Balfour Beatty

London Youth Games 2011

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LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
Team Richmond has become the Balfour Beatty London Youth Games Champions for the first time in the events 34 year history.

Over 400 young people living or attending school in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames took part in the Games. The Games began back in November with the Cross Country and came to a climax at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre at the beginning of July. The Games involves all 32 London boroughs and the City of London, competing against each other in over 50 sporting events.

Team Richmond achieved 28 top ten results, with six team gold’s (cross country, rowing, kayak sprint, cycling, aquathlon and archery), three team silvers (girls tag rugby, girl’s athletics and boys squash) and three team bronze (girl’s volleyball, indoor rowing and adaptive indoor rowing). Team Richmond’s landmark year also saw them collect Thames Water London Youth Games Regatta Trophy as overall water sport champions for the third year in a row.

Team Richmond also excelled in the Mini Games on Thursday 30 June, where over 80 talented youngsters from primary schools across the borough competed in eight sports. The highlight of the day came when the netball team took first place to become netball champions 2011 for the second year in a row. We also had fantastic second place results for the football, hockey and tag rugby teams.

Overall it has been an incredible year for Team Richmond and we hope to retain our London Youth Games Champions title for the Olympic year in 2012. Congratulations to all who represented the borough.

For information on how to get involved in retaining the London Youth Games Champions title with Team Richmond in the Olympic Year please visit: www.richmond.gov.uk/londonyouthgames

Team Richmond celebrated a magical year

Team Richmond celebrated the 2011 Games at the Stoop, home to our sponsors Harlequins Rugby. Almost 300 people attended the celebration evening held on Wednesday 13 July. The evening provided an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of all those competitors who represented the borough at this year’s Games.

Harlequins and All-Blacks player Nick Evans and two-times Olympic swimmer Ed Sinclair were on hand to present the prizes and lend their congratulations. Also in attendance were last year’s Mayor of Richmond Cllr. David Marlow and Cllr. Pamela Fleming, Cabinet Member for Community, Business and Culture.

Our winning teams were re-presented with their medals and trophies with a special commemorative medal given to all the participants to celebrate the success of winning the London Youth Games, courtesy of Harlequins sponsorship.

A number of special awards were presented to those who were exceptional in their contribution to the 2011 Games. As the evening came to a close, the former Mayor of Richmond, Councillor David Marlow, accepted a cheque for £4500 from Harlequins to contribute towards the 2012 Games.

Congratulations once again to all participants and award winners, it was a wonderful evening.

The winners of the awards:

Most Improved Mini Team: Football, Team Manager, Aaron Downes from Brentford CST (picture above)
Most Improved Main Team: Girls Gymnastics, Team Manager, Elizabeth Patkai from Richmond Gymnastics Association
Mini Team Manager of the year: Ruth Arnold (Mini Hockey)
Main Team Manager of the Year: Gemma Lloyd (Rowing)
Schools Participation (boys): Hampton Boys
Schools Participation (girls): Waldegrave
Volunteer of the year: Mark Hughes (Sailing and Kayak Slalom)
Overall Contribution: Twickenham Cycling Club

Main Games Gold Medal Winners

Cross Country

- Female: Eliza Cottington, Emma Uren, Josie Savill, Romy Atkins
- Male: Aaron Farr, Emma Uren

Rowing

- Male: Jordan Sirmon, Natasha Gallagher
- Female: Sophia Fowler, Zak Queeley

Archery

- Female: Eliza Cottington, Katherine Pyne, Natalie Redmayne, Yuan Ying Man
- Male: Daniel Edmiston, Gerrit Siepel, Harvey Paul, James Stanhope, Jordan Sirmon

Kayak Sprints

- Male: Dennis Houston, Frances Merry
- Female: Anna Hunt, Elin Jonsson, Morgan Penney, Thalia Paors

Gymnastics

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