



UK SPORTS ASSOCIATION For People with Learning Disability

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Medal Success for British Athletes at Global Games



Gold Medallist, Monique Davis (centre) in action*

8 Gold, 9 silver and 7 bronze medals, together with 1 World Record and a number of personal bests from a talented team of 25 British athletes at the INAS-FID Global Games.

Yesterday marked the end of a challenging 10 days for the small but strong British Team managed and selected by the UK Sports Association for People with Learning Disability (UKSA).

Exceptional individual performances from sprinters Allan Stuart (Glasgow) and Monique Davis (Croydon), together with swimmers Dan Pepper (Poynton) and Craig Moate (Barking) resulted in individual gold. The dynamic combination in the men's relay swim teams including Pepper and Moate, with Craig Rodgie (Fife), Ben Procter (Newquay) and Nick Boylan (Ashford) resulted in two additional gold medals and a new world record for Team GB in the 4 x 100 medley. A range of performances from across the British Team comprising experienced and first time internationals saw athletes achieve numerous finals, personal bests and many impressive performances.

"The Global Games is a formidable challenge for any athlete" says Tracey McCillen, National Director, UK Sports Association for People with Learning Disability. "It's a significant achievement for the Team as they take their place amongst the world's best. They have demonstrated their ability and earned their world class status and deserve the respect and recognition as British performance athletes including benefiting from the millions of pounds invested in sport and training for London 2012. INAS athletes from the UK need to be invested in now in anticipation of a positive IPC decision this year, otherwise how will these athletes have a reasonable chance of improving, preparing and achieving selection as our future Paralympians?"

Verona Elder, Chef de Mission comments, *"It was a tough event but our Team have worked hard and been exceptional ambassadors for UKSA, British sport and of course Great Britain. There were loads of personal bests and even though one of the smallest British Teams we've had, we've still brought home a significant number of medals".*

Recently recognised by the International Paralympic Committee, the Global Games was an important event for British athletes. The eyes of the sports world will continue to remain on the Games in anticipation of the results from the scientific research carried out as part of the Joint Action Plan agreed by INAS-FID and IPC. The outcome of the work of the Joint Working Group will determine the methods by which athletes with intellectual disability may be included in the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

The ban on athletes with intellectual disability competing in the Paralympic Games, imposed after Sydney 2000 continues although progress is being made. Changes to the classification system are underway and the IPC decision on inclusion in London 2012 is expected in November 2009.

UKSA working with its members and organisations across the UK, has led a campaign since 2001 for the ban to be lifted. UKSA urges Government to address the lack of funding for athletes with intellectual disability across the UK as a result of the IPC ban and LOCOG, the Mayor of London and MP's to ensure that athletes are re-admitted in time for London 2012.

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NOTES TO EDITOR

1. The UK Sports Association for People with Learning Disability (UKSA) is the disability specific umbrella body in the UK for sport and people with learning disability. UKSA promotes, facilitates and supports talented sports people with learning disability in the UK to train, compete and excel in national and international sport and is the body responsible for classification of athletes from the UK. UKSA is recognised by UK Sport and is the official Great Britain member of the International Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability (INAS-FID), a member of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). See www.uksportsassociation.org
2. INAS-FID, the International Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability. Founded in 1986, is a member of the International Paralympic Committee and is the body responsible for the international competition for athletes with intellectual disability. See www.inas-fid.org and official 2009 INAS-FID Global Games website www.globalgames09.com for information and full results from Global Games.
3. The ban on athletes with learning disability was imposed by the IPC following an incident at the Sydney Paralympic Games in 2000 when a group of adult non-disabled athletes infiltrated the Spanish learning disability basketball team. The IPC banned every athlete with learning disability across the world from competing at future Paralympics and IPC sanctioned competitions. This has had the additional impact of funding being stopped across the UK and some athletes not having the financial means to continue in their sport. UKSA has since Sydney 2000 been working with its Members plus the British Paralympic Association, INAS-FID and other organisations across the UK, including RADAR and the Equality and Human Rights Commission to have the IPC ban removed.
4. LOCOG is the 2012 London Organising Committee of the Olympic & Paralympic Games.
5. Learning Disability is a term used in the UK, with intellectual disability being used internationally. Both refer to the same group of athletes
6. The Scientific Research carried out at the Global Games is the first of its kind and is a crucial part of the work to re-admit athletes with intellectual disability into the Paralympic Games. For full details of the research contact Prof. Yves Vanlandewijck, PhD, PT, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven – Faculty of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Tervuursevest 101,B 3001 Leuven Belgium Phone : + 32 16 32 91 06

