



## Report from YDL Upper Age Group – Croydon – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Once again an under-strength Chelmsford U17/U20 team found it hard going against some very strong teams from Basildon, Enfield & Haringey, Harrow, and Stevenage & North Herts in their latest YDL Southern Region Premier League fixture at Croydon on Sunday.

It was therefore to the enormous credit of those club athletes who did compete, that some fine performances were recorded.

Darren Blackwell pushed himself to the limits by turning out in the U20 800m, 1500m, AND 2000m SC – finishing in an excellent second place in all of these events!

U17 athlete Charlotte Boyle literally stepped up to the challenge by competing in two U20 age group events, and was delighted to come away with a victory and a 1.55m PB in the High Jump, and third place in the Discus!

The U20 3000m also saw some notable performances from Chelmsford athletes, with Callum Charleston securing an outstanding win, while U17 Jordan Denyer won the U20 B race in a new PB time.

Kate Solis won the U20 3000m, before also registering a fine third place in the 800m – and Rebecca Wade won the U20 1500m, as the team excelled in the middle distance events. Georgia Tuckfield continued her recent good form by winning the U20 1500SC, while Megan Williams won the U17 3000m.

Over the shorter distances, Robyn Stafford came home in an excellent second place and a PB in the U17 Women's 80mH, and Rhys Collings came third in the U17 400mH.

Moving onto the Field events, amongst the Jumpers Jamie Allway lead the way with a victory in the U17 Pole Vault. In the Long Jump pit, Robyn Stafford came second in the U17 Womens event, while Alex O'Brien, Ryan Doidge, and Rachel Stark registered a trio of third places in their age groups.

In the High Jump, Joe McQuillan came second in the U17 event, while Bronwen Smith will have been pleased with her third place in the equivalent Women's competition.

In the Throws, James Mead came second in the U20 Discus, fourth in the Shot, and third in the B string Javelin. Alex Reynolds came second in the U17 Hammer, and Jacob Parker finished third in the U17 Discus – a feat matched by Joseph Ellis in the U17 Javelin.