

Archery Youth Festival 2015.

From the 18th to the 23rd August, the Archery youth festival was held at Lilleshall National sports centre. The competition was open to all young archers and the field was split into three age groups, juniors, cadets and cubs. The juniors shooting 70M, the cadets 60M and the cubs 50M.

It started off on the Tuesday with practice then a WA 720 ranking round, at which Jade Pocock qualified in 11th place, (with an international selection shoot score).

They then went on over the course of the week to shoot individual head to head knock out rounds, in which Jade finished 9th.

Followed by mixed team head to heads, in which jade seeded 2nd with her shooting partner and got as far as the quarter finals.

And then team rounds of three people, where Jades team, "the ninja turtles" won all of their round robin matches and finally getting knock out again in the quarter finals.

The final two days of the competition were held in the very picturesque grounds of Lilleshall house by the orangery with the complete international set up with TV screens, live scoring and live commentary, giving the young archers a taste of what to expect on the international circuit.

I am also pleased to report that Jade has been offered a place at the Archery GB Performance Academy for the third year running and has been invited to go to Lilleshall for some one-on-one training with Lloyd Brown, head Olympic coach.

