

LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

South Lincs Zone won four of the six age groups at the first Lincolnshire Track and Field Championships held under the reorganised zonal school sports system at the Tommy Clay Track last Saturday. Finishing first in the Junior Boys age group, the Intermediate Boys and Girls categories and the Senior Girls section the young athletes representing South Lincs. also claimed second team place in both the Junior and Senior girls. The new structure for competition introduced in 2008-9 relocates the Bourne Grammar, Robert Manning, Deepings and William Lovell secondary schools with those in the old Holland District to form a very competitive county zone.

In the Junior Boys age group Dominic Sykes (Boston Grammar) won the Hammer title with a best throw of 48.66m. and from the same school Nathan McClure cleared 2.90m. to win the Pole Vault championship. Middlecote all rounder Jordan Nuttall won the 80m. Hurdles Final in a very close encounter recording 13.2 secs. which was the same time as the runner up and also claimed fourth place in the Triple Jump with a leap of 11.35m.. Haven Technology student Garry Wharff registered a leap of 1.57m. for third position in the High Jump and the South Lincs. Relay quartet crossed the line in second place recording 49.7 secs. contributing to a comprehensive team victory some 22 points ahead of nearest rivals Lincoln and Gainsborough.

The South Lincs. Junior Girls team was well beaten into second place. Maria Hollingsworth (Boston High) was second in the 75m. Hurdles championship clocking 12.5 secs. and also cleared 1.37m. in the High jump to claim fifth place. Sprinter Emily Maltby (Spalding High) achieved a good double finishing second in both the 100 metres 12.7 secs. and the 200 metres 27.7 secs..

In the Intermediate Boys section South Lincs representatives made a considerable impact finishing over a hundred points ahead of second placed Kesteven. Alex. Pycock (Boston Grammar) achieved an impressive "double" winning the 100 metres 11.1 secs. and the 200 metres 22.8 secs. Lincolnshire Schools Championship titles. He was well supported in the 100m. with Jacob Axtell (Boston High) claiming second place in 11.3 secs. Over 400 metres David Bush (Gleed Boys) took the title recording 53.4 secs. to complete total domination of the sprints for South Lincs who despite this could only finish second in the 4 x 100m. Relay event. Recording 2 mins. 07.9secs. Richard Reed (Boston Grammar) won the 800 metres title with almost three seconds to spare and Jeremy Bailey (Boston Grammar) cleared 12.33m. in the Triple Jump to win that championship. The 400 metres Hurdles winner was Tyrone Chase (Haven High) who recorded 66.7 secs. and over 3000 metres Nathan Wood (Thomas Cowley High) had a nine second lead at the finish recording 9 mins. 51.9 secs to win the longest race on the schools programme. There was some impressive throwing performances at the Championships and Haden Brittain (Thomas Cowley High) improved his personal best to win the Hammer title with 49.98m. and for Coastal and Wolds Marc. Bradbury claimed a pair of seconds in Shot 12.57m. and Discus 39.01m.. Clearing 1.60m. Jack Butler (Giles) took first place in the Pole Vault to add a further contribution to the massive South Lincs. points total.

The Year 10 and 11 representatives secured a good team victory in the Intermediate Girls category finishing twelve points ahead of runners up Kesteven. Sarah Stanhope (Giles) won the Hammer title with a throw of 38.73m. and also gained third place points in the Discus with 27.31m.. Haven High representative Demi Bari convincingly took the High Jump title with a leap of 1.56m. and Catherine Taylor (Spalding High) secured an emphatic thirty five second victory in the 3000 metres. Recording 12.9secs. in the 80m. Hurdles Ellis Whyler (Boston High) crossed the finish line second and went one place higher in the Long Jump taking the County title with a leap measured at 5.13m. Melanie Bristow (Thomas Cowley) threw 28.19m. to claim second position in Javelin and also finished fourth in the Sprint Hurdles 13.6 secs. and Paige Mitchell (Middlecote) made it a one-two for South Lincs. in Hammer with a 30.84m. effort. In Long Jump Jasmine Orrey (Boston High) earned another one-two with a leap of 4.68m. and from the same school Louise Rutt finished second in both 300 metres 46.7secs. and 1500 metres 5mins. 33.0 secs. Boston High School team mate Wednesday Pywowski claimed second position in the 300m. Hurdles recording 52.4 secs behind club mate Chelsea Brockett (Kesteven) 49.1 secs. who also finished runner up in the Pole Vault 2.60m.. and the 4 x 100m. quartet was second across the finish line 54.2 secs.. At Senior level Sam Lawrence (Spalding High) finished second in both sprints recording 11.3 secs. for 100 metres and 23.3 secs. for 200 metres behind Boston and District A.C. s Shamen Alloy Langham representing Lincoln and Gainsborough who clocked 11.3 secs. and 23.2

secs. to take both titles. Jake Mason (Boston Grammar) retained the High Jump title leaping over 1.93m. and made it a fine "double " with victory in the Long Jump with 5.97m.. Tom Dust (Giles) finished second in High Jump 1.57m. and Daniel Bergin (Gleed Girls) was runner up in Triple Jump with a leap of 12.85m.. Representing Kesteven Zone Stephan Brockett won both the 400 metres 53.6secs. and the Pole Vault clearing 3.50m. and added a second in Long Jump finishing behind club mate Jake (Mason) with a leap of 5.65m.. Chris. Battle (Spalding Grammar) threw 49.27m.for a Javelin second position and Jake Brittain (Boston College) ran 400 metres in 54.3 secs. to gain third place points for South Lincs. assisting the zone to second position on team points table. In the Senior Girls section Isabelle Whitehead (Spalding High) took the championship title in 400m. Hurdles in 70.3 secs. and the Triple Jump 9.95m.. Emily Richardson (Boston High) also achieved a "double" winning both Javelin 29.32m. and High Jump 1.47m. and from the same school Chloe Turner was second in Discus with a throw of 21.78m.. On a good day for the South Lincs. throwers Steph. Hendy (Spalding High) won the Hammer title with a 43.39m. effort ahead of team mate Kelly Lawrence 39.80m. who in turn took the Discus title with 28.94m. . Devon Spencer (Spalding High) won Long Jump 4.39m. and finished second in Triple Jump 9.88m. contributing to a resounding team win for the South Lincs. Zone. Full teams in all six age groups have been selected to represent Lincolnshire in the annual Anglian Schools Track and Field Championships at Norwich with a limited , very select number progressing to the English Schools A.A. Championships at Sheffield's Don Valley Stadium next month.