



Kayden Lagana' shoots a new highest 6 game series at the European Youth Championships in Helsinki

The Maltese National Youth bowling teams, 4 boys and 4 girls went to Finland to take part in the European Youth under 18 Championships in which 100 boys and 68 girls representing 27 countries took part.

With no official center to train on for 3 months, this was not going to be easy but thanks to the timely support of BeActive SportMalta, a certain amount of training opportunities were made available in Gozo and in Malta at the 2 small remaining centres to allow the players an acceptable level of preparation, under coach Mark Spiteri.

The male 4 boys' team, made up of Nicolai Mallia, Julian Baldacchino, Chris Fenech and Kayden Lagana', had a great performance and finished in 7th place out of 22 teams ahead of countries like England, The Netherlands, Germany, France and Italy, to name a few. It was during this team event that Lagana' set not only the Maltese 6 game record but also the best 6 game series by a youth in the European Youth Championships of 1487 (247.8 average), that started off with an incredible 22 strikes in a row to bowl a perfect 300 followed up by a 289. Lagana' with this performance finished in 4th place in the All Events, and also made it to the Masters where he lost out in the opening direct clash with the Norwegian Mathias Danielsen, who went on to win the overall Masters event.

The girls' team, bowling on a less difficult but still tough lane condition, made up of Mia Bugeja, Celianne Micallef, Jade Barbara and Karlise Bartolo finished in 14th place, with Mia bowling best with a strong 188 average, that combined with her scores in the singles and doubles event, meant she finished highest of the Maltese girls in 43rd place.





Kayden Lagana' jispara l-ogħla serje ġdida ta' 6 logħbiet fil-Kampjonati Ewropej taż-Żgħażaġħ f'Helsinki

It-timijiet Nazzjonali Maltin tal-bowling taż-Żgħażaġħ , 4 subien u 4 tfajliet marru l-Finlandja biex jieħdu sehem fil-Kampjonati Ewropej taż-Żgħażaġħ taħt it-18-il sena li fihom ħadu sehem 100 subien u 68 tifla li jirrapreżentaw 27 pajjiż.

Mingħajr l-ebda ċentru uffiċjali biex jitharreg għal 3 xhur, dan ma kienx se jkun faċli iżda grazzi għall-appoġġ f'waqtu ta' BeActive SportMalta, ċertu ammont ta' opportunitajiet ta' taħriġ saru disponibbli f'Għawdex u f'Malta fiż-2 ċentri zġhar li fadal biex il-plejers ikollhom livell aċċettabbli ta' preparazzjoni, taħt il-kowċ Mark Spiteri.

It-tim maskili ta' 4 subien, magħmul minn Nicolai Mallia, Julian Baldacchino, Chris Fenech u Kayden Lagana' , kellu prestazzjoni mill-aqwa u spiċċa fis-7 post minn 22 tim qabel pajjiżi bħall-Ingilterra, l-Olanda, il-Ġermanja, Franza u l-Italja, biex insemmu xi ftit. Kien matul din il-kompetizzjoni tat-timijiet li Lagana' stabbilixxa mhux biss ir-rekord Malti tal- juniors ta' 6 logħbiet iżda wkoll l-aqwa serje ta' sitt logħobiet minn żaġżuġħ fil-Kampjonati Ewropej taż-Żgħażaġħ ta 1487 (medja ta' 247.8), li beda bi 22 strajk inkredibbli wara xulxin biex kellu logħba perfetta ta 300 segwita minn ohra ta 289. Lagana' b'din il-prestazzjoni spiċċa fir-4 post fl-“all events” , u għamilha wkoll sal-Masters fejn tilef fil-konfront dirett tal-ftuħ man-Norveġiż Mathias Danielsen, li kompli għaddej biex jirbaħ il-Masters.

It-tim tal-bniet, bowling fuq kundizzjoni ta' karregġjata inqas diffiċli iżda xorta iebša , magħmul minn Mia Bugeja, Celianne Micallef, Jade Barbara u Karlise Bartolo spiċċaw fl-14-il post, b'Mia tkun l-aħjar b'medja qawwija ta' 188, li flimkien mal-puntegġi tagħha fl-avveniment tas-singles u d-doubles, fisret li spiċċat l-ogħla mit-tfajliet Maltin fit-43 post.

