

BOSTON AND DISTRICT ATHLETIC CLUB CROSS-COUNTRY PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.

The efforts of twenty four distance runners were recognised at the Boston and District Athletic Club Cross Country Presentation Evening last week. The awards were presented by Matthew Fraser Moat the owner publisher of the Athletics Weekly "the athletes bible" which provides the best coverage of the No 1 Olympic sport. Athletics Weekly includes articles, previews and results relating to all branches of the sport at national and international level including cross country, track and field, indoor and sportshall athletics and is widely read. In 1999 when the publication was in danger of being lost Mr. Fraser Moat a former club athlete took it over and saved it from a certain death.

The Rising Star Awards presented to athletes in the Under 13 age group who performed to the highest level at County level were awarded to Ellie Boyson and Oliver Street. Ellie's progress during the 2008-9 season over the country was impressive with good performances in regional and national events as well as at Lincolnshire Championships and in Lincs. League races. Oliver also made his mark during the season producing a series of really determined performances in a range of competitions in various conditions to claim the male Rising Star Trophy.

Four young runners were acclaimed as Outstanding Athletes. To fulfil the requirements for an Outstanding Athlete Award the runners had competed regularly for Boston and District A.C. in the four Lincolnshire League matches together with County, North of England and National Championships. Under 17 members Chelsea Brockett and Louise Rutt had been involved in many close encounters in 2008-9 and such close competition had produced some very good results for the pair. At Under 15 level Michael Craven had distinguished himself in cross country responding to the challenge and enjoying considerable success at County level and beyond. Like Michael in the Under 13 category Ellie Boyson also showed great promise as a distance runner often achieving positions much higher than predicted in regional and national events and fully deserved the outstanding athlete accolade.

Fifteen "Gold Tops" were awarded Commendable Athletes Awards for their their performances during the winter season. In the younger age groups Rebecca Craven, Alice Flint and Oliver Street qualified through their Lincolnshire League and Championships performances. Aidan McClure had been as dependable as ever over a wide range of events in the cross country season recording a series of very respectable finishing positions. Under 17 age group members Jake Brittain, Jeremy Baily, Michael West and Stephan Brockett all received Commendable Athlete Awards for their performances together with seven Senior & Veteran male runners. Jose` Ferriera, Geoff. Knight, Duncan McGrory, Shaun North, Chris. Rainbow, Dennis Rainbow and Edgar Sokolovskis all performed well for B.A.D.A.C. and were commended for their results during the 2008-9 cross-country season.

Nine members were recognised as Outstanding Supporters of the Club with Peter Flint and Sam Johnson joining runners who had already achieved awards for their performances in club colours in the various competitions. Seven "Gold Tops" were awarded Commendable Supporters Awards and joined nine others who had already received awards for their performances over the country. Under 13 members Becky Locking and Karlie Wright together with Nathan McClure, Haden Brittain, Judith Drury, Karl Wright and Owen Msimango were all rewarded for their support of Boston and District A.C. in cross country events during the 2008-9 season.