

# British Challenge Cup

The British Challenge Cup took place at Surrey Sports Park on 6th-7th October. At this competition, gymnasts who have not completed the Compulsory Grade route have the chance to qualify for the British Championships, if they achieve the qualification score. Only a few will achieve this, and for the rest it is a great opportunity to compete at a National level championships. Millie Finbow, Emily Roper and Abigail Roper competed for Pipers Vale. This was the girls first individual FIG competition, Millie competed in the Junior category (14-15yrs) and Emily and Abigail in Espoir (12-13yrs).

Millie started on beam and performed a simple but confident routine scoring 10.80. Due to a minor foot injury she only competed a basic floor routine, but executed it well for a score of 10.70. Millie performed a fantastic piked tsuk with great height, but a step on landing kept her score at 12.25. Bars was up last, and Millie was competing a brand new bar routine with a full turn giant. She completed the routine which was a fantastic achievement, scoring 9.35. She scored 43.10 overall placing 28th out of 66 gymnasts.



Emily and Abigail started on floor. Abigail performed a beautiful and tidy floor routine, scoring 11.50. Emily's floor routine started with a fantastic double back somersault, and the rest of the routine was well executed, giving her a score of 12.30. The girls competed high tucked tsuks on vault, with both receiving the same score of 12.30. On bars Abigail competed a new routine with a Mo shoot which received a score of 10.65. Emily completed her bar routine but a few minor execution faults kept her score down at 10.35. Beam was up last and the pressure was on. Unfortunately Abigail had 2 falls, receiving a score of 9.75. Emily fell on her flick tuck back but didn't let it phase her and competed the rest of her routine confidently, receiving a score of 11.10.



Abigail scored 43.20 overall, narrowly missing the qualifying score for the British by 1.80, and finished in 35th place out of 72 gymnasts. Despite her fall on beam, Emily scored 45.05, just enough for her to qualify for the British, a fantastic achievement! Emily was 15th overall and her beautiful floor routine gave her 5th place on floor.

Emily will join Maisie Squire (who qualified through compulsory 1 earlier this year) at the British Championships in December. Both gymnasts are the youngest age eligible to take part in this competition, and everyone at Pipers Vale is extremely proud of you.