



Report from YDL U15/U13 Match 1 - Ashford - 23rd April 2016

Chelmsford's U15 and U13 squad opened their Youth Development League season with a second place at Ashford on Saturday. Competing against the hosts, Brighton & Hove, Orion Harriers, Bexley, Basildon and Newham & Essex Beagles, the team secured their result with a combination of fine individual performances and team spirit.

Nowhere was this combination on better display than in the U15 Girls category, where there were A string victories for Ndidi Okoh (800m), Jess Hopkins (Shot), Elizabeth Finch (Discus), and valuable B string wins for Ndidi (High Jump, PB), Georgia Tombs (800m), Hannah Bardo (High Jump), Mia Chantree (Shot), Jess Hopkins (Long Jump), Elizabeth Finch (Hammer, PB) and Robyn Bennett (Discus). Hannah Bolton and Faye Sweeting showed tremendous commitment to the team by securing 2nd places in the 1500m A and B string, before both stepping in to cover both the 4x100m and 4x300m relays – all within 40 minutes! The 4x300 was especially impressive as the girls won the last race of the day, with a team including Hannah, Faye – and Ndidi Okoh and Mia Chantree.

Ben Kerwin was the star performer in the U15 Boys team, winning both the 200m and 300m – both in Personal Best times! Finley Hall showed great support by winning the 200m B race – also with a PB.

Sam Tremelling won the Pole Vault with some very impressive vaulting, while Seb Clatworthy was second in the High Jump, and Zach Bridgeland and Finley Hall both recorded third place finishes – in the 1500m and Shot respectively.

In the U13 Boys age group there was a win for Finlay Staff in the 75mH (where Onyeka Okoh won the B race). Finley also won the 200m B race in a PB time, and Onyeka matched that achievement in the High Jump. Nathan Hall won the Shot, with a PB distance – and also recorded a PB in the Long Jump, where he came third. Thomas Woodward crossed the line second in the 800m, and James Luxton was third in both the 100m and Javelin (where he grabbed a PB).

Cassie Forman won the U13 Girls 70mH with a Personal Best performance, while Kayleigh Hale showed her sprinting prowess by finishing second in the 75m, recording PB's in both that event and the 150m. Ruby Ham demonstrated her versatility by registering a PB in finishing third in the 800m, and then winning the B string Javelin.