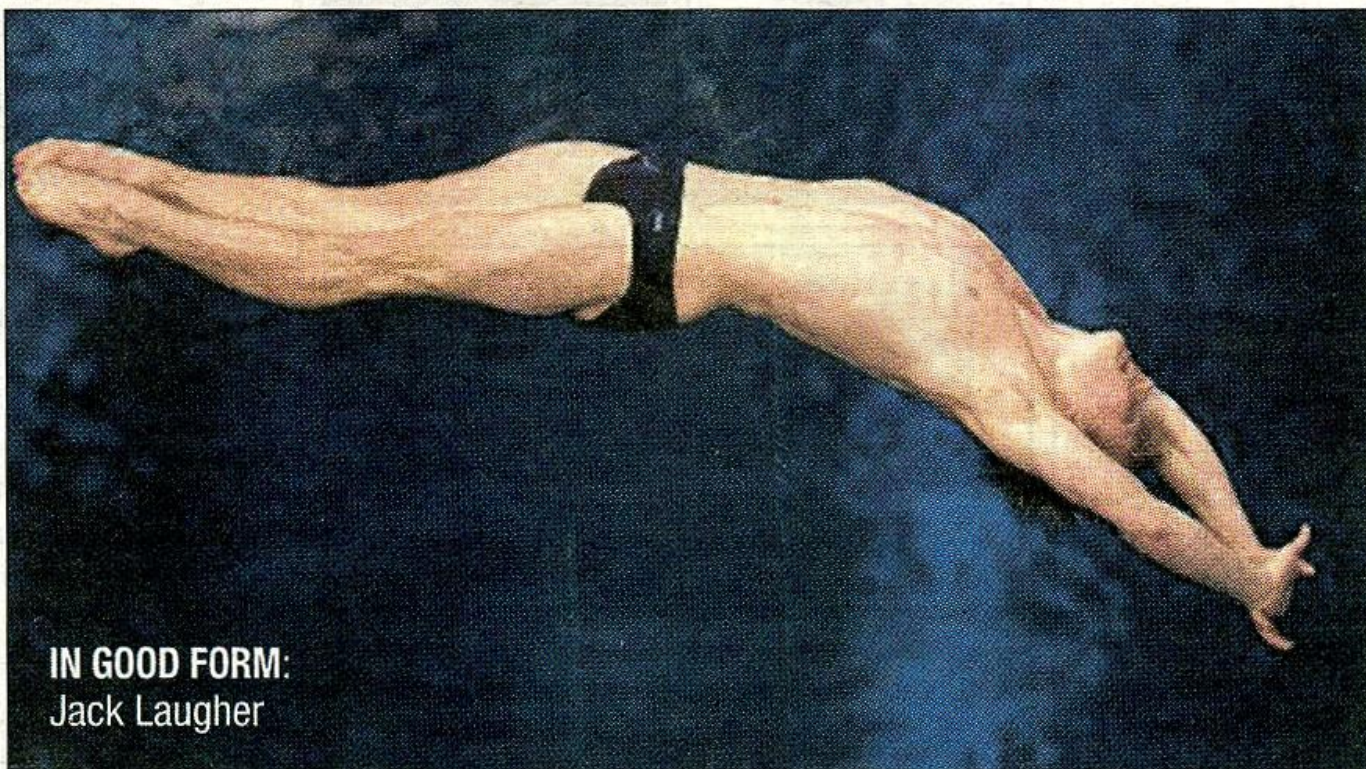


Superb Shanghai for Leeds



IN GOOD FORM:
Jack Laugher

LEEDS continues to do Great Britain proud at the FINA World Diving Championships in Shanghai – Jack Laugher finishing a superb eighth in yesterday's 3m Springboard final at the tender age of 16.

Despite making his World Championship debut, the teenager exceeded all expectations by booking his place in Friday's final with Thursday's score of 436.60 – securing Great Britain a quota place for the same event at London 2012 in the process.

The double world junior champion then scored 453.50 to seal eighth in the final itself and a World Series spot for next season.

Yesterday also saw City Of Leeds teammates Hannah Starling and Rebecca Gallantree make their bid to qualify for the 3m Springboard semi-final though the duo missed out after finishing 27th and 29th respectively.

World Championships debutante Starling scored 259.40 with Gallantree on 251.45 while

Wednesday saw another Leeds World Championship debutante – Jenny Cowen – score 254.70 to finish 24th in the women's 10m platform preliminaries.

Meanwhile, on Monday, booking a place in the 10m Synchro final proved a piece of cake for Leeds diver Sarah Barrow and her partner Tonia Couch but the final itself provided agony for the British champions – the duo only 1.77 points off grabbing bronze.

Bidding to become Great Britain's first female medallists in World Championship history, the duo were squeezed out by the German pair who scored 316.29 to grab bronze.

Last Sunday, meanwhile, saw Starling and Alicia Blagg – just 14 – finish 25th and 30th respectively in the 1m Springboard preliminaries while Saturday saw Gallantree and Blagg finish 15th in 3m Synchro qualifying, missing out on the final by 14.22 points.