



UK SCHOOL GAMES 2015 MANCHESTER

TEAM ENGLAND

Men's

Joe Cemlyn-Jones	Falcons
Donell Osbourne	Earls
Joshua Nathan	Birmingham
Tom Nicolaou	Europa
Jamie Lewis	Woking
Harry Caulwell	Birmingham

Coaches

Luke Folwell and Simon Elliott

Women's

Laura Beasley	Park Wrekin
Sophie Scott	Leatherhead & Dorking
Laura Kaletha	Nottingham
Taeja James	Birmingham
Megan Parker	Birmingham

Coaches

Jodie Kime and Adam Folwell

Team Manager

Howard Todd

This year the Sainsbury's School Games were back in Manchester for the second year running. These Games have a great record of developing Olympians and Paralympians of the future. Kristian Thomas, Sam Oldham, Rebecca Tunney and Jenny Pinches have all taken part in previous years.

The base for Gymnastics was the Bolton Arena, which meant daily travel to and from the Games Village at the Birley Campus of Manchester Metropolitan University. Unfortunately, a late bus departure following training on Thursday, resulted in the Team having insufficient time to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Games. This was the only hiccup in, what proved to be, a very efficiently organised and successful event. The volunteers, officials and various partners did a fantastic job in showcasing this event and providing long lasting memories for all participants. More specifically - thanks to Rachel Bayley, Emma Burton, Andrew Aistrup and the whole of the British Gymnastics Competition presentation team.

Coaches' Report on the results:

MEN'S ARTISTIC

Friday 4th September 2015

[Individual All-Around & Team Competition](#)

The Team competition (six competed with five to count) was a success, with England Men's Captain, Tom Nicolaou, leading the Team to victory.

Gold	England (score – 317.280)
Silver	Scotland (score – 296.431)
Bronze	Wales (score – 285.065)

Solid performances from all six members of Team England secured places on the Individual All-Around podium:

Gold	Jamie Lewis (score – 81.233)
Silver	Joshua Nathan (score – 79.682)
Bronze	Donell Osbourne (score – 76.432)

In addition, Harry Caulwell, Joe Cemlyn-Jones and Tom Nicolaou also took places in Individual Apparatus Finals on Saturday 5th September.

Saturday 5th September 2015

[Individual Apparatus Finals](#)

In the Individual Apparatus Finals, Team England once again had an outstanding competition, taking home Gold medals on all Apparatus, with the exception of Parallel Bars. In all, eleven of the eighteen medals were awarded to members of the England Team:

FLOOR

Gold	Jamie Lewis (score – 14.25)
Silver	Tom Nicolaou (score – 14.10)
Bronze	Joshua Nathan (score – 13.95)

POMMEL HORSE

Gold	Jamie Lewis (score – 14.15)
Silver	Joshua Nathan (score – 13.85)

RINGS

Gold	Tom Nicolaou (score – 13.95)
Silver	Harry Caulwell (score – 13.55)

VAULT

Gold	Tom Nicolaou (score – 13.925)
Bronze	Harry Caulwell (score – 13.35)

HIGH BAR

Gold	Joshua Nathan (score – 13.10)
Silver	Jamie Lewis (score – 12.90)

WOMEN'S ARTISTIC

Friday 4th September 2015

Individual All-Around & Team Competition

The format consisted of five Team members, competing on all four of the Apparatus, with the highest four scores counting towards the Overall total. After a nasty fall from the Beam during the podium training session, Laura Kaletha was deemed fit enough to only compete on Bars. This left the young and inexperienced England Team with a huge task in order to challenge for the Gold medal.

Starting on Beam, the Team carried three falls (three whole marks) towards their final total. The major errors were quickly put behind them, as the Team showed great composure to hit eight routines without any major errors on the Floor and Vault. Moving into the final rotation, four clean Bar routines would have made the end result a little closer than it was. Unfortunately, two more falls during the Bar rotation meant that the Gold medal was out of reach, as the Team finished with a final score of 199.700 and a Silver medal:

Gold	Wales (score – 205.10)
Silver	England (score – 199.70)
Bronze	Scotland (score – 193.15)

All was not lost as in the Individual Competition, Megan Parker produced an inspired performance to score a personal best total of 51.700 and secure the Silver medal. Two falls from the Bars proved costly for Sophie Scott, as she finished 4th, with a total score of 51.000. There were numerous Apparatus Final places shared amongst the Team, with Laura Beasley qualifying for the Vault and Bars and Sophie Scott taking her place in the Vault, Floor and Beam Finals.

Taeja James finished in the Top 8 on Floor and Bars, with Megan Parker lining up in the Beam, Floor and Bars Finals.

Saturday 5th September 2015

Individual Apparatus Finals

VAULT

Sophie Scott was drawn to go first in the Final and set an unbeatable target score, with two beautifully executed Vaults, which earned her a Gold medal. Laura Beasley improved her total from the qualifying event, finishing a very creditable 5th position, just 3/10 of a mark away from the Bronze medal.

Gold	Sophie Scott (score – 13.775)
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UNEVEN BARS

Megan Parker started her routine with some real quality work, but unfortunately took a fall from the low Bar, resulting in her finishing in an agonizing 4th position. Laura Beasley and Taeja James finished 6th and 8th respectively.

BEAM

Sophie Scott improved on her qualifying score, but it just wasn't quite enough as she missed out on the Bronze medal by the smallest of margins. Megan Parker had the hard task of stepping up last, a costly fall in her very difficult acro series placed her 8th overall.

FLOOR

Megan Parker wasn't about to let the disappointment of one of her strongest apparatus get to her. Drawn to compete last in the Floor Final, she stepped up her game with a stunning performance to snatch the Gold medal, with Sophie Scott again finishing just outside of the medals by 0.05 in 4th position.

Gold Megan Parker (score – 13.40)



Team England girls enjoying an Art activity in the Games Village