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Wednesday Report

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SOLO - Ballroom & Latin

W03 DNL DPA UK Closed U10 Solo Ballroom Championship

Report by Chris Millward



DPA UK Closed U10 Solo Ballroom Championship

(R to L)

- 1st 133 Phoebe Ward
- 2nd 115 Harlow Carey
- 3rd 128 Betty Hunt
- 4th 28 Laura Czapczyk
- 5th 88 Lola Haycraft
- 6th 61 Emma Du

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1st 133 Phoebe Ward - Very confident performance with a great poise. Try to build more foot strength now. Well done!

2nd 115 Harlow Carey - Strong body position, keep the feel sting when striding out to maintain the body line.

3rd 128 Betty Hunt - Very clear action, try not to over shape the body in the swing action.

4th 28 Laura Czapczyk - Strong action, try to maintain head line and clear head extension.

5th 88 Lola Haycraft - Great energy throughout, try to isolate the leg energy so the body doesn't lose its position.

6th 61 Emma Du - Good foot and leg action, try to keep a cleaner shoulder and body line.

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SOLO - Ballroom & Latin cont'd..

W05 DNL DPA UK Closed U14 Solo Ballroom Championship

Report by Alisa Margulis

1st 17 Ellie Hunt: A beautiful, powerful dancer who demonstrates pure quality on the floor. She finished with a stunning final image, leaving a lasting impression. A great performance.

2nd 74 Lacey Martell-Smith: Showed great competitiveness, supported by excellent mechanics and quality of movement, which immediately made her stand out from the crowd. A beautiful overall presentation, complemented by a lovely dress.

3rd 116 Lukrecija Žukauskaitė: A very positive and engaging dancer in both styles, immediately standing out from the field. She has a great frame, which would become even stronger with improved leg action, helping to enhance her musicality.

4th 29 Paishey Saunders: Maintained very good energy levels throughout the entire competition. She would benefit from greater coordination of her leg action to better support and enhance her topline.

5th 155 Maria Marc: A very consistent dancer with many lovely qualities. Developing greater isolation between the upper and lower body would create more dynamics, amplitude, and expression in her movement. A very positive performance overall.

6th 21 William Powell: A very natural dancer with good quality of movement and a clean posture. Improving his stamina would allow him to maintain this quality consistently throughout the dance.

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- 1st 17 Ellie Hunt
- 2nd 74 Lacey Martell-Smith
- 3rd 116 Lukrecija Zukauskaitė
- 4th 29 Paishey Saunders
- 5th 155 Maria Marc
- 6th 21 William Powell

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SOLO - Ballroom & Latin cont'd..

W06 DNL DPA UK Closed U16 Solo Ballroom Championship

Report by Michael Foskett

1st 179 Anna Harcourt - Anna is a tall, elegant dancer possessing the powerful combination of a classical Ballroom look with outstanding competitive dynamics. She produced a wonderful performance throughout the final and was a thoroughly deserving Champion. Congratulations.

2nd 59 Evie Crofton-Martin - Taking second place, Evie is power personified in the Ballroom. This is particularly effective in the Tango and Quickstep, and with a little more softness and fluidity in the remaining swing dances, she has all the attributes of a complete performer.

3rd 43 Estela Baubonyte Swami - Another distinctive competitor in this exceptional final, Estela demonstrates brilliant characterisation in every dance. She is a wonderful example of how, when performed well, the Ballroom dances can be every bit as expressive and engaging as the Latin.

4th 127 Riona Ni Bhriain - Riona is a beautiful dancer with technical excellence of the highest standard. On this occasion, however, her performance quality did not quite match her technical ability, preventing her from climbing even higher in such a strong final.

5th 81 Julia Maj - Julia displays very good posture, poise and arm placement, giving her dancing a refined and polished appearance. She performs consistently well across all five dances, and that reliability is a valuable asset in such competitive company.

6th 199 Faye Basham - Completing this outstanding final, Faye is another graceful and elegant performer with many attractive qualities. Developing greater depth and drive through her actions would add a competitive edge and help her challenge for even higher placings in the future.



DPA UK Closed U16 Solo Ballroom Championship

(R to L)

- 1st 179 Anna Harcourt
- 2nd 59 Evie Crofton-Martin
- 3rd 43 Estela Baubonyte Swami
- 4th 127 Riona Ni Bhriain
- 5th 81 Julia Maj
- 6th 199 Faye Basham

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SOLO - Ballroom & Latin cont'd..

