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Trio celebrate Great Britain call

TRAMPOLINING trio Jaime Moore, Yazmin Gumbs and Danny Creedon are celebrating after being called up to the Great Britain squad for this month's World Championships.

The three Northants Academy members have been picked to represent their country after a successful season on the domestic circuit.

Moore is in fine form following her victory at the national championships in July and a top-10 finish in a world

cup event last month. The competition will be the 26-year-old's biggest test since the Olympic Games in 2000, where she suffered disappointment after an error in her first-round routine. But Moore is confident it will be a different story this time round.

"I know it's going to be tough out there, but training's going well and I'm confident," said the British number one.

"I've just got to give it my best shot and see where I end

By Steve Walsh
Sports Writer

up. Fingers crossed that will be somewhere around the top 10."

Under-16s ace Gumbs is looking for a top-five finish as she bids to better her seventh place from Germany two years ago. The talented youngster has enjoyed another fine season, finishing on the podium in all five national events.

Gumbs said: "I'll be looking for another peak performance. I don't really set position targets but I want to make the final, which I just missed out on last time."

Academy coach Tracy Whittaker, who turned down the chance to coach the British team earlier this year, says that the three have never been better prepared going into the event.

"They've all been working hard and are in good shape,"

said Whittaker. "It'll be a tough test but a test that they are capable of rising to."

Whittaker also said that teen sensation Gumbs has what it takes to gain a podium finish in Eindhoven.

"She's very capable of making the top five, she's got some good international results under her belt and is capable of doing that. It would have to be an absolute peak performance for her to win, but she is well prepared."

Lamont set for a baptism of fire

By Terry Morris
Rugby Writer

SCOTLAND winger Sean Lamont faces a tough Guinness Premiership introduction this afternoon when he was due to come face to face with giant Tongan Salesi Finau, who was making his Bath debut at the Rec just two days after signing from Llanelli Scarlets.

Former Glasgow star Lamont came off the bench for John Rudd in the final eight minutes of the 32-0 defeat at Leicester last week and is one of just two changes to the Saints side with Mark Soden replacing 19-year-old Alex Rae at blind side wing forward.

Bath, beaten 19-16 by Premiership newcomers Bristol last weekend, moved swiftly to sign the 17st Finau after wingers Joe Maddock (hamstring strain) and Lee Best (muscle pull), both limped out of last Sunday's defeat.

France winger David Bory is also out as he recovers from a hernia operation.

Boss John Connolly has named an unchanged pack to face Saints, but he said: "I actually thought that the Saints were a little unlucky against the Tigers. Leicester scored a couple of tries against the run of play and that turned the match. They are a very good side and like us, will be determined to show their true colours. It will be a tough contest, that is for sure."

Meanwhile, Saints' first game of the season at Franklin's Gardens next Saturday against Jonny Wilkinson's Newcastle has sold out.

Director of rugby Budge Pountney said: "This is a great boost for our players. We have told the new players about the fantastic Saints support and I am delighted they will experience a full house from the outset."

Former Aberdeen striker opts to train with Carlisle United

TOWN TO MISS OUT ON CRAIG

By Jefferson Lake
Football Writer

THE Cobblers' chances of signing Steven Craig are growing increasingly slim after the former Aberdeen striker agreed to join Carlisle United on trial.

The front man left Scottish Premier League side Dunfermline after spending part of last week training with the Pars.

But he was unable to agree terms at East End Park and has since made the switch south of the border in a bid to win himself a contract with Carlisle.

The fact that Craig is willing to listen to offers is a plus for Cobblers boss Colin Calderwood, but the feeling is that the striker doesn't want to move too far from his native Scotland.

The 24-year-old, who parted company with Aberdeen last week, has agreed to train at Brunton Park until Tuesday at the least, and Cumbrians manager Paul Simpson is confident he can do a deal with the striker.

"He has looked sharp and really up for it," said Carlisle player-boss Simpson. "He will stay with us for further sessions on Monday and Tuesday next week."

"We had a friendly against Gretna lined up for next Wednesday but they have had to pull out so we are frantically trying to get something else arranged. We fully intend to get a game for him so we can see him in a more competitive environment.

"He is very keen to get on with things and he is looking forward to working with us. We are very encouraged by his attitude and by what he has shown us today so we'll carry on and see where it takes us."

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TRANSFER SWOOP – Carlisle manager Paul Simpson, seen here in action against the Cobblers two weeks ago, has offered Steven Craig a deal

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