

2008

Summary- What a year for British Gymnastics. 2008 is sure to go down in the history books as being one of the most successful ever; an Olympic Bronze, junior gymnastics leading the way, the hosting of back-to-back World Champions in Acrobatics and medals galore across all disciplines, in fact there's been so much success we could only fit selections of it in our review of the year.

- **Beijing Olympics;**

Louis Smith makes history. He wins Bronze on Pommel Horse, Britain's first Individual medal for 100 years.

Beth Tweddle finishes 4th on the Asymmetric Bars.

Becky Downie claims 12th in the All-around and Daniel Keatings 20th.

The British Women's Team finish 9th in Qualification.

Claire Wright takes 10th position in the Trampoline Individual Women's event.

Men's Artistic Gymnastics

- British Men's Junior Team – European Champions in Lausanne (SUI).
- Daniel Keatings, Junior European Champion, Gold on Pommel and P.Bars and Bronze on Floor.
- Daniel Purvis, Junior European Championships, 2nd Overall.
- Louis Smith, 4th Place (Pommel), World Cup Final, with Daniel Keatings and Kristian Thomas in 5th on Pommel and Floor.
- Daniel Keatings, Bronze on Pommel Horse at Doha World Cup event.
- Louis Smith, Silver on Pommel Horse, Cottbus World Cup event.
- Daniel Keatings and Louis Smith, Gold and the Silver on Pommels at the "World Stars" competition in Moscow.
- Kristian Thomas, Silver on Floor, Stuttgart World Cup event. He becomes the new Senior British Champion.

Women's Artistic Gymnastics

- Beth Tweddle, Silver on Floor, European Championships in Clermont Ferrnad (FRA).
- Nicole Hibbert makes Junior European Finals on Floor and Vault.
- Becky Downie, Silver, A. Bars, Cottbus World Cup event. She becomes the British Senior Champion.

Trampoline Gymnastics

- European Championships, Odense (DEN) - Silver Youth Women.
Senior Women, Synchro - Claire Wright/Katherine Driscoll- Bronze medal.
Junior Individual- Emma Smith – Gold. Junior Women (Synchro) Brookes/ Britton – Silver; Junior Men (Synchro) Greave/Strong – Bronze.
- Claire Wright, Bronze, Word Cup event, Evian, France where she wins another bronze in the Synchro, with Kat Driscoll.
- Claire Wright and James Higgins, British Senior Champions.

Rhythmic Gymnastics

- Francesca Jones claims 3 Bronze medals at LG International.
- British Junior Team finish 13th out of 33 Team's at European Championships in Turin (ITA).
- Francesca Fox, British Senior Champion.

Tumbling

- European Championships, Odense (DEN) – Gold Youth Women.
Senior Women- Laura Houson- Silver.
Junior Women- Rachael Letsche - Gold.
- Charlie Burrows and Sarah Turner, British Senior Champions.

Double Mini-Trampoline (DMT)

- European Championships, Odense (DEN) – Bronze DMT Youth Women. Junior Women - Adeva Bryan, Bronze medal.
- Matthew Swaffer and Adeva Bryan, British Senior Champions.

Acrobatic Gymnastics

- Glasgow hosts the Acrobatic World Championships and the Age-group World Championships. Great Britain wins the team Silver medal.
- Men's Group (Adam McCassey, Adam Buckingham, Alex Uttley and Samuel Sturt) and Men's Pair (Edward Upcott and Mark Fyson) win Bronze, in World Championships.
- Britain wins 3 Gold, 4 Silver and 1 Bronze in World Age-group Championships.

Aerobic Gymnastics

- GB record best ever result at French Open, returning with 8 medals.
- GB win 3 Gold and 4 Bronze medals at Las Vegas, ANAC Championship.
- Emily Gale and Sebastian de Verteuil, British Senior Champions.

GMPD

- Britain hosts training camp and friendly competition at the Blume Festival.

Cheerleading

- Over 1000 Cheerleaders attend British Championships at the NIA.
- Britain claim 2 Silvers and Bronze at European Championships.

International Governing Bodies

- Brian Stocks elected to the FIG Executive Committee.
- Karl Wharton elected as a member of the FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics TC.