

E.S.A.A. REGIONAL COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

South Lincolnshire school athletes featured in last weekend's English Schools Athletic Association East Anglian Region Combined Events Championships at Corby. As a result of some impressive performances at the Rockingham Triangle track over the weekend a number of local representatives have qualified for the English Schools Combined Events Finals at Bedford in September. The Senior Boys team of four won the Regional team competition at Corby and now go forward to the national final as East Anglian representatives. Lincolnshire competitors filled the first two places in the Decathlon Championship with Adam Smith (Stamford College) the individual champion with a points total of 5634 and Stephan Brockett was runner up with 5347 points. After a promising start on the ten events challenge Jake Brittain (Boston College) suffered an injury which forced him to withdraw after six events. Stephan recorded 11.9 secs. for the first discipline the 100 metres before leaping 5.94m. in the Long Jump and putting 10.26m. in the Shot. Day one performances concluded with a 1.71m. clearance in High Jump and a 400 metres time of 53.5 secs.. On the second day Stephan opened with a time of 18.2 secs. for 110m. Hurdles and then threw the Discus 30.84m., recorded valuable points in the Pole Vault before achieving 38.67m with the Javelin. In the final event the 1500 metres he stormed round the three and three quarter laps for an emphatic victory to secure second place in the Regional Senior Boys Decathlon Championship. Jake clocked 12.2 secs. for 100 metres and then recorded 4.78m. in Long Jump and 6.95m. in Shot and cleared 1.71m. in High Jump. A 53.8 secs. 400 metres ended the first day's programme. He opened day two by recording 18.3 secs. for the Sprint Hurdles and then threw the Discus 20.79m. before he injured himself in warming up for the Pole Vault and was forced to withdraw from the competition. The winning Lincolnshire Senior Boys quartet now have two and a half months to prepare for the National Schools finals at Bedford.

In the Intermediate Girls Heptathlon the Lincolnshire representatives were equally impressive in winning the Regional Team Championship. The county challenge was spearheaded by Chelsea Brockett who claimed an excellent third individual position after the seven events and demonstrating the tremendous progress she has made this year Wednesday Pywowariw (Boston High) finished in an impressive fifth place to earn her passage to the English Schools Final. In the final analysis the Lincs. team of four athletes amassed a total of 10,497 points to finish ahead of Bedfordshire who had 9,799 and Northampton on 7,126 points. On her way to third place in the Inter. Girls. Individual Championship Chelsea set six new personal best performances and raised her points total by over 500 from her Lincs. Champs. achievement. Opening the first day with a 13.3 secs. 80m. Hurdles effort she then cleared a "P.B" 1.54m. in High Jump before Putting the Shot 5.93m. and clocking 28.3 secs for 200 metres for further best ever performances. On the second day Chelsea produced personal bests in all three events achieving 4.61m. in Long Jump, 17.80m. in Javelin and 2 mins. 24.6 secs. in the 800 metres for a Heptathlon score of 3629 points. Wednesday also took advantage of the good weather conditions at Corby, added over 400 points to her County Champs. total and chalked up four personal bests and a seasons best time of 2mins. 39.2 secs. in the 800 metres. In the first two disciplines she recorded "P.B." s of 13.5 secs. in the 80m. Hurdles and 1.36m. in High Jump and went on to register 5.34m. in Shot. Ending the first day with another best ever performance Wednesday ran 200 metres in 28.3 secs. and then continued to impress on day two with a 4.89m. Long Jump and 19.93m. in Javelin before producing a spirited run in the 800 metres to achieve a Heptathlon total of 3039 points. Both Chelsea and Wednesday will now focus their training in preparation for the E.S.A.A. Combined Events Championships at Bedford in September. Melanie Bristow (Thomas Cowley High) also featured in the Inter. Girls Heptathlon Champs. finishing with a very encouraging 2,667 points. In the Shot Mel. produced a personal best 7.16m. and also recorded 14.06 secs. for Hurdles, 1.27m. in High jump, 31.4 secs. in the 200 metres, 4.23m. in Long Jump and 3 mins. 23.6 secs for 800 metres.

In the Intermediate Boys Octathlon David Bush (Gleed Boys, Spalding) finished in sixth place to claim passage to the national finals as one of the first three individuals outside the members of the winning team. Andrew Hewitt (Giles) produced a series of good performances to contribute to the Lincs. team total. Opening with a leap of 5.58m. in Long Jump Andrew threw the Discus 30.00m. and the Javelin 39.30m. before recording 56.9 secs for 400 metres. After a 15.7 secs. 100m. Hurdles effort he cleared 1.54m in High Jump and achieved 11.18m. in Shot before completing a determined 1500 metres run. Aidan McClure (Boston Grammar)

produced a series of very encouraging performances with his High Jump clearance of 1.63m. the most impressive.

Two Boston area representatives contributed to the Lincolnshire team's second position behind Essex in Junior Boys Pentathlon Championship. Jordan Nuttall (Middlecott) claimed eighth place and Nathan McClure (Boston Grammar) finished tenth. Jordan clocked 13.3 secs. for 80m. Hurdles, 8.41m. in Shot, 5.20m. in Long Jump, 1.63m. in High Jump and finished with 2 mins 32 secs. for the 800 metres. Nathan improved his Pentathlon score by over 110 as he recorded 12.1 secs. for Hurdles, 8.39m. in Shot, 5.06m. in Long Jump, 1.48m. in High Jump and 2 mins 31 secs for 800 metres for a points total of 2030. The Lincs. Junior Girls Pentathlon team finished in second position.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS A.A.

SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CUP COMPETITION Boston school teams featured well in the North Midlands Regional B Final of the English Schools Track and Field Cup Competition at Wakefield. In the Intermediate Girls section Boston High School Year 9 and 10 athletes achieved a clear victory over school teams from Yorkshire and Derbyshire. In the Inter. Boys match the Boston Grammar School team was always in contention but finally fell a few points short of the winners claiming a worthy second place.