



MCoS News Release

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Scottish Success at Youth Climbing Series UK Final

Scottish climbers recently came away from the Youth Climbing Series UK Final in London with an impressive set of results in the individual categories and the overall team results. Highlights in the individual categories included one first place, two second places and three third places. Scotland North ended the day in third place in the regional team competition, with Scotland South fifth.

The finals attracted 186 competitors and were held at the Westway in London on June 20th. Teams from Scotland South and Scotland North competed against teams from the English regions, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The most impressive category for Scotland was the 11 -13 year old Girls where our competitors took the first three places. Rachel Carr of Edinburgh was 1st, with Eleanor Hopkins of Kippen, Stirling, 2nd and Nikki Addison of Inverness 3rd.

Other Scottish success came in the 8 – 10 year old Girls category where Rachel Tennent of Cumnock, Ayrshire, was 2nd and Gabriella Stewart of Loanhead, Midlothian, was 3rd. In the 11 -13 year old Boys category Dylan Mackenzie of Evanton, Easter Ross, was 3rd.

The Team Results for the entire competition saw England North West come first, with London and South East second and Scotland North third.

MCoS Board member Richard Spencer attended the final on behalf of MCoS. Richard said: "I was massively impressed by the dedication of so many young people. The devotion of the parents also was very impressive".

MCoS Mountaineering Development Officer Kevin Howett said: "MCoS's work with children and our partners in the Scottish Climbing Wall Network is beginning to pay off with some excellent results in top level competitions".

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Notes for Editors:

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS) acts to represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering.

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