

NATIONAL YOUNG ATHLETES LEAGUE

Boston and District Athletic Club representatives scooped three of the four "Athlete of the Match" Awards at the first of this seasons Division 1E fixtures in the National Young Athletes League at Mount St. Mary's College, in Derbyshire. Maria Hollingsworth won the Girls track "Athlete of the Match" accolade when she recorded 12.2 secs. for the 75m. Hurdles winning in fine style. Both of the Boys awards were claimed by "Gold Tops" with Nathan McClure storming home first in the Under 15 Boys 100 metres and recording 12.5 secs. despite the blustery wind to earn the track award. In the field Haden Brittain excelled in the Under 17 Mens Hammer throwing 44.75m. for an impressive victory and the "Athlete of the Match" award. Boston and District A.C. finished fourth in a closely contested team competition.

Some of the Under 17 Men competing in north Derbyshire on Sunday were on duty for the BADAC Senior team in the first North of England League Division 2EC match at Derby's Moorways Stadium the previous day where they helped the "Gold Tops" to third place. Included in the list of fifteen personal best achievements were Melanie Bristow's B win in the 100m.Hurdles in 19.8 secs., Chelsea Brockett's 29.0 secs in the A 200 metres and Wednesday Pywowariw's 29.2 secs. in the B 200 m. Wednesday notched up a second "p.b." in the 400m. Hurdles when she claimed second place in the B race in a very encouraging 71.5 secs. and both of the flat 400 metres representatives produced best times with Chelsea Brockett clocking 62.5 secs. and Louise Rutt 62.9 secs.. In the Mens events Chris Cope had an impressive victory in the first track event of the day the 400m. Hurdles A race recording a "P.B" 58.3 secs.and Mark Bowler won the B event in 64.7 secs. to secure maximum points for Boston and District A.C. Karl Wright improved to 10.46m in the Triple Jump and Haden Brittain threw the Senior weight Hammer an impressive 34.52m. and also putt the Shot to a new best 8.70m. In the Pole Vault Jake Brittain secured an excellent second place with a new P.B. clearance of 3.90m and in addition won the B 110m. Hurdles contest (18.4 secs.)and Dennis Rainbow produced his best ever time in the 3000m. Steeplechase (13 mins. 38.6 secs.). Stephan Brockett's 35.06m. Javelin throw gave him a personal best as did the two 5000 metres representatives with Edgars Sokolousis (17min..59.4secs.) and Jose` Ferreira (18 min..28.8 secs) making good contributions to the overall team points score. In the final analysis a points total of 302 left Boston and District A.C. in third position behind Rotherham and Lincoln W.A.C. and ahead of Chesterfield, Hull and Sheffield.

In the Young Athletes League match Haden Brittain achieved a splendid treble adding victories in B Discus with a throw of 32.00 m. and A Shot with 11.30m to his Under 17 Mens Hammer success. There was excellent support from the improving Marc Bradbury who won the B Hammer with a rewarding 30.62m., the A Discus with 34.42 m. and the B Shot with a putt of 10.37m. Both lads completed a spendid day by forming fifty per cent of the BADAC 4 X 100m. Relay team which finished in third place in 57.5 secs.. In five other events the "Gold Tops" secured maximum points. In the Under 17 Womens 300m. Hurdles Chelsea Brockett won the A race in 52.2 secs. and Wednesday Pywowariw was equally impressive in winning the B event in 53.3 secs.. Alice Flint prevailed in the Under 15 Girls Long Jump with a best leap of 4.15m. and Becky Locking won the B contest with 3.95m. and Maria Hollingsworth was supported by Karlie Wright 14.3secs. in her award winning 75m. Hurdles performance to clinch maximum points. In the High Jump Maria cleared 1.33m. for victory in the A contest with Alice Flint taking the B first place points with 1.25m. The Under 15 Boys 100 metres sprint also harvested maximum points with "Athlete of the Match" Nathan McClure 12.5 secs. in the A race supported by Oliver Smith who recorded 13.9 secs. in winning the B event.

A number of other Boston and District athletes achieved first places in their events. Michael Craven secured a good double in the blustery conditions crossing the line first in both the Under 15 Boys 800 metres in 2 mins. 33.8 secs. and the 1500 metres in 5 mins. 06.9 secs. and Oliver Smith took the B Long Jump with 4.01 m.. The Under 15 Boys 4 x 100m. Relay quartet were convincing winners clocking 54.6 secs. and the Under 17 Womens 4 x 300 m. 'four' secured maximum points finishing with a time of 3 mins. 39.1 secs..Three members of the 4 x 300m. team contributed first places in individual events with Chelsea Brockett claiming a win in the B 200 metres 30.0 secs. , Louise Rutt convincingly winning the B 1500 metres 5 mins 48.7 secs. and the B 300 metres 48.1 secs. and Melanie Bristow taking first place points in the B 80m. Hurdles. In the Under 17 Mens section Jeremy Baily won the Triple Jump with a leap of 9.60m. and Aiden McClure won the 3000 metres challenge in 11 mins 34.9 secs.. In addition to the string of victories at the end of the full programme of track and field events across the six age groups Boston and District A.C. representatives also notched up seventeen second places and finished fourth team just eleven points behind third placed Hull.