

# Jubbly 671

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## BIGGEST ARMADA CUP EVER

Plymouth Diving recently hosted quite simply, the largest Armada Cup ever with some 185 divers from 15 clubs taking part. Teams arrived from as far afield as Edinburgh in Scotland and Dublin in Ireland and it meant for some top diving action.

Plymouth Diving came away with 5 gold medals!

**Tom Daley** was diving in the Men's A category and took all three titles comfortably but the opposition were determined to chase him all the way.

**Brooke Graddon** took the Women's A category platform title as expected just before jetting off to Germany for a Grand Prix event where she represented Great Britain! Brooke was 13<sup>th</sup> in a close fought contest in Rostock, Germany, just missing the semi-finals.

**Matthew Dixon** had some great battles all weekend which gave him silver and bronze medals and saw him qualifying second for the 1 metre final. He gave his all in the final and this time, finally, came away with a gold medal.

**Shanice Lobb** also had a busy weekend and had some highlights and heartaches. In the 3 metre competition she was 'away with the fairies' and dropped a couple of dives meaning a nailed back two and a half still wasn't enough to get her through. In her 1 metre competition she was less than a point from the final but her platform (and favourite) event was where she shined. She qualified in third place and knew she needed an all out performance to claim a medal. She wowed the crowd with her back two and a half once again and took the silver medal!

**Kayleigh Sinclair** was also competing in three events but in an incredibly tough girls C group, she finalled in the 1m and her classy, consistent diving gave her the bronze medal. In her other events she was not far off making the finals and it looks hopeful for the Elite Junior Finals in Leeds in June.

**Charlie Wood** got the chance to show what he's made of on the platform and came away with a well deserved bronze medal in the Mens A Platform competition.

**Ollie Piper** had the weekend of his life! Showing what a contender he is for the medals at the National Age Groups in July, Ollie made two finals – the 3m and the platform. Both times it was his new dives that helped him make the top 6 and he ended up with fifth and sixth place plates.

**Ashleigh Hendrick** was in unlucky 4<sup>th</sup> place in his platform competition and was not in contention in his springboard events (even though if he believed in himself he would be!). **Aaron Walters** dived very consistently to make the Men's A 1 metre final and finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

**Drew Cunningham** also made the Boys B final with some lovely diving and finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place. **Charlotte Donoghue** made the final of the Girls B platform and finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

**Jessica Lidstone** pulled off, quite possibly, the best performance of the weekend and had the crowd on it's feet for every one of her 5 dives in the 3 metre competition. She was incredibly unlucky not to make the final and finished two points out in 7<sup>th</sup> but an amazing back one a half tucked stole the show from the rest of the competition!!

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## **BIGGEST ARMADA CUP EVER contd.....**

Full results are posted on the balcony!

Can I just extend our thanks to all our volunteers who I've tried to list below, apologies if I missed anyone:

**Jane Donoghue, Helen Tipping, Helen Kennedy, Debra Weymouth, Kathy Hendrick, Steve Hendrick, Linda Bunsell, Donna Dixon, Denise Mulvihill, Julia Lonkvist, Sam Avens, Lesley Vallance, Claire Douglas, Connor Figg, Tierney Figg, Kira Figg, Millie Wood, Charlie Wood, Trish Walters, Angela King, Allison Flack, Rob Daley, Aaron Walters, Chris Hill, Millie Deighton, Fallon Perks, Heather French, Rhona Jenking-Rees, Sally Couch and Jackie Woodward.**

**And Becky Lidstone..... John Allan..... And Jayne Glynn! The three Amigos we definitely couldn't do the Armada Cup without!**

**Plus... all the medal bearers: James Lonkvist, Izzy Woodward, Tommy Woodward, Lucy Gutierrez, Alice Avens, Abbey Douglas, Millie Lidstone, Jess Lidstone, Shana Vallance, Amber Bishop, Holly Norfolk, Thomas Dixon, Harry Rafton, Ben Miller, Jessie Hawker, Malia Daley and Jessica Coombe.**



## **Eindhoven Diving Cup 2010**

A team of 11 divers ventured off to Eindhoven in the Netherlands for a club international competition that attracted teams from Belarus, Netherlands, Greece, Spain, Latvia, Switzerland, Hungary, Georgia, Austria, France and Norway.

Top results for Plymouth came from Charlotte Donoghue who took gold in the Girls B Platform competition and Jenny Bunsell who took bronze in the Girls C 3 metre.



Other notable results were:

Ryan Wills – 8<sup>th</sup> 3m, 5<sup>th</sup> Platform

Greg Kennedy – 12<sup>th</sup> 1m

Maeve Dennehy – 10<sup>th</sup> 1m

Connor Figg – 4<sup>th</sup> Platform

Ollie Piper – 9<sup>th</sup> 3m

Charlotte Donoghue – 6<sup>th</sup> 3m

Laura Grubb – 10<sup>th</sup> 3m

Jenny Bunsell – 8<sup>th</sup> 1m

Shana Vallance – 15<sup>th</sup> 1m

Jess Lidstone – 16<sup>th</sup> 3m

Alice Avens – 19<sup>th</sup> 3m



For most of the team it was their first big international event and gave them lots of confidence for their events at the Armada Cup. For several divers, they were also diving up an age group which was especially tough with some being three years younger than their competitors.

Coach, Claire Wonnacott was very pleased with the team and everyone had a fantastic time! The Plymouth Team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 31 teams!

Well done guys!