<u>Competition Climbing Summary – William Bosi</u>

It has been a very busy and successful season so far for me, and it is still not finished! I knew it would be a tough year as I had moved up an age category into Youth A. The competitions have all been hard but fun.

It began with the European Lead competitions and I was pleased to make finals and finish in 8th place at the European Youth Climbing Championship held at EICA, Ratho in June. Later in the year, in September, I competed at the World Youth Climbing Championship held in Noumea, New Caledonia, on the other side of the world! This was an amazing experience and I was delighted to climb well, making finals in 1st place but finishing in 8th. I was the only GB climber to qualify for finals.

Next up was the British Lead Climbing Championship, in October, at Sheffield. On the Saturday I was competing in the Youth A boys and having topped both qualifiers fell on the last move of our final route, finishing in 2nd place. On the Sunday it was the Senior event and this was the first time I was old enough to be able to compete, I was really psyched for it. I climbed well and qualified through to the finals in first place, being the only climber to have topped both routes. In the final I knew I would have to get high on the route and so pushed to the limit. When I was lowered down, from the wall, I was so excited to be told that I had won, a great day! I believe that I am the youngest, at age 15, to have won this title.

In Bouldering it has been a good year with success at a European Youth Boulder Cup in Laengenfeld, Austria where I finished in 2nd place. In the Final I dug deep for the last problem and in the dying seconds managed to stick the crux move and top out! This is the best result this season for the GB Junior Bouldering Team.

In national competitions I was pleased to retain my Scottish Youth Bouldering Championship title, and also my British Junior Bouldering Championship title, winning all three rounds of this series.

As a result of my Senior BLCC win I have been invited to join the Senior GB Lead Team at a World Cup event in Kranj, Slovenia in November, which is very exciting. I am looking forward to seeing Jakob Schubert and Adam Ondra climb!

I am also delighted to have been awarded, one of five Merit Awards from Sports Aid Scotland, for the second year running.

Full results for 2014 (so far):

Youth A		
IFSC EYC Lead Imst Austria, May		19 th
IFSC EYCC Lead Edinburgh, Scotland, June		8^{th}
IFSC EYC Boulder L'Argentiere, France, July		21st
IFSC EYC Boulder Laengenfeld, Austria, August		2^{nd}
IFSC WYCC Noumea, New Caledonia, Sept		8^{th}
SYBC Glasgow, April		1 st
BJBC Series		1 st :
Round 1 Sheffield, Dec'13	1 st	
Round 2 Glasgow, April	1 st	
Round 3 London, July	1 st	
BLCC, Sheffield, October		2^{nd}
Senior		
BLCC Sheffield, October		1 st