



## Report from YDL Upper Age Group – Stevenage – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014

Chelmsford's U17 and U20 age group athletes made the trip to Stevenage on Sunday, for their second YDL fixture of the season. Despite fielding a depleted team, they recorded a highly creditable score, with most athletes competing in at least three events. Darren Blackwell, James Regan, James Mead and Rebecca Wade topped the average, with four appearances each!

In terms of quality, the stand-out performances came from Darren Blackwell, Nicole McKechnie, Jodie Judd, and Georgia Tuckfield, who each won two A string races.

U20 Darren put in a sterling effort, and fantastic stamina, to win both the 1500m, and the 2000m Steeplechase – before returning to the track to come second in the 800m, and third in the 400m (in which he recorded a PB!).

Fellow U20 athlete Nicole McKechnie demonstrated why she was selected to represent England earlier in the season, by winning both the 400m AND the 200m. Georgia Tuckfield (also U20) had an excellent day, winning the 3000m by over 2 minutes, in a Season's Best time – and then registering a PB in winning the 1500m Steeplechase.

The U17 Women's team also scored some notable successes. Jodie Judd matched her feat from the first YDL fixture of the season in winning both the 1500m (in a Seasons' Best time that brought her home over 10 secs ahead of the field) and the 3000m (by nearly 2 minutes!). She then went on to score some valuable points in the Discus too! Ellie Baker won the 800m, and Megan Williams did likewise in the 1500m, to further bolster the team score.

Amongst the Men's U17's, there were wins for Jamie Allway (with a 3.30m PB in the Pole Vault) and Alex Reynolds in the Discus. Alex also finished second in the Shot, and threw the third longest distance of the day in the Hammer. James Regan included a PB in the 100mH amongst his trio of third places – the others coming in the High Jump and Long Jump – as well as coming fifth in the Javelin.

Alex Leslie recorded her own trio – a trio of PB's – in the 100m, 200m and Shot, while Rebecca Wade finished the day with a sequence of results that included a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> – in the 300m, 800m, 1500m and Javelin respectively!

Versatile Jade Harding also came home with a trio – of second places – in the 100mH, High Jump and Long Jump – and will have been delighted to register Season's Bests in the Jumps events.

Jamie Walford also recorded PB's in his High Jump and Long Jump, while Alfie Green ran a PB in the U20 3000m.

James Mead competed in ALL of the U20 Throws – with a second in the Discus and Hammer, a third place (and PB) in the Javelin, and a fifth place in the Shot.

Rosa Prideaux came second in the U17 300m, before the Women's U17 Relay team won the 4x300m relay to finish off the day.