

Trueman debut as Euro Scots bounce back

Scotland finished 18th in the 28th European Coarse Angling Championships at Spannenburg on the Prinses Margriet Kanaal in The Netherlands.

The Tartan Team (pictured courtesy of the Scottish Federation for Coarse Angling with support staff on the canal in The Netherlands) responded well on day two, bouncing back to finish ninth overall on the day, but the last place finish on Day One meant they could only finish in the minor placings.

Below Scotland were Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine and Sweden.

France won the event with Slovakia second, England in third spot, Poland next followed by the Czech Republic and Germany who completed the top six.

A poor draw on Day One contributed greatly with Dave McAuley providing some comfort and finishing top Scot with a seventh place finish in his 25-man section.

Day two saw Josh Trueman, who had trained well in the build-up, make his debut and he was 13th in his 25-strong section, a highly creditable result. He is tipped as one for the future.

Davie Corcoran from Edinburgh was eighth in his section with McAuley (Wishaw) seventh but the best result from a Scot on the day was recorded by Colin Hart from Coatbridge who was fourth in his group. James Woodrow (Cumbernauld) had a second

poor day, beating only two anglers.

This is not the finishing place the Tartan Team wanted after investing a considerable amount of time and effort during ten days of training on the canal.

They move on and some of the anglers will represent Scotland when they host the Celtic Cup at Strathclyde Park near Hamilton from October 10 to 13.

Scotland will field its first ladies team in the event.