



2014 Season

The Yeovil Olympiads Report



Issue 4

GREAT NEWS ALL ROUND

In our last edition we hoped to celebrate national championship medals in this edition – and we're not disappointed. Pride of place should go to the disability group from which five athletes won 13 golds between them at the National Junior Championships. At the English Schools Championship four of our six athletes reached finals, winning one silver (*Emily Smith*, 69) and two podium appearances for 4th place.

Perhaps the best news for the club as a whole is that the renaming of the track is proceeding. The photo below shows how one of the signs will look, assuming this gets planning approval. We hope to unveil the signs at the Yeovil Games on 14 September (perhaps in better weather than the last SW League match).



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English Schools, 11–12 July

While Emily Smith's silver medal and PB in the senior girls steeplechase (*pictured on page 1*) was the highlight of our athletes' performances in the English Schools Championships all of our representatives scored valuable points for their teams. Somerset, with five of our competitors, won the C group team trophy and the intermediate boys' trophy (with three YOAC athletes in that age group).

Tamsin Miller, our sole Dorset representative, just missed a final spot with a good entry standard throw in a very tough junior girls' javelin. Brett Harrison, troubled by injury, missed out at the semi-final stage in the IB 200m (when a repeat of his national standard time in the first round – *below* – would have seen him through). Our other three Somerset competitors all reached the final of their event. Matt Trickey (*right*) couldn't quite reach the distance he achieved in the South-West and had to settle for a still very creditable 8th in the IB shot. Sam Sommerville (*70, above right*) shaved a second off his PB in the IB 1500m SC only to miss out on bronze in the tightest of finishes and Jordan Davies (*2nd right*) was also 4th, in the SB shot, but since this was his first year in the age group he knows he will be back next time.



National Disability Championships

Yeovil athletes competed as part of the South-West team in the English Federation of Disability Sport National Junior Championships at Warwick University on 12–13 July. Our athletes played a full part in helping their team to a well-deserved 3rd place with a tally of 13 golds and one bronze between them.

Our gold medal winners were Jamie Edwards (100m and 200m wheelchair

sprint); Charlotte Haines (discus, shot, javelin); Connor Hyde (100m and 400m, plus bronze 200m); Emma Povey (discus, shot, javelin); Lewis Trott (discus, shot javelin, all of them new PBs). Unfortunately we haven't been able to track down photos of these great performances yet, but hope to include some in the next issue.

Well done all of you, what a magnificent effort.

South-West League – 7 July

The second SW League Match on 7 July was good in parts – in more ways than one. Some of our age group teams were strongly represented and scored well in the match; others were shorter in numbers and suffered accordingly. And everyone had to cope with a mix of fine sunshine and torrential rain storms.

Our strongest teams on the day were the U17 women, who won their age category, led by event winners Charlotte Baker (*below right*) in the 3000m and Cara Azariah in the hammer. Highlight for the U15 boys was a

fine 4x100 relay win by Tyler Holman, Robbie White, Ben Lloyd and Josh Thorne (*below, LtoR*). Successes in the U13 age groups included an excellent win and PB for Daisy Davies in the 800m (*right*), well inside AAA Grade 1 standard. The U13 teams also welcomed Alice Milton and William Carr who were making their debuts for the club.

Poole were the match winners with YOAC third, only a handful of points behind Taunton. We look forward to even more strong performances in the third SW League match, now scheduled for 24 August.



U15 Boys and Girls 3000m, with Harrison Jones (640, left) 3rd and Dylan Dukes (635, right) 4th in the boys' race and Caitlin Carnegie (627) 2nd in the girls' race with a new PB.

Lilly Clark and Abbie White (605) splashing to 2nd in the U13 Girls sprint relay.

Southern Athletics League – Eastbourne

After a daylong battle with the host club, Yeovil Olympiads' men and women secured an excellent victory to maintain their push for promotion. This was a superb team performance after a long journey.

There were no fewer than 22 personal bests with Skye Sauter's 10.24 triple jump and Dan Huntley's 3.92 pole vault being the pick. PBs also from James Bridge (400), Luke Prior (800), Lewis Guest (400H), Kyle Wheaton (400H), Tom Dukes (3k chase), Brendon England-Frost (HJ), Dan Huntley (TJ), Georgia Silcox (100), Skye Sauter (400), Natasha Jones (800, 2k chase, PV), Emily Bonnett (1500), Jess Morris (400H, 2k chase, PV), and Eve Carrington (shot, hammer, javelin). There were also big contributions in the field from stalwarts Ben Gibb, Ben Thompson and Val Bovell. We look forward to the final fixture of the season at Yeovil on 2 August when we hope to put out a really strong team to secure promotion.



Youth Development League – Match 4

For the fourth round of the Youth Development League the junior age group fixture at Bath on 19 July proved a disappointment with torrential rain and flooding causing the match to be abandoned after only a few events had been completed. Lauren Rowsell was our only winner in the events that did take place (U15G 75H) and also of note was a good PB for one of the team's newer members, Innes Davidson, in the U13B 200m.

The upper age group fixture at Yeovil on 27 July was more successful with YOAC coming a very good second to a large West Wales composite team. Performance of the day was undoubtedly from Brett Harrison, whose 10.9 100m sets an excellent new club record.

As usual many athletes did their best for the club by picking up good points in events they don't usually specialise in (see high jumper Isla Burton, *below*, in the sprint) or

as U17s competing in the older U20 category (Jamie Croucher, *below*) but on athletes' home territory there were also many good PBs. Dan Huntley broke the 4m mark in the U20 pole vault and Jess Morris came under 6 mins. in the 1500m steeplechase. Sky Sauter, Jordan Davies, Matt Trickey and Brett Harrison each won a couple of events, and Matt and Brett might have made it a hat trick, barring a slight mishap between Brett and Brendon England with the relay baton!



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