



Report on EYAL Round 4 – Luton – 3rd July 2016

Chelmsford's juniors travelled to Luton on Sunday, for the fourth match of their EYAL season. Going into the match in 11th place in the table, the team managed a very creditable 2nd place on the day, moving them up one place in the league. But for lack of numbers in the U13 Girls category, and especially in the U17 Men's age group, the result could have been even better. The U15 Girls, U17 Women, and U13 Boys all won their respective age groups – and the U15 Boys were second.

Undoubtedly the star performer of the day was U15 Jess Hopkins, who broke TWO club records in one afternoon! Her winning Shot Put distance of 12.84m broke her own record, set in May – but her High Jump clearance of 1.67m broke a record which has stood since 1984! For good measure, Jess also finished second in the 300m!

Elsewhere in the age group, Holly Lawrence contributed plenty of points for the team with a hat-trick of victories in B events – 75mH, High Jump, and Long Jump. On the track, Amelia Day recorded an excellent win in the 75mH, Georgia Tombs was second in the 800m, and Maxine Williams was second in both the 100m and 200m. In the Field, Elizabeth Finch won the Discus and was second in the Hammer, while Hannah Bardo won the Discus B string, and was third in the Long Jump.

In the U17 Women's category two athletes recorded a 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Gabby Quigley's combination was in the Discus, Hammer and Shot, while Nancy Eagle (U15) matched this in the 80mH B race, Shot Put B, and High Jump.

Connie Forman won the 80mH, and the B string 300m, while Tara Lewis won the A string race in the latter. Weronika Czekajlo was third in the Long Jump, Miriam Fadahunsi was second in the Triple Jump (with Charlotte Prior winning the B event). The team finished the day by winning the 4x100m relay.

Amongst the U13 Girls, Lauren Hazel won the 800m B race, Olivia Mayhew was third in the High Jump, Kate Baldwin won the B string High Jump, and Kayleigh Hale was second in the Long Jump.

In the U13 Boys team, Demilade Fajobi (1st in 200m and 2nd in 100m) and Dolapo Adetunji (winning both of the B races) dominated in the Sprints, while Onyeka Okoh won the B string 75mH and was third in the 800m. Oliver Early had another good day, across the disciplines as he won the 75mH and Shot, before finishing second in the High Jump. Nathan Hall won the B string Shot.

In the U15 Boys, Finley Hall recorded a hat-trick of second places – in the 200m, Long Jump and Shot. Ethan Thompson won the B string Discus and was second in the Hammer – and another Ethan (Hunter) won the B string 80mH and High Jump events. Sam Johnson was second in the 300m and third in the 100m, and Dom Clatworthy was third in the 800m. Ross Walker and Kyle Thornton both recorded second places – in the Javelin and Discus respectively – and Sam Tremelling was third in the Pole Vault.

Amongst a small U17 Men's team, John Boyle scored a PB in winning the High Jump before coming second in the Javelin. Andrew Hill won the 400m, and Oliver Hay was third in the Pole Vault.



Chelmsford are now in tenth place in the EYAL table. A top six finish now seems unlikely, but with one (home) fixture remaining, the team will be confident of securing a place in the Plate Final – and hopeful of winning the EYAL Plate for the third year running.