

Report from YDL Lower Age Group – Chelmsford – 18th July 2015

Chelmsford's U15/U13 team played host to league leaders Havering AC on Saturday, in the final match of their YDL season in Division South North/East 1. Havering were already virtually guaranteed end-of-season top spot, having won all of their fixtures this season, but Chelmsford pushed them all the way on the day, the lead changing hands almost on an event by event basis – and with just one result to come in, there was only 1 point between the teams. In the final analysis however, Havering prevailed, and proved worthy winners of the league, with Chelmsford finishing the runners-up place.

For Chelmsford it was the Girls that scored heavily, with a large number of wins on the day. U13's Ndidi Okoh, Faye Sweeting and Martha Smith continued their dominance of the middle-distance events, with Ndidi winning the 800m A string, and Faye victorious in the B race, with the two fastest times of the day. Martha comfortably took the 1200m A in a new PB, to underline her emerging talent – and Hannah Bolton made it a 1-2 by winning the B race – also with a PB.

Meanwhile over the shorter distances, U13 Amber Whitehorne won the 150m – with Lily Parris winning the B race - and Holly Lawrence and Hannah Bardo made it an A and B double in the in the 75mH. Hannah then teamed up with Holly, Amber and Ndidi to secure victory in the U13G 4x100m to round off an excellent day for the U13 Girls on the track. Ndidi also went on to record yet another win in the Long Jump.

In the U15 Girls team, two familiar names stood out – Connie Forman, who won the 75mH and Long Jump – and Laura Runciman, who won the Hammer and Shot, as well as coming second in the Discus.

Connie went on to join with Emily Foster, Sophie Swift and Hannah Smith and win the U15G 4x300m.

Amongst the Boys, Brooklyn Kabongolo followed up his outstanding debut last week by winning the U13B 75mH, and Alexandre Davis secured victory in the U13B Shot. Seb Clatworthy leaped to victory in the U13B High Jump, with Jack Hammond making it a Chelmsford AC 1-2 by winning the B event.

So, after winning YDL promotion last year, the club's juniors finished runners-up in the higher league this year. With so many emerging talents in the team, who would bet against them going one better next year?