



Junior Track & Field reports

Heart of England Athletics League - second league meeting Sunday 07 July 2019, Banbury

Report by Nick Stringer

Twenty-one athletes took part with the majority competing in two or three events. The following athletes are worthy of a special mention:

Gracie and Evie Clarke, Imogen Robinson and Layla Wall made up the U11 Girls' team and they finished second out of seven teams on the day - only three points adrift of Tamworth.

Our largest turnout was in the U13 age group, with **Roda Tedros** completing the 1500m in a time of 6.26.4, **Sofia Alderwish** completing the 200m in 35.1 and **Aoife Gallagher** putting the shot 4.04m. **Taya Brown** improved her time from the June meeting in the 200m, recording a time of 33.1. All the girls scored either four or five points in at least one event. In the meantime, **Tom Manzotti, Samuel Mrengo and Finley Davis** improved their times from the June meeting: Tom, 3.16 for 800m; Samuel 14.7 for 100m; and Finley, 15.2 for 100m.

James Phillips, Josh Thompson, Ibrahim Sheikh, Millie Thrup and Laura Brennan competed for Sparkhill's U15 age group with both teams finishing second out of seven teams on the day.

Josh Rawlings and Harry Bull, our U17 Boys, both showed their strong competitive spirit in the 200m with only seven tenths of a second between them.

The combined (U20&U17) ladies' team comprised **Alice and Grace Stewart and Emma Stringer**, and they also finished second on the day.

Many thanks again to Dave for his continuing support and encouragement of the young athletes, to John for organising the officiation of our field events, for those parents and one athlete who assisted him and to Ambrose for his usual track-judging duties. Last but not least, thank you, parents, for bringing your youngsters along to the venue and for encouraging and supporting them.

The last meeting will take place on 18th August in Tamworth; at this meeting, Sparkhill finished in third position overall with only two points between us and second-position Tamworth.

Warwickshire County Track & Field Championships 2019

Report by Rob Mills

The 2019 Warwickshire County Track & Field Championships were held on 11/12 May at the Pingles Stadium in Nuneaton.

Well done to the following junior Sparkhill Harriers who competed at the event. Special mentions go to:

- Layla who achieved personal bests in all four events in the Quadkids competition, coming 5th out of 19 athletes in her first season with the club.
- James who competed in the 1500 metres on Saturday (despite having a bad stitch from near the start of the race) and came back on the Sunday to record a PB in the 800 metres.
- Zac and Dylan who were 2nd and 3rd respectively in the men's under-20s 1500 metres; and
- Josh who achieved a PB in his 800 metres race.
- Layla Wall: Under 11 girls Quadrathlon:
Long jump 3.03m (PB)
Howler 15.00m (PB)
75 m run 11.91 sec (PB)
600 m run 2 min 00.78 sec (PB by 9 seconds)
- Lola-May Smeulders: Under 13 girls 800 metres - 2 min 48.84 sec
- Charlotte Smeulders: Under 20 women 200 metres - 30.03 sec
- Izabella Thompson: Under 20 women 800 metres - 2 min 33.73 sec
- James Phillips:
Under 15 boys 1500 metres - 5 min 26.98 sec
Under 15 boys 800 metres - 2 min 31.85 sec (PB)
- Josh Morgan: Under 17 boys 800 metres - 2 min 27.75 sec (PB)
- Dylan Sudworth: Under 20 men 1500 metres - 4 min 49.40 sec (3rd place)
- Zac Minchin: Under 20 men 1500 metres - 4 min 30.36 sec (2nd place)

Congratulations to all of our Juniors that competed well against the top athletes in the county. Thanks to Dave Reed for his hard work and to the parents who supported our juniors in this event.

