YOUNG ATHLETES AND NORTH OF ENGLAND TRACK & FIELD LEAGUES.

Boston and District Athletic Club teams continued their positive progress in track and field events with third places in both the recent National Young Athletes and North of England League matches. In the third match in the 2009 Young Athletes League series the local club organised their home fixture at Scunthorpe's Quibell Park stadium where they played host to visiting clubs Wakefield, Middlesbrough and Harrogate. The Senior and Under 17 representatives demonstrated a remarkably strong team ethic and despite their lack of years showed great maturity and combined well to claim a splendid third position behind Rotherham and Kingston Upon Hull in the second of the 2009 Division 2 North fixtures at Doncaster

In the final Young Athletes League analysis at Scunthorpe the "home" club finished behind winners Wakefield and runners up Middlesbrough and ahead of Harrogate in the third of this season's League matches. Nine Under 17 representatives spearheaded the "Gold Tops" challenge producing some good performances both in the field and on the track. Jeremy Baily won both the Long Jump 5.47m. and the Triple Jump 12.10m. and added a third place in the 400 metres recording 58.0 secs.. A clearance of 1.65m. in High Jump gave Aidan McClure a new personal best and he added further points in Triple Jump winning the B competition with 10.03m. and finishing third in the 3000 metres clocking 10 mins. 31.3 secs.. Throwers Haden Brittain and Marc Bradbury made a good contribution with Marc winning the Shot with 11.74m.. claiming second in Discus 36.44m. and finished in the same position in the B Hammer competition recording 36.44m.. Haden acheived an impressive 47.21m. for second in the Hammer A event and added second place points in the B Shot 10.58m, and third place in the B Discus 29.29m.. The four lads combined to finish fourth in the 4 x 100m. Relay 55.6 secs.. Wednesday Pywowariw confirmed her considerable progress this season gaining two first places and a second. In the 300 metres B race she recorded 46.8 secs.to win and then threw the Javelin 19.50m. for a new "P.B." adding a second in Long Jump with a clearance of 4.33m.. Chelsea Brockett won the Pole Vault going over 2.50m., finished second in both the 300m. Hurdles 49.4 secs. and the 300 metres sprint 44.8 secs. and Louise Rutt won the 800 metres in 2mins. 38.9 secs. and finished third in the 1500 metres clocking 5 mins. 46.4 secs. despite the hot weather conditions. Melanie Bristow threw the Javelin 23.87m. for victory and added a fourth in Discus and a second in the B Long Jump (4.05m.) and Emma Penniston added value claiming a first in the B 800 metres and a third in the B 1500 metres. The 4 x 300m. Relay quartet crossed the line in third position recording 3 mins. 15.5 secs..

At Under 15 level Nathan McClure achieved an impressive treble with victories in Pole Vault clearing 2.50m., 400 metres recording 57.2 secs. and the B Javelin 22.03m. and Oliver Smith won the B 200 metres 27.9 secs. finished second in the B 400 metres 65.7 secs. and third in the Long Jump 4.20m.. Oliver Street contributed well with seconds in the B 800 metres 2mins. 44.7 secs. and B 80m. Hurdles 16.9 secs. and claimed fourth in the B Long Jump 3.36m. and Michael Craven secured a fourth position in the 800 metres recording 2 mins. 27.9 secs.. For his part Sam Johnson was second in the 80m. Hurdles 14.5 secs. and third over 200 metres 27.2 secs. and Anthony Sandall achieved a pair of runners up places in Shot 7.34m. and Javelin 22.82m.. and then joined Oliver Smith, Nathan McClure and Sam. Johnson to take third place in the 4 x 100m. Relay race with a time of 56.4 secs.. In the Under 15 Girls category Maria Hollingsworth recorded 12.6 secs. in the 75m. Hurdles narrowly missing out on first place, secured another second in Javelin with 18.73m. and added a fourth in the 200 metres sprint 29.2 secs.. Ellie Boyson finished second in the 1500 metres in 5 mins. 28.5 secs. and also claimed the same position in the B Javelin competition and Alice Flint made it two second places in the 1500 metres recording 5 mins. 43.3 secs. in the B contest and added third in the Long Jump 4.16m. and another third in the B 75m. Hurdles race 14.3secs.

There were some very promising performances at Under 13 level with Sarah Jane Price showing improved form in the 70m. Hurdle 16.9 secs., 75m.sprint 15.0 secs. and Long Jump. Joe Greeves, Jordan Cobb and Luke McLeod all contributed valuable points in a range of track and field events creating benchmarks for competitions in future league matches.