

Adrian Stan - British Team Championships

Over the weekend of 16 -17th September 2017 the Adrian Stan British Teams Championships took place at the Surrey Sports Park in Guildford. The competition replaces the previous Bill Slater Championships and British Team Championships and the amended format meant that the number of teams competing increased significantly with the top gymnasts from across the country taking part for their clubs. There were 5 gymnasts in each team, with 4 competing on each piece and the top 3 scores counting towards the team total.

The Pipers Vale team of Maisie Squire, Emily Roper, Abigail Roper, Molly Howland and Millie Finbow competed on Saturday afternoon and their new floor routines and new club kit attracted praise from both the judges and other competitors.

The gymnasts started on vault where they all competed well and without major error. Despite an ankle injury, Millie received the highest score for the team, 12.45 for her high piked tsuk.

On bars the gymnasts all competed well with Millie, Emily and Maisie completing clean routines. The execution scores were a little low but this is something the girls have been working hard on and there is definitely room for improvement here. Maisie received the highest score for the team followed closely by Millie.



Beam is an unforgiving piece and at only 10cm wide there is little margin for error. Beam proved to be a challenge for many gymnasts at this competition and Maisie and Emily had uncharacteristic falls. Abigail and Molly performed suburb clean routines with Abigail achieving the highest score for the team with a very precise and confident routine.

On floor Emily and Molly performed fantastic double backwards somersaults and all the girls performed beautiful and expressive dance. This time Maisie came out on top with an excellent score of 11.60 closely followed by Emily who scored an impressive 11.40.

The final combined scores saw the Pipers Vale Team place an impressive 8th overall with Maisie 13th and Emily 22nd overall in the Espoir category. Well done to all the gymnasts, we are proud of you!