



## Report from YDL Upper Age Group – Harrow – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014

The Chelmsford U17/U20 team completed their YDL Premier League season at Harrow on Sunday, competing against the hosts, Basildon Beagles, Croydon, Enfield & Haringey, and Stevenage & North Herts.

Once again their limited numbers made it difficult to be truly competitive as a team, but all of the individuals who did turn out worked their socks off in representing the club.

Amongst the U20 Men, Darren Blackwell was the stand-out performer, recording a superb victory in the 3000m. Arran Rae won the B race, with the second fastest time of the day, to make it a Chelmsford 1-2 at the distance. Callum Charleston was only narrowly pipped on the line in the closest of finishes in the 800m, while Nathan Brearley came home third in the 1500m. Joe Stedman also registered a third place – in the 2000m SC.

Alex O'Brien put in his usual sterling efforts across a range of disciplines – his personal highlights coming in the Javelin (second place), and Long Jump (third). James Murrell, competing in the U20 High Jump as an U17, finished in a highly creditable third place.

In the U17's, the Men didn't manage an individual victory, but Chris Watson (800m), Jacob Parker (Discus), and Jamie Allway (Pole Vault) all registered second places in their events. Jordan Denyer (1500m), Rhys Collings (400mH) and Joe Ellis (Javelin) all recorded third place finishes.

Amongst the Women, U17 Jodie Judd once again scored a fine pair of middle-distance results – winning the 3000m before coming home a close second in the 1500m to the in-form Isobel Ives from Basildon. Emma Perks won the U17 1500m B race.

Caitlin Boyle came equal first in the Pole Vault, to continue her fine form this year. Alex Leslie recorded an excellent second place in the 300mH, and Erin Minton-Branfoot scored a fine third place in the 800m. Robyn Stafford came home with a trio of third places – in the 80mH, Long Jump and Triple Jump.

In the U20's Jade Harding again showed her multi-event commitment and talent by coming third in both the Long Jump and the High Jump. Rachael Stark came third in the 1500m SC.