7. 2009 Team GB

Medallists

Monique Davis (Croydon)

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| Gold | 100m | 12.93 |
| Silver | 200m | 26.36 |
| Bronze | 400m | 59.30 |

Allan Stuart (Glasgow)

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| Gold | 400m | 50.11 |
| Gold | 200m | 22.28 |
| Silver | 100m | 11.35 |

Claire Ryan (Bradford)

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| Bronze | Long Jump | 4.84 |
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Dan Pepper (Poynton)

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| Gold | 50 breaststroke | 00.33.07 |
| Gold | 200 breaststroke | 02:36.13 |
| Silver | 400 IM | 05:09.65 |
| Silver | 200m IM | 2:24.01 |
| Bronze | 100 breaststroke | 1:16.01 |
| Relay 2 x gold, 1 x silver, 1 x bronze | | |

Craig Moate (Barking)

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| Gold | 1500 freestyle | 17:59.23 |
| Relay Gold | | |

Ben Procter (Newquay)

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| Silver | 100 freestyle | 57.32 |
| Silver | 50 fly | 28.55 |
| Silver | 200 freestyle | 2:06.30 |
| Bronze | 200 IM | 2:25.22 |
| Bronze | 100 fly | 1:04.22 |
| Relay 2 x gold, 1 x silver, 1 x bronze | | |

Stephanie Bird

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| Bronze | 50 freestyle | 31:24 |
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Gold - 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay

Craig Moate , Ben Procter, Craig Rodgie, Dan Pepper (Poynton) 08:46.30

Gold - 4 x 100 medley Relay

Dan Pepper, Ben Procter, Nick Boylan, Craig Rodgie 4:26.02 WR

Silver - 4 x 50 freestyle

Craig Rodgie, Dan Pepper, Ben Procter, Matthew Bell 1:47.29

Bronze - 4 x 50 Medley Relay

Nick Boylan, Dan Pepper, Ben Procter, Craig Rodgie 02:07.06

Scott Walker (Inverurie)

Bronze – Cycling (Combined)

Full Team:

Swimming: Dan Pepper (Poynton), Ben Procter (Newquay), Nicholas Boylan (Ashford), Craig Moate (Barking), Craig Rodgie (Fife), Matthew Bell (Newtownards), Jack Thomas (Swansea), Stephanie Bird (Lowestoft);

Table Tennis: Neil Handley (Rochdale), Alistair Feltham (Bournemouth), Duncan Feltham, (Bournemouth), Jeffrey Jarvis (Melton Mowbray), Adam Thompson (Sale), Victoria Bromley (Wolverhampton), Jacqueline Smith (Chelmsford), Jessica Bromley (Wolverhampton);

Athletics - Allan Stuart (Glasgow), Neill Collins (Rainham), James Simpson (Ulverston), Andrew Kaar (Solihull), James Shaw (Tameside), Monique Davis (Croydon), Claire Ryan (Bradford) and Abbie Greetham (Halifax).

Cycling - Scott Walker (Inverurie);

Staff: Verona Elder (Romford) Chef de Mission, Wendy Thomas (Swansea) Team Manager Swimming; Mark Thomas (Swansea) Head Coach Swimming; Mark Watson (Milford Haven) Coach Swimming; Dennis Beech (Crewe) Team Manager/Coach (Table Tennis); Mick Vesey (Worksop) Head Coach Table Tennis; Kevin Watt (Wolverhampton) Coach Table Tennis; Wendy Beech (Crewe) Team Support Officer Table Tennis; Colin Duncan (Inverurie) Head Coach (Cycling); Paul Burns (Barrow in Furness) Team Manager/Head Coach (Athletics) & Assistant CdeMission; John Wootton (Wakefield) Coach Athletics; John Kinder (Paisley) Coach Athletics; Christine Galloway (Halifax) Coach Athletics; Stephanie Johnston (Loughborough) Physiotherapist; Jan Horncastle (Yorkshire) Sports Masseuse. Escorts, Kathy Collins (Rainham) & Sheena Feltham (Bournemouth)

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