**Yeovil Olympiads and Wells City Harriers begin their campaign for promotion in the British Athletics League**

Joint clubs Yeovil Olympiads and Wells City Harriers started their 2016 campaign with a 3rd place finish in the first mens British Athletics League match in Newquay.

Having missed out on promotion by one point in 2015, YOAC and Wells City Harriers looked to kick off their 2016 season with a strong start and with a number of new athletes in the team, promotion to Division 2 looks a real possibility for the Somerset club.

With blustery conditions and the prospect of rain, the athletes knew that it was not a day for good times, but still, there were a number of good performances throughout the day.

In the sprints new athletes Ronnie Wells and Jordan Finch produced good performances, 1st A string 100m, and 3rd B string 200m respectively. Whilst Glenn Etherington finished 3rd in A string 200m. Glenn also added a win in the 110mh to provide some vital points for the team.

In the 400m, debutant Sam Peters ran a good race to finish 3rd behind some very fast times.

There were also some good placings in the middle distance races, with Sam Somerville finishing 2nd in the A string 1500m, Andrew Mapstone 2nd in the B string 800m, and Sam Harding running a PB (4:13.42) in the 1500m B string to finish 3rd.

The performances of the day came in the 3000m by Luke Prior and Oliver Dickinson who both shaved more than 8 seconds off their PBs. With a very experienced field, Luke took the race by the scruff of the neck leading the majority of the way, only to be pipped at the line and finished 2nd in the A string (8:52.12), whilst Oliver settled in the chasing pack and won the B string race (9:13.91).

With a number of field athletes unable to compete, Richard Gilyatt filled in by doing the Shot Putt, Pole Vault, Discus and Javalin to gain some valuable points for the club.

Triple Jumper Lewis Guest added High Jump to his schedule for the day, and jumped a PB (1.85m) to win the B string, whilst finishing 2nd in the A string triple jump. Jamie Croucher matched Lewis’s 1.85m to finish 3rd in the A string High Jump. In the jumps Nick Clements also continued his +7m jumping to finish 3rd in the A string Long Jump.

Another newcomer Dominic Allen started off his first season with the club with a 2nd place in the Javelin A string.

The next destination for the club is Chelmsford where they will look to improve on their 3rd place and move in to the promotion spots at the half way point.