. A 25-strong team competed in both the international and age group events across all four disciplines including Individual Trampoline, Synchronised Trampoline, Double-Mini Tramp and Tumbling.

Hobart's Hugh McConnell led the winning streak by defending his title and claiming the gold medal for Tasmania. McConnell then teamed up with Queensland's, Blake Rutherford to convincingly defend their 2012 title and win the Junior Men's Synchronised event. In the Junior Double-Mini event, 2012 National Champion, Launceston's Aidan Collins qualified in 1st position, however, an error in the final round cost him the gold medal and title. Team mate, Makonnen Brown picked up the bronze medal in this event.

In the Senior International events, TIS Scholarship Holder, Jack Penny displayed consistent work on a new routine with bigger difficulty to finish in 2nd place behind 2012 Olympian, Blake Gaudry. In the first team's event competition to be held at the National Championships, the Tasmanian men's team picked up the bronze medal in the Double-Mini event, whilst finishing 4th in the Individual Trampoline team event. State coach, Ben Kelly, says that the quality of the Tasmanian team did not go unnoticed throughout the gymnastics community with many positive comments being thrown his way. Delegates from the Eurotramp Company were also in attendance at this event and were impressed by the Tasmanian contingent.

In the age events, Under 11 gymnasts Amber French and Lucy Chesterman picked up a gold medal in the Synchronised event, while Fergus Shepherd finished with a bronze medal in the Individual Trampoline. Tim Wilson performed near flawless routines to finish 3rd in the Under 13 Men's Double-Mini, while Matthew French picked up a bronze in the Under 15 Men's Individual Trampoline. In the older age divisions, Stuart Snare found himself on the podium three times out of four finishing 3rd in the 17+ men's Individual Trampoline, Tumbling, and Synchronised Trampoline partnered by Hobart's Musashi Ledger. Rose Bowerman continued the medal tally finishing 2nd in the Women's Synchronised event, and 3rd in the Double-Mini tramp, while Aidan Collins and Hugh McConnell finished their competition with a gold medal performance in the 17+ Men's Synchronised event.

This event was the first trial for the upcoming World Championships being held in Bulgaria in November. Jack Penny, Hugh McConnell, Makonnen Brown, Musashi Ledger, Matthew French, Josh Hedley-Williams, along with Damien Axelsen who is currently recovering from injury, will compete in the final trial being held in Brisbane in August.

A huge thanks to all the Coaches, Officials and Chaperones who attended the Nationals with the competitors!

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Under 13 Team



Congratulations!



Congratulations Rose!



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Congratulations Hugh!



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Junior Team



Under 11 Team



Under 15 Team



Under 17 Team