



2015 Season

The Yeovil Olympiads Report



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON

It's good to be able to look back at the end of the season and report a whole range of successes for the club. On an individual front these include Jamie Edwards (*below*) becoming our newest Team GB member, while among our teams our Under 17s/Under 20s gained promotion in the Youth Development League and our Senior Men only just missed out in the British Athletics League. We wish Jamie every success in Brazil next month.

It is also a pleasure to report that 12 of our Yeovil and Wells athletes achieved selection to represent Somerset, making up half of the team, at English Schools and our junior membership as a whole racked up 143 AAA performance standards across every possible event.

The end of the season is also a good time to offer thanks to all the officials and other volunteers who make all the competitions possible. Thanks also to Chris Holmes and Al Thorner, many of whose fine photographs appear in these pages as they have in previous issues.

Away from the track, members of the committee are continuing to work with South Somerset District Council on plans to upgrade the clubhouse. Our planning application has gone in and costings are being prepared so that these can be embodied shortly in a funding grant application, with building work to follow, we hope, in the spring.

Right: Ryan and Archie in U13 action.

Below: Southern Athletics League team.



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Under 13s and Under 15s

Unfortunately, as the table below shows, the U13/U15 teams were relegated from their division in the YDL. The girls and boys in both age groups who did compete achieved many fine performances and joined in enthusiastically in events they weren't familiar with. However, availability problems meant that there were never enough of them to rack up a really good points tally.

The Under 13 Girls competed well individually and their team commitment was shown in fine relay running. Lily Clarke, Alice Milton, Harriet Tuson, Lizzie Ingram, Millie Hunt and Jessica Flanagan were

regular performers. All did well in their main events and scored good points all round.

Alfie Lloyd, Will Parry and Archie Tyler competed most often for the U13 Boys with Matt Lock, Ryan MacPherson and Oliver Barrett also featuring. Alfie had a string of wins in the 100 and 200 with a 2nd in the 200 in the final SW League match the only time he was beaten in the sprints all season.

The U15 Boys had a good season, coming second in their age group in the SW League and fielding a strong team in the YDL fixtures. Special mention should go to Luke Baker, Lewis de Torres, Harrison Jones,

Ollie Thorner and Chris Ellis who were the backbone of the team all season.

Elise Thorner, Courtney Terry, and Holly Paine competed most regularly in the U15 Girls, with Gemma Phillips, Ella-Mae Wright and Sophie Hamilton also doing well.

The Thorner twins and Sophie all achieved selection for English Schools and the twins also had excellent seasons in combined events competitions.

Below, L to R: U15s Holly, Harrison and Luke.
Bottom: U13 teams (from L), Lily, Millie, Alice, Lizzie; Oliver, Archie, Alfie, Matt, Will.



SOUTH/WEST 1		TOTAL LEAGUE POINTS	TOTAL MATCH POINTS	2nd MAY		30th May		21st JUNE		18th JULY	
				LEAGUE POINTS	MATCH POINTS	LEAGUE POINTS	MATCH POINTS	LEAGUE POINTS	MATCH POINTS	LEAGUE POINTS	MATCH POINTS
1	South Wales	20	1806	6	429	3	419	5	483	6	475
2	North Somerset AC	18	1911.5	5	426	5	533	6	513	2	439.5
3	North Devon AC	17	1833.5	3	378	6	534	4	475	4	446.5
4	Yate & District AC	16	1765	4	416.5	4	433	3	462.5	5	453
5	Yeovil Olympiads & Wells City Harriers	7	1218	2	347.5	1	152	1	273.5	3	445
6	Swindon Harriers	5	791	1	192	2	282	2	317	0	0

Under 17s and Under 20s

Although we weren't always able to put out as large a team as we wanted the U17s/U20s had a great season in the YDL in particular, winning all four matches (see table) and gaining promotion. Things will be tougher in the Midland Premier Division next year!

The Under 20 Men's team included five current or past England Schools finalists who won a host of events between them. Brendon England-Frost in particular covered many events and Jordan Davies (who won silver in the Senior Boys Shot at England Schools in July) regularly won both shot and discus.

We only had two Under 17 Men available for the first YDL fixture but after this we assembled a good team of regulars for the YDL and SWL and managed to finish top of both leagues in our age category.

There were fine performances from Jamie Croucher who won every high jump he entered for the U17s and James Bridge who ran a fantastic 1:56.68 800 at the Somerset AAs, but the success was due to having a great team of athletes willing to have a go at a variety of events, particularly Bradley Seager and Jonny Ellis who scored lots of points on both the track and in the field. We even managed to win a few relays including the 4x100m in the SW Cup despite not having any sprinters in the team.

Like the U20 Men the U20 Women mostly had a small team, but they covered many events and scored well for the club.

Ziana Azariah, Ila Burton and Ellen Barber were the most regular performers.

The U17 Women had a bigger team, with many successes. Caitlin Carnegie and Georgia Silcox both reached Schools National Standard in their events, but Katie Lloyd, Skye Sauter, Ellen Parry and others kept recording new PBs and gaining many points for the team.

Clockwise from top right: Ellen in SWL action; James working hard at SW Schools; Georgia hits her mark at English Schools; Bradley graceful in the steeplechase.



SOUTH/WEST 1		TOTAL LEAGUE POINTS	TOTAL MATCH POINTS	18th April		16th May		28th June		26th July	
				LEAGUE POINTS	MATCH POINTS	LEAGUE POINTS	MATCH POINTS	LEAGUE POINTS	MATCH POINTS	LEAGUE POINTS	MATCH POINTS
1	Yeovil Olympiads & Wells City Harriers	24	1594	6	357	6	421	6	415	6	401
2	South & East Wales ⁴	20	1383	5	345	5	330	5	372	5	336
3	Gloucester AC	13	967	4	276	1	145	4	320	4	226
4	Hereford & County AC	11	830	3	264	3	172	3	202	2	192
5	Newport Harriers	11	748	2	243	4	197	2	94	3	214
6	Swindon Harriers	4	530	1	235	2	168	0	0	1	127

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British League, Southern League, Southwest League

Having been promoted from Division 4 of the British Athletics League our senior team began Division 3 half-expecting a relegation struggle; instead they missed out on 2nd place and another promotion by only a single point. Newcomer Glenn Etherington featured strongly in the sprints, while more familiar faces Ben Gibb, Ben Thompson, Lewis Guest and Nick Clements won valuable points across a range of field events.

Various of these athletes also appeared in the Southern League team along with our senior women and many of our U20s/U17s. Following on from last year's promotion and a tough start to the season, the team won the last two matches of the programme to finished 6th (of 16) in Division 2. This is a superb achievement and has been built on a growing number of athletes contributing and wanting to take part in this excellent

competition. We have high hopes that we can attract more athletes into the team for next year.

The Southwest League was again tightly contested this year with little to separate six of the seven teams in Division 1, as the table shows. We finished 5th, just above the relegation positions, but once again could easily have done better if more athletes had been available to compete regularly.



Southwest League 2015		
1.	Taunton	(4231) 19
2.	Exeter Harriers	(4189.5) 19
3.	Poole	(4290.5) 18
4.	Wimborne	(4169.5) 17
5.	Yeovil	(4108.5) 17
6.	Newquay & Par	(4054) 16
7.	Cornwall AC	(3228) 6



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