W10 DNL DPA UK Closed U12 Solo Latin Championship

Report by Lauren Hemara

1st 218 Emelia Alexandra Jones - Emilia, from the first round, stood out as one of the most confident performers who clearly loves what she does!

She demonstrated excellent technical skills without overdoing it, showing confidence in her abilities.

Congratulations on a strong performance.

2nd 192 Sophia Bull - Sophia delivered a strong performance, combining great energy with clear musical expression.

3rd 53 Evelina Shevchenko - Evelina carried herself with composure and presence throughout the entire competition. She showed sharp, precise movements with clear directional changes.

4th 86 Ivy Mollie Bartush - Ivy was expressive in her usage of arm styling and musical interpretation, she looked as though she enjoyed every second on the dance floor.

5th 176 Brooke Bailey - Brooke Very enthusiastic and energetic performance. Remained composed and carried herself well throughout the whole competition.

6th 90- Holly Farr - Holly One of the most energetic dancers on the floor who had a lovely floor presence.



DPA UK Closed U12 Solo Latin Championship

*Prize Presenter Denise Barley
(R to L)*

1st 218 Emilia Alexandra Jones

2nd 192 Sophia Bull

3rd 53 Evelina Shevchenko

4th 86 Ivy-Mollie Bartush

5th 176 Brooke Bailey

6th 90 Holly Farr

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SOLO - Ballroom & Latin cont'd..

W12 DNL DPA UK Closed U16 Solo Latin Championship

Report by Laura Hair

The U16 Solo Latin Championship was an incredibly tough competition, with an exceptional standard from the very first round. Each round became harder to judge as the standard continued to rise, making a place in the final a fantastic achievement. The results were as follows:-

1st 59 Evie – A powerful and dynamic performance from the first to the last beat of every dance. Evie maintained her energy and intensity throughout every round, making it difficult for others to match her passion and performance quality. An outstanding and highly competitive performance.

2nd 204 Lexi – Another powerhouse performance that challenged strongly for the top spot. Lexi gives everything in every round and never lets her energy drop. A fierce competitor who consistently delivers under pressure.

3rd 201 Isabelle – A tall, classy and elegant dancer who stood out from the very first round as one of the leading contenders. She danced with confidence and poise throughout, maintaining a polished performance from start to finish.

4th 164 Nicole – An authentic and engaging performance. Nicole improved with every round, showing lovely use of body action and excellent characterisation in each dance. A very enjoyable dancer to watch.

5th 219 Olive – Small but mighty, with a commanding presence on the floor and bags of expression and drama. Her Paso Doble was a particular highlight. With continued development, she will certainly be challenging for the top spots.

6th 67 Ava – Beautifully presented on the floor, with a lovely overall look. To push even higher in future finals, it would be great to see each dance develop its own distinct character and personality, allowing each one to stand out more clearly.

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(R to L)

1st 59 Evie Crofton-Martin

2nd 204 Lexi Hughes

3rd 201 Isabelle Bevan

4th 164 Nicole Allenby

5th 219 Olive Walters

6th 67 Ava Cave

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SOLO - Ballroom & Latin cont'd..

W14 DPA UK Closed U21 Solo Latin Championship

Report by Julie Tomkins-Hodge

1st 132 Scarlett Hargreaves - A good strong performance, all dances were performed with good energy and musical response.

2nd 24 Isabella Coombes - Put up a good challenge, showing good rhythmic response accompanied by good expression and feel for the music.

3rd 183 Tamzin Barlow - A good confident performance displaying good strength and musicality.

4th 207 Kamila Nga - All routines were well marked and positive, depth of performance could be strengthened.

5th 217 Lydia Boydell - Good feeling and presentation, firmer foot and leg action would achieve a higher placing.

6th 221 Sophia Chorlton - A good clean performance, all dances were performed with good floor presence maybe a lacking in attack today.



DPA UK Closed U21 Solo Latin Championship

(R to L)

- 1st 132 Scarlett Hargreaves
- 2nd 24 Isabella Coomber
- 3rd 183 Tamzin Barlow
- 4th 207 Kamila Ngan
- 5th 217 Lylia Boydell
- 6th 221 Sophia Chorlton

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