



■ **READY FOR THE NATIONALS** – the Northants Dynamo wheelchair basketball team face the *Chron* camera

## Colly grabs glory

### ■ Kickboxing

LAU GAR kung fu expert Chris Collymore helped Great Britain to the European kickboxing title against Ireland.

The veteran was included in a nine-man team to take on the Irish in Dublin, and won his fight to help his side to a 5-4 victory.

The nine members of Team GB were all British champions in their weight category, with each fight taking place over three two-minute rounds.

A delighted Collymore said: "It was a very strong team, made up of some great guys. We knew we had a strong team, we all bonded well, and were all confident. Thankfully we came through"

Collymore now aims to carry on his success after adding the European team title to his impressive medal collection.

The fighter won double gold at the WAKO British Championships held in Nottingham earlier in the year, and aims to add another European title to his collection at the Ireland versus Great Britain re-match back in Dublin next month.

And Collymore says the match will be equally as close this time round.

"I know some of their guys and they had a strong team as well," he said. "It will be close again. Hopefully we can all perform and we'll come out on top."

Anyone wishing to take up Lau Gar kung fu should contact Robert Francis, a Third Degree Black Sash on 07887 651570.



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## Trampolining

# Moore merry as she bags World Cup gold

**OLYMPIC trampolinist Jaime Moore scooped a synchronised gold medal at last week's World Cup event in Belgium.**

The Northants Academy star rose to the occasion with partner Claire Wright to win the event, making her favourite for a medal at the European Championships in three weeks' time.

A delighted Moore said: "Obviously I was really pleased considering we're still a new pairing. "We've had a fifth, a third and now a first which is encouraging."

The 26 year-old played down the favourites tag though, and said: "We'll just do our best and hope it's good enough for a medal."

Moore picked up a sixth place in the individual competition also, something that she says has given her extra confidence ahead of the Europeans in France.

"I was really pleased with my performance," she said. "I've been training well and I've been trying to learn new strategies to do things better in competition."

"I'm hoping for a top eight finish in the Europeans because it's a good stepping stone from the worlds."

"Now I've made the final at the world cup it makes me more confident that I can final at the Europeans, and I will plan for a final."

Team-mate Yazmin Gumbs also travelled to Ghent for the junior event in the Fladers cup.

Gumbs was leading going into the final in the individual event, but according to coach Tracy Whittaker, the youngster fell foul of inexperience.

"She didn't really cope mentally," said Whittaker. "She was a little inexperienced and it was a bit of an unknown. She will be better prepared next time around."

Gumbs finished in fifth place after a hard-fought final routine, but made up for her disappointment with a silver medal in the pairs.

Gumbs and partner Daniel Pietruszka will now be looking to pick up a podium position in the European Junior Championships.



■ **GOLDEN GIRL** – Jaime Moore enjoyed success in a world cup event

# Town side up for finals

## ■ Wheelchair basketball

**NORTHAMPTON** Dynamos wheelchair basketball squad are on their way to the national finals after victories over Bristol Pirates and Rushmoor Marvels.

Dynamos took two comfortable wins against their rivals, and will meet the winners of the central and north area final to decide who are crowned National Champions on May 20 at Stoke Mandeville Stadium.

After losing the first match of a six match series last month, Dynamos made it five wins out of six on Saturday to book their place.

They beat the Pirates 38-24 and the Marvels 40-14, and key player Olly Rolphe said: "I can't wait to get back out on court again and see if we can go all the way."

"I had a great game and managed to put in four baskets, I just hope I can do it in the final."

The team, who train at Weston Favell School, are on the lookout for new players, able-bodied or disabled.

It's a massive misconception that only disabled people can play the sport, with a points system ensuring that fair play takes place all the time.

Depending on level of disability, players are awarded between one and five points, with a maximum of 15 points being allowed on the court at any one time.

An able-bodied player carries five points, an amputee could be from two to three-and-a-half points depending on the extent of the injury, while a paraplegic is from one to one-and-a-half points.

Anyone interested in taking up wheelchair basketball can call Chris Dabs on Northampton 495435.

Weston Favell are also aiming to increase participation in the sport, with sports development officer Martin Spencer in charge of the effort. Any schools wishing to get involved can call Martin on Northampton 773217.