



Report on YDL Lower Age Group R4 – Chelmsford – 16th July 2016

The U15/U13 squad played hosts for their final YDL fixture of the season on Saturday at Melbourne Park – and despite being without a number of their stars from the U15 Girls team, they ended the day by taking second place, and clinching the title in the Southern Region, East 1 Division. It was a close-run thing, with Chelmsford ending equal on points with Brighton, but provisionally winning the league on 'Event' Points!

With the Girls depleted by the SEAA Combined Events Championships, it was the U15 Boys who stepped up to score the majority of the points. Ben Kerwin continued his superb form this season by scoring three maximums – winning the 200m, 300m and B string Shot. Also on the Track, Drew Kuma was second in the 80mH, while Kieran Bennett won the B race, and Joseph Abbott won the B string 800m.

In the Field, Sam Tremelling won the Pole Vault, with Seb Clatworthy ensuring a double by taking victory in the B event. Seb also finished second in the High Jump. In the Throws, Kyle Thornton recorded two second places – in the Discus and Hammer. Ethan Thompson won the B string Discus, and Ross Walker was third in the Javelin.

The U13 Boys had a good day too – with Demilade Fajobi (1st in the 100m) and Dolapo Adetunji (2nd in 200m and 1st in 800m B) once again weighing in with a significant contribution to the points. They also teamed up to help the 4x100m relay team to victory at the end of the day. Thomas Woodward was second in the 800m, and Onyeka Okoh was third in the 1500m. Oliver Early was in good form again, and showing his versatility as he won the 75mH, and came second in both the Shot and High Jump. Jerome Kuma won the Long Jump, and Nathan Hall won the B string Shot.

The U15 Girls picked up most points in the middle distance, with Hannah Smith (1st in 800m), Faye Sweeting (1st in 1500m), and Georgia Tombs (1st 1500m B) again showing their value to the team. Robyn Bennett scored well too, winning two B events – 75mH and Hammer. Holly Lawrence equaled her PB as she won the High Jump – and the other main points scorers were in the Throws, where Elizabeth Finch registered second place in both the Discus and Hammer – and Ella Thomas was second in the Javelin.

Amongst the U13 Girls, Cassie Foreman was third in the 70mH. In the Field, Kayleigh Hale was second in the Javelin, and Sasha Whiley won the B string event. Olivia Mayhew was third in the Shot, and Ella Chantree won the B string Shot.

Assuming that the YDL confirm the result, Chelmsford will now go into a paper match with the winners of the Central 1 and West 1 Divisions, to decide which two teams will be promoted into Southern Premier 2.

Should promotion be achieved, it will be to the enormous credit of not only the athletes, but also the off-field support team who all worked hard to produce an excellent day's athletics. Nneka Okoh and Adamola Adetunji ran as far as any of the athletes in delivering track results to the scorers, and Will and Fred Burrows were valuable helpers to the Field officials. The Club was also extremely indebted to all of the Officials (Track and Field), Tea Room helpers and Scorers who also made the day a success.