



Report on EYAL Round 4 – Chelmsford – 7th August 2016

Chelmsford's Junior team played hosts for the final match of the regular EYAL season on Sunday. With two of the visiting teams (Ipswich and Havering) fielding strong teams as they fought for the league title, competition was fierce, and the team secured a third place finish on the day – a result which won a place in the EYAL Plate Final on 4th September.

The U13 Boys were the only team to win their age group in the fixture. Oliver Early was the main points contributor, with wins in both the 75mH, and High Jump – and a second place in the Shot. Demilade Fajobi was second in the 200m and third in the 100m, while Onyeka Okoh recorded a couple of B string victories, in the 75mH and High Jump as well as coming home third in the 800m. Jake Bewley was second in the Discus, and Thomas Woodward won the 800m B race.

There was a trio of wins for the U15 Boys – Dom Clatworthy in the 800m, Seb Clatworthy in the Pole Vault, and Ethan Thompson in the Hammer. Meanwhile Ethan Hunter (80mH) and Kyle Thornton (Discus) won their B string events.

Amongst the U17 Men, relative newcomers Alfie Cassidy and George Branch again showed their value in the Throws. Alfie won the Shot and came second in the Discus, while George won the B string Shot. Callum Lloyd ran a PB in the 800m to finish second, behind the highly ranked Josh Hulse of Ipswich. He also recorded a PB as he finished third in the Triple Jump. Tom Keevil was second in the 1500m, with Connor Page winning the B race, and Billy Stevens was third in the 100m.

In the U13 Girls events, Kayleigh Hale had another good day, winning the 200m, and coming second in the Javelin. Cassie Foreman also weighed in with points by winning the 200m B race, and finishing third in the High Jump. Amber Pellicci (70mH) and Ruby Ham (Long Jump) both recorded second places, while Freya Killilea marked her debut with a couple of second places of her own – in the Shot and Discus. Sasha Whiley won the B string Javelin.

Jess Hopkins was again the stand-out performer for the U15 Girls, with a trio of wins, including another Club Record! Her victories in the 75mH and Long Jump were capped by breaking a 41 year old club record in the Javelin! As usual, Mia Chantree wasn't far behind in her contribution to the team as she won the 300m and High Jump before coming second in the Shot. Ndidi Okoh crossed the line second in the 800m, while Elizabeth Finch recorded a couple of second places – in the Discus and Hammer. Lily Parris won the B string High Jump.

In the U17 Women's events, Ellie Bartram-Sheppard, Connie Forman and Kim English were the main points scorers. Ellie won the B string 100m and Triple Jump, as well as coming third in the Long Jump. Connie powered to victory in the 300m, before finishing second in the 200m and third in the 80mH. Kim, stepping up from the U15's, also scored a 1st, 2nd and 3rd, in the Shot, Hammer and Discus respectively.

Miriam Fadahunsi won the A string Triple Jump, and Rachel Broome showed terrific endurance by finishing third in both the 800m and 1500m. Sarah Orr won the 200m B race, while Annalie Tanner did



likewise in the 300m. Hannah Bardo stepped up from the U15's to take an excellent third place in the High Jump.

The U17 Women ended the day by winning the 4x100m relay.

The final result meant that Chelmsford finish in 9th place in the EYAL table, and once again qualify to compete in the Plate Final. Having won the EYAL Plate for the past two years, the team will be looking to make it a hat-trick of wins on 4th September at Hemel Hempstead, where they will be competing against Dacorum & Tring, Norwich, Thurrock, Basildon and Woodford Green.