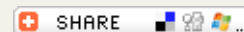


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Miley breaks records in University Championship

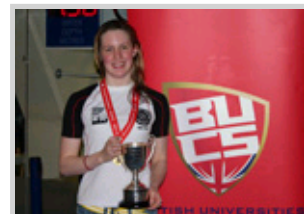


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Robert Gordon University Sport Scholar, Hannah Miley, continued her unstoppable rise to success with two record-breaking performances last weekend at the 2010 British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) Long Course Swimming Championships.

The second year Sport and Exercise Science student, who hails from Inverurie, competed in three separate events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (12 to 14 February) at the Championships held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield.

Her campaign got off to a strong start with a solid second place out of all students competing in Friday's 800 meter Freestyle, coming in at 8:47.57 - just 3 seconds behind first place. She then stormed on to take first place in Saturday's 400 and Sunday's 200 metre Individual Medleys coming in at 4:40.91 and 2:15.80 respectively – both new British Universities Record times.



Hannah's success was also recognised with the 'Women's Performance of the Competition' award.

As one of the region's brightest stars for the 2012 Olympics, Hannah is sponsored by Aberdeen City and Shire through the RGU: SPORT Scholar programme where she benefits from a package of tailor-made programmes devised to support her needs, sports discipline and academic course requirements. Hannah trains at the state-of-the-art swimming pool at RGU: SPORT, which enables her to successfully combine her training schedule with her lectures at Garthdee.

"I'm absolutely delighted with my performance at the Championships" says Miley. "I'm especially happy with my 400 metre time as it is one of my fastest times since the recent rule change on swim suits that has impacted upon swimmers' performance across the world."

Neil Brown, Sports Programmes Manager at RGU: SPORT, who co-ordinates the scholarship programme and supports Hannah with balancing her studies and training, said,

"We are thrilled with Hannah's success, and particularly pleased that she achieved such strong results in the Individual Medleys. The record times are especially significant as they are directly in line with those recently achieved by Australian front-runner, Stephanie Rice, who we believe will be Hannah's strongest competitor come the 2012 Olympics."

Director of RGU:SPORT, Filippo Antoniazzi, added, "The support provided through the scholarship is especially important in ensuring that Hannah can attend training and competitions, both at home and across Europe.

"We now have a growing pool of young elite sportsmen and women who are recognising that we can provide the support and the facilities needed to equip them to compete on a world class stage."

The 2010 BUCS Championship was attended by several British Swimmers, including Liam Tanock, Caitlin McClatchey, Rebecca Adlington, Joanne Jackson and Elizabeth Simmonds, who all took part in non-competitive capacities.

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Photographs of Hannah at the BUCS Championships are available from the Communications Office on request.

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Further information on the Robert Gordon University sports scholarships is available here: [Sport Scholar programme](#).

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