

THE 'GOODWILL CLASSIQUE' SURPRISE RESULTS

The 14th 'Goodwill Classique' Gymnastics International had some very surprising results this year while the competition still retained it's 'Goodwill' flavour with all the teams and individuals competing fiercely against each other

This event very famous around the World for it's slick running by the organisers and their band of volunteers, over the months of preparation, and the actual weekend of competition is completed with some special festive decorations adding to the effects in the 'Broadwood Gymnastics Academy'

That was the opinion of all competitors, trainers, judges and an appreciative audience who participated in this special event in Broadwood over the weekend of 2nd to 4th December 2005.

The audience over the two days of the competition were treated to plenty of exciting thrills, high level skills and a few heart stopping 'Spills' which was testified by the applause and enthusiasm of the audience.

Teams started arriving in Cumbernauld from Thursday 1st December onwards with the teams from Hungary, Belgium and Monaco being the first to arrive, many of the teams arrived early on Friday onwards.

Competition got well under way early Saturday morning with Park Wrekin from the midlands taking a massive lead which was going to be difficult for the teams in the afternoon round to beat, the Cumbernauld club were in a comfortable fourth position at this point but there were strong teams to come in the next round.

The second round had a lot of excitement with the other top teams very aware by now of the strong lead that the midlands team had

The emergence of the very strong Liverpool team pushed the midlands team well down into second place with a six point lead, and Liverpool are the first team to win the 'Walker Cup' three times, the Hungarian team won the International Trophy only a few points behind Liverpool.

Favourites 'Dynamo' this year dropped to 7th place with Cumbernauld in 6th place three points in front.

In the all-round individual Liverpool's Aisling Williams topped the field to take the coveted title, Trophy and Gold medal with a score of 34.15, runner up Laura Gombas from Hungary had 32.775 and Carol Gallashan from Liverpool was a very close contender with 33.125, taking the Bronze Medal, an array of beautiful trophies for all events were supplied by 'The Trophy Studio' here in Cumbernauld.

The highest home scorer trophy went to Lauren Beck from Wishaw who also finished 5th all round, she is a member of the Cumbernauld Club and trains regularly in the Broadwood Gymnastics Academy.

A special reception dinner and Ceilidh dance was given on Saturday evening by the Provost of North Lanarkshire to welcome all the visiting teams who all voted this an excellent evening, each head of delegation was presented with a special memento gift from the deputy Provost Tom Curly

Sunday was the Individual Apparatus competition with some very surprising results, Laura Gombas from Hungary took the Vault title and the Floor Title, Helen Gallashan and Aisling Williams from Liverpool Bars title and Beam title.

The other medals for apparatus were spread between Park Wrekin, Hungary and Cumbernauld, our own Lauren Beck made all four apparatus finals and finished in Bronze medallist on Vault , fifth on Bars, sixth on Balance Beam and seventh on Floor.

The 'Goodwill Classique' International celebrated it's Fourteenth anniversary with entries pouring in for the 2006 event

The competition Directors, Margaret Brady and husband David Scollon would like to take this opportunity to thank all their sponsors, the 'Walker Group', N. Lanarkshire Council, O.K.I. and Swords Bakers Ltd, plus that great band of volunteers for their support and help which makes this event so good.

The Westerwood Hotel Staff were very welcoming to all our visiting teams and the visitors themselves voted the Hotel as simply super.

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