

LINCOLNSHIRE TRACK AND FIELD LEAGUE MATCH I

Boston and District Athletic Club members returned from the first of this year's Lincolnshire Track and Field League matches with eighteen victories and a series of good early season performances. Despite the chilly spring weather conditions at Grantham's South Kesteven Stadium representatives produced some warm field results and some very promising early season track times.

Most impressive "marks" for the "Gold Tops" were chalked up by Mark Bridges and Marc Bradbury. In the Senior Mens Long Jump Mark Bridges won the competition with a leap of 6.51m. just short of his lifetime best. In a less than favourable climate Mark produced an excellent series of jumps suggesting that given more conducive conditions he should soon be in a position to improve his personal best. In addition Mark finished third in the 100 metres recording 11.9secs. to get his 2010 sprints record off to a good start. In his first outing of the season Under 17 thrower Marc Bradbury exceeded the English Schools Athletic Association Entry Standard in achieving victory in the Discus. His winning distance of 41.08m. was well beyond the Intermediate Boys 2010 E.S.A.A. Entry requirement and less than two metres below the National Standard which Marc must now have clearly in his sights. He secured an excellent double with a win in the Under 17 mens Shot with a putt of 11.62m.

Oliver Smith opened his season with a fine Under 15 sprints double. In the 100 metres given the cool March weather Oliver's 12.6secs. time was promising. Considering the extensive margin of his victory over 200 metres and the fact that he was not challenged after the first fifty metres his 26.0secs. time for the metric furlong was even more encouraging for the young "Gold Top". In the same age group Anthony Sandall won the Shot Putt with a 7.78m. effort.

Five Under 20 representatives secured first places at Grantham on Sunday. Haden Brittain denied the opportunity of competing in his first choice event with the Hammer excluded from the match programme nevertheless took maximum points in the Shot with 9.83m.. He also added second place in the Discus with a throw of 23.72m. and a third in Javelin with 35.41m.. Luke Chester impressed in the 100 metres winning in 12.0 secs. and Jeremy Baily's leap of 5.18m. won the first Long Jump competition of the season. Louise Rutt won her first track race of 2010 recording 2 mins. 43.8secs. to cross the line first in the 800 metres and in poor conditions for High Jumping Chelsea Brockett cleared 1.40 to win the event.

At Under 17 level Josh Walker won the 100m. Hurdles recording 16.0secs. and added a good second place in the 100 metres clocking 12.2 secs.. In the Under 17 Womens section sprinting 300 metres for the first time in competition Alice Flint achieved victory in 47.3 secs.. Under 13 Zach MacDonnell-Woods won his first Discus competition with an early season effort measured at 13.51m.

In the older age categories Stephan Brockett cleared 1.65m. to win the Senior Mens High Jump, George Ashcroft finished first in the Veterans Long Jump with a leap of 4.79m. and Owen Msimango took maximum points in the "Vets" 1500 metres race clocking 5 mins. 21.5 secs..

There were a number of other good performances with members laying down good marks for the start of the new campaign. Aiden McClure claimed a double second finishing runner up in both the Under 17 Mens 800 metres in a time of 2 mins. 19.2 secs. and the 1500 metres 5 mins. 00.8 secs. and Under 20 Jeremy Baily finished third in the 800 metres in a time of 2 mins 15.6secs.. Stephan Brockett threw 36.54m. in the Senior Mens Javelin and 9.51m. in Shot for second positions and added a third second in the 400 metres recording 65.6 secs.. The Under 15 Boys 4 X 100m. Relay quartet achieved a clear victory finishing in a time of 58.4 secs.. Senior sprinter David Walker made a sharp opening to his season recording 12.1 secs. for 100 metres and 25.8secs. for 200 metres to claim runners up points for B.A.D.A.C.. Josh Goodfellow was second in the Under 20 100 metres race clocking 15.4 secs. and Under 13 Luke MacLeod was second in the Discus with a throw of 12.39m. There were promising starts for Under 15 Girls Maria Hollingsworth and Becky Locking in Sprints Long Jump and Hurdles and on their debuts both Kieron Pickwell (2nd in 13.4secs) and Matthew Connolly (4th in 14.1secs) were placed in the Under 11 Boys 80m. Sprint.