



## CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

## Dance Promoters' Association ON THE SPOT REPORTS

Competition Organiser  
Paul Commack

### Duncan Trever reports from the... City of Birmingham 2025

Paul Commack presented the City of Birmingham, Sunday 2nd March 2025. The competition was held at the lovely Portway Lifestyle Centre. Adjudicators on the day were Yasmin Arnold, Krystof Grzelak, Daniel Power, Duncan Trever, Julie Tomkins and Chair of Adjudicators Richard Rose.

#### Adult Open Foxtrot

1st - Michael O Leary & Nicola Pickin – They are now producing a more stable and constant top-line. This is most definitely enabling their dancing to continue to go from strength to strength.

2nd - Vincent Robert-Nicoud & Nathalie Raunet – A marked improvement was clearly visible in their performance. Strong body positions, and a good feel for the music.

3rd - Graham Simpson & Kristina Downing – Good use of foot action could be seen in this dance.

4th - Mark Fry-Thomas & Katie Page – A well matched couple who gel together. They produce a nice fluid movement.

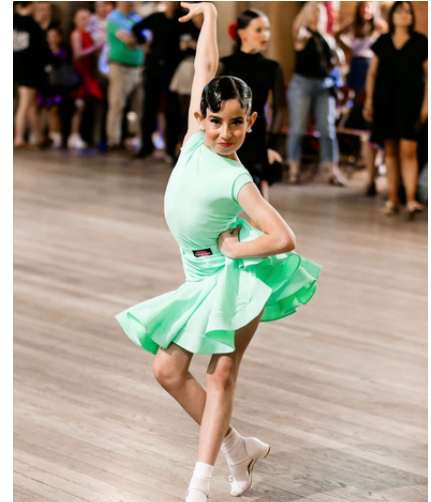
5th - Ashley Walls & Amy Glover – A very likable couple who displayed some excellent dancing throughout the day. They would have been pleased to have been included into this final!

6th - Adrian Jackson & Tanya Powell – An eye-catching couple, who are pushing themselves all the time.



*Adult Slow Foxtrot winners, Michael & Nicola, can be seen pictured here. (Picture from photo file)*

*National League Under 12 Solo Latin winner, Ava Armstrong, can be seen pictured top right. (Picture from photo file)*



#### NL Under 12 Solo Latin

1st - Ava Armstrong – A very convincing win for this young Lady. She always displays such detail in her performance. Excellent Samba!

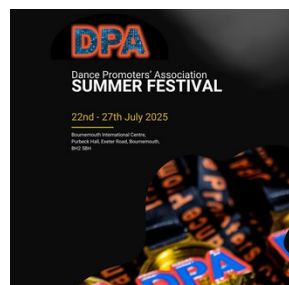
2nd - Bronwen Jones-Sheppard – Dancing the Rumba with a good leg action. Showing good settlement of weight into the standing leg.

3rd - Ava Beighton – Danced with confidence and a good use of the arms.

4th - Adelija Lebedeva – Dancing with great energy, especially noticeable in the Samba.

5th - Millie Buzzard – Nice and clear body movement, giving the Rumba a nice look.

6th - Lily Robinson – A stylish dancer, with good Latin actions in both dances





Platinum Points Over 50's Ballroom Line-Up

### PP Over 50's Ballroom

1st - Graham Simpson & Kristina Downing – Strong convincing win for this couple by winning all four dances. Well-grounded Tango.

2nd - Adrian Jackson & Tanya Powell – Super light Quickstep, which they kept moving at all times. This helped to give them an ease of movement in this dance.

3rd - David Wall & Susan Wall – There is an overall improvement with this couple. They are becoming more challenging.

4th - John Sutton & Annette Sutton – This couple have a lovely look to their dancing. They showed improved floor pressure in the Slow Foxtrot.

5th - Nick Hirschman & Anne Hirschman – They showed a good swing action in the Waltz, more time is required to allow the feet to collect the weight before commencing the lowering actions.

6th - Martin Lawton & Jean Etherington – Each time this couple compete they seem to become more at ease with their performance. They carry a good back line.

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### NL Under Solo 16 Ballroom

1st - Hannah Yung – Good display of Ballroom technique from this lovely dancer. Dancing good heel turns in Slow Foxtrot.

2nd - Olivia Kealey – Strong movement in Tango, which was helping to show strong characteristics to this dance.

3rd - Evie Gotch – Demonstrating some good qualities in all dances. Stronger extension of upper body will add greater control of movement.

4th - Nicole Hamilton – Dancing a nice Waltz, which had a soft musical feel. Greater attention to footwork will pay dividends.

### Adult Open Rumba

1st - Michael O Leary & Nicola Pickin – Their Latin dances are now becoming slicker, and they have a greater connection with each other, this is allowing them to become more expressive.

2nd - Ashley Walls & Amy Glover – Showing good control and good foot placements, this allowed them to fill the music.

3rd - Vincent Robert-Nicoud & Nathalie Raunet – So many good areas from this couple, their dancing is moving in a great direction.

4th - Will Sagar & Christiana Kyriacou – Their Rumba was danced lots of feeling for the music.

5th - Daniel Hillyard & Emma Jacks – This couple have now started to settle into the Latin style nicely. Given some more time, greater improvements will be made.

6th - Kieran Barry & Gail Saxon – Well balanced couple with an all-round good performance.

7th - Darcey Rose & Lydia Taylor – A performance with lots of style from these two. Keep up the good work.



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