



Report from YDL U15/U13 Match 2 - Chelmsford – 21st May 2016

Chelmsford's U15 and U13 squad followed up their opening fixture second place finish by repeating the feat in the second match at Melbourne Park on Saturday. In fact, were it not for the club being docked points for having insufficient officials, the team would have won the match, such was the quality of a team performance that included not only a plethora of PB's, but also TWO Club Records!

As has often been the case this season already, it was the U15 Girls that scored most heavily – and talented U15 multi-eventer Jess Hopkins that created the headlines, with three PB's, and one of the Club Records to fall. Jess started with a PB in winning the B string 75mH, before taking part in one of the most thrilling events of the day as she went head-to-head with Ndidi Okoh in the High Jump. Both girls leaped to amazing new PB's – Jess by 8cm, and Ndidi by 6cm – as they won the A and B string events, and both literally soared into the UK top 10! As if that wasn't enough for Jess, she then went on to eclipse her own Club Record in the Shot, with a throw of 12.29m!

Ndidi still had enough energy to win the 800m – and then take her place in a 4x300m relay team that broke the other Club Record! The record-breaking team was completed by Nancy Eagle, Faye Sweeting and Mia Chantree, who all recorded their own individual victories – Nancy with a PB in the Shot B, Faye in the 1500m, and Mia in the 75mH. Mia also took second place in the Long Jump.

Kim English had a great day – recording PB's in both the Discus (where she won), and Hammer (second place). Georgia Tombs took maximum points in the 800m B race, while Hannah Bardo won the Long Jump B, and was third in the Javelin.

Amongst the U13 Girls, Ella Chantree registered both a win and a PB in the Shot, while Olivia Mayhew did likewise in the High Jump. Cassie Forman won the B string High Jump with a PB, as well as coming third in the 70mH. Ruby Ham recorded a PB too – as she came second in the Long Jump.

In the U15 Boys age group, the sprinters were excelling, as Lewis Golding won the 100m, while Ben Kerwin continued his outstanding season by winning both the 200m and 300m. At the end of the day, both boys teamed up with Finley Hall and Kieran Bennett to win the 4x100m relay. Individually, Finley won the 200m B race (as well as taking second place in the Shot), and Kieran recorded a PB as he won the 80mH B race.

Sam Tremelling recorded what is becoming a regular win in the Pole Vault, and Kyle Thornton took victory, and a PB in the B string Discus. Ethan Thompson was second in the Hammer, and also registered a PB in the Discus, where he finished third. Namesake Ethan Hunter also grabbed a PB as he finished second in the High Jump.

Zach Bridgeland (1500m) and Drew Kuma (80mH) both scored third places in their events, and the 4x300m relay team took second place.

Finally, the U13 Boys were contributing their fair share of points towards the team's success. Oliver Early took two maximums – in the 75mH (PB) and Shot – while Finlay Staff also crossed the line first in two events (200m, and 75mH B).



Thomas Woodward secured a fine win in the 800m, while George Gutteridge (Long Jump) and Nathan Hall (Shot) both won B string events. Jerome Kuma grabbed second place (and a PB) in the Javelin, and Jake Bewley also went home with a PB as he came third in the 1500m.