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Sport

Canoe Polo

Most notable achievement

Being selected among the most elite youth players in Great Britain to train at the Canoe Polo Youth Development Academy in Liverpool.

Goals and future aspirations

To be selected to represent Team GB at the 2024 Olympic Games.







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Introducing 15 year old Jessie Hurtt! Jessie is an up and coming athlete in Canoe Polo (also known as Kayak Polo) - if you're not sure what Canoe Polo is, imagine a game of water polo, but the competitors are in kayak's.

Jessie is a general lover of sport, especially water sports as she also enjoys sprint, slalom and white-water kayaking. But she found that she had a particular talent for Canoe Polo. After starting Canoe Polo six years ago at a summer holiday camp at Southmere Lake, Thamesmead, Jessie fell in love with the sport and wanted to compete in it.

So she joined Meridian Canoe Club in Welling where her talent was truly recognised.

Jessie was selected by Meridian as one of the youngest players in the Division 1 Ladies National tournament. She then went on to be chosen as one of the most elite youth players

in the country after being invited to train at the GB Water Canoe Youth Development Academy in Liverpool. Since then, Jessie has gone on to compete at an international level in Great Britain, Belgium and France.

Jessie has her eye on emulating her idol Ginny Coyles, who is regarded as one of the greatest female Canoe Polo players of all time. She has her sights firmly set on representing Great Britain at the World and European Championships and then Team GB at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, should Canoe Polo be included.

To maintain her fitness, Jessie trains three times a week, usually in lakes, docks and swimming pools. However, after being accepted onto the Promising Athletes Programme, Jessie will use the gym and swimming pool at Crook Log to further improve her strength, stamina and fitness.



