

2010

Summary- 2010 was a year of record-breaking achievements, and was by far the most successful year for British Gymnastics since its founding in 1888. 2010 confirmed Britain's new status as one of the top 10 nations in the world of Gymnastics and also, our outstanding skills and expertise in organising major events.

Men's Artistic Gymnastics

- European Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Birmingham;
The British gymnasts came out of it with a total of 15 European medals, including 8 titles:
 - British Junior Men's Team (Oldham, Whitlock, Beckford, Baines, Mackenzie) – retained the Champion's status following the sensational victory of their predecessors in Lausanne 2008.
 - Daniel Keatings became the first British man to win European Senior title (on Pommels)
 - Sam Oldham was the crowned European Junior Champion in the All-around and High Bar
 - Max Whitlock- European Junior Champion on Floor and Pommels
- The next "first time ever" achievement was Sam Oldham's Champions title on High Bar at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, in August. Luke Folwell also took the title in the All-around and on Vault.
- The Glasgow Grand Prix & World Cup in November: Gold for Louis Smith (Pommels) and Theo Seager (Vault).
- The record-breaking event for British Gymnastics was most importantly, the World Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Rotterdam in October. Our men finished the Qualifications in 4th place and reached the Team Finals for the first time ever and finishing in a commendable 7th position.
- Saturday, 23 October 2010 was "a day to remember" in the history of British Gymnastics with the full set of World Championship medals coming to Britain:
Silver for Louis Smith on Pommel Horse and Bronze for Daniel Purvis on Floor.
- The following victories are just a few amongst the long list of medals in Artistic Gymnastics won at home and abroad:
Louis Smith on Pommels in the Glasgow Grand Prix (November) and Toyota Cup (December);
Daniel Purvis at the Champions Trophy in Germany (November);
Sam Oldham in the Junior internationals in Britain (April);
Sam Hunter at the Joaquim Blume (June);
Luke Folwell and Cameron Mackenzie's success in South Africa (December)-

Women's Artistic Gymnastics

- Beth Tweddle defended her titles on A. Bars & Floor from Milan 2009.
- The British women celebrated their first European Team medal - Silver (Behind Russia and ahead of Romania) won by Beth Tweddle, Rebecca Downie, Nicole Hibbert, Niamh Rippin and Jocelyn Hunt.
- Imogen Cairns' double Gold on Floor and Vault (the latter being her second title after Melbourne 2006) at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi.
- The record-breaking event for British Gymnastics was most importantly, the World Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Rotterdam in October. Our women- in 5th, reaching the Team Finals for the first time ever and to finish in a commendable 7th position.
- Gold for Beth Tweddle on A. Bars - her third World title after 2006 (A. Bars) and 2009 (Floor).
- The Glasgow Grand Prix & World Cup in November: Silver for Hannah Whelan (Beam), Imogen Cairns (Vault) and Bronze for Jenni Pinches (Floor).

Trampoline, DMT & Tumbling

- Strong generations came through also in Trampoline, DMT and Tumbling who won 2 Gold, 5 Silver and 6 Bronze medals at the European Championships in Varna, Bulgaria in April. Both titles came from our junior tumblers: Shaun Gregory, Ind. Men and the GB Team Women.
- At the World Age Group Championships in Metz, France in November, the British won an overall of 9 medals (4-3-2) and took the third position on the Medal Table by country, following Russia, 28 and USA, 13
World Age Groups Champions:

Rachel Davies, Tumbling, 11-12
Greg Townley, Tumbling, 13-14
Lucie Colbeck, Tumbling, 13-14
Nathan Bailey, Trampoline, 17-18

Acrobatic Gymnastics

- 2010 was a revelation year for Acrobatic Gymnastics, a discipline developed by British Gymnastics since 1974. The credit for its new popularity should go to the magnificent "Spelbound" Group, led by former World Champion Neil Griffiths. They were the "Britain's Got Talent" TV Show sensation in June and turned into audience favourites and stars overnight.
- At World Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships in Wroclaw, Poland saw the Spelbound members Douglas Fordyce & Edward Upcott winning the Men's Pairs title and Adam Buckingham, Adam McAssey, Alex Uttley and Jonathan Stranks becoming World champions in the Men's Four. 11-16 World Age Group Champions - Christopher Childs & Jake Underdown (Men's Pair) and Connor Bartlett & Millie Spalding (Mixed Pair).

Aerobic Gymnastics

- A break through to the elite was registered also in Aerobic Gymnastics with the two Silver medals for Great Britain at the World Age Group Championships in Rodez (FRA) in June: Sebastian De Verteuil in the Age-group 2 and again Sebastian, with Chloe Farrance in the Mixed Pairs.

Rhythmic Gymnastics

- Commonwealth Games in Delhi (IND): Team England - Bronze medal and Francesca Jones (Wales) - Silver medal on Hoop.