



It's lucky 13 for Kin Ryu at Sussex trials

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KIN RYU emerged with four champions from the Sussex trials.

The trials give fighters the chance to gain a place on the 2010 Sussex squad and at the Inter-counties team event later this year in Kent.

The Crawley-based club had its best ever results as they finished with 13 fighters in the squad from the 14 which entered at Durrington Leisure Centre, Worthing.

Kin Ryu's Sussex champions were Corlia Robertson (under-25kg), Jane Neave (under-32kg), Kirstyn Chase (under-40kg) and Scott Woods (Under-50kg).

There were silvers for Joseph O'Doherty (under-27kg), Andrew Robertson (under-34kg), Peter Neave (Under-42kg), Jack Thompson (under-46kg) and David O'Doherty (under-38kg), who was going for his third successive gold and lost to Great Britain's No.2 ranked fighter in a tough final.

Bronze medals were collected by Lauren Graves (under-40kg), Ellie Woods (under-52kg), William Burke (under-27kg) and Andrew Woods (under-46kg) while Samuel Howarth-Moore (Under-27kg) gained a creditable fifth.

Pictured above is Kin Ryu's winning squad: Kirstyn Chase, Peter Neave, Jane Neave, Joseph O'Doherty, Andrew Robertson, Jack Thompson, David O Doherty, Scott Woods, Andrew Woods, Lauren Graves, Matthew Graves, James Rivers, Samuel Howarth-Moore, William Burke, Ellie Woods and Corlia Robertson and supporters Susannah Neave, Katherine Burke and Lia Thompson.



A perfect ten as St Bede's lift cup

FOOTBALL

CAPTAIN Olivia Bohac scored the only goal as St Bede's under-18s overcame the odds to lift the Burlen Cup.

St Bede's played the whole of the tournament at Sevenoaks School with just ten men but managed to battle their way through to the final.

Bohac sealed a deserved win over the hosts and reigning champions and St Bede's could have won by more but Lauren Allymohamed was denied on a number of occasions by the Sevenoaks goalkeeper.



GREAT MOMENT: Jocelyn Hunt, second from left, with her Great Britain team-mates who took a surprise silver at the European Championships

Hunt is in dreamland after European medal

GYMNASTICS
by MIKE LEGG

Silver for Horsham star

HORSHAM gymnast Jocelyn Hunt admits it is still sinking in after she helped Great Britain to a first-ever team silver at the European Championships.

Hunt, 15, of Horsham Gymnastics Centre, beat her nerves to help the British team to second behind Russia, who won by just 1.40 points. Romania finished more than three points behind in third place.

World and European champion Beth Tweddle dominated the uneven bars and floor as the women matched the British men's team silver.

The British girls, roared on by the partisan Birmingham crowd, eclipsed the previous best placing of sixth at the championships in 2008 as

established heavyweight nations including France, Italy and the Ukraine were kept off the podium.

Hunt, who is coached at Horsham by Maxine Pucknell, said: "It still all seems a bit surreal. I think it will take a while to sink in."

"I felt very nervous on the day but also very excited. Being on home soil gave me more confidence as the crowd were amazing and very supportive."

"It was great to be part of the same team as Beth. She was very supportive and gave me confidence. She made me believe I could do it."

The consistency of Hunt, Nicole Hibbert, Niamh Rippin and Becky Downie was crucial in the success.

Hunt and Rippin are new to major senior competition but executed

their beam routines without any falls, a feat not achieved by many gymnasts.

Hunt, a GB national squad member for the past four years, competed in internationals in Italy and Canada before fighting off strong competition to be selected for the team.

Horsham coach Pucknell took great pride in seeing one of her stars on the international stage.

She said: "To witness such an amazing performance from the whole of the GB team was fantastic but to know that our club was part of that success is something very special."

"Russia and Romania have been such dominant forces in World Gymnastics since the 1970s, so for our team to be standing on the podium

separating the two of them was incredible.

"Everyone at the club is so proud of Jocelyn. We have had a number of gymnasts on the national teams since the club opened six years ago but this has taken us to another level."

Gymnastics' golden girl Tweddle admitted the success was far greater than many could have hoped for.

She said: "It's amazing. I waited eight European Championships for this."

"Coming into these championships I honestly didn't think we'd be up there in the top three. The team have outdone my expectations."

"You can see the emotion on our coaches' faces and we have probably done a lot more than they thought possible originally as well."

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A NEW DAWN: Broadwater under-tens began their league campaign

New dawn for Broadwater

CRICKET

BROADWATER have launched a junior section as an investment in the future of the club.

For the first time in about 20 years they hosted a junior match on Broadwater Green when their newly-formed under-tens took on Findon in the West Area Cricket Association league.

Broadwater secretary Peter Stevens said: "We wanted to start up the youth cricket again

about two years ago for the future of the club.

"We have people who want to get involved and run it so we tried it for two years and played a couple of friendlies and this season we have under-tens and under-nines in the softball leagues."

Broadwater could not mark the occasion with a win against Findon but Stevens said: "We

want them to go out there, learn something but all enjoy it. All the players said they cannot wait to play again."

Findon won by 53 runs in the opening league game played in a pairs format, where teams lose runs for every wicket lost.

Findon's top scorer was Josh Renzulli (11) while Kaleb Morley took two wickets for 16 runs off three overs. Jabe Rogers and Morley took catches.