

Club records have kept tumbling for Mansfield Harriers as the summer track and field season kicks in.

Sam Cordin smashed the Senior Men's 400m record with an excellent run of 48.66 at the Sheffield Open whilst Charlotte Gair set a new Junior Ladies Discus record of 37.95m at the first National Junior league fixture at Loughborough.

Gair scored big points for Harriers as they, with a very depleted team – losing eight athletes with injury/illness in the 24 hours prior to the match – went on to clinch fourth spot behind Birchfield, West Wales and Cannock & Staffs.

Adding a victory in the B string Hammer and a third place spot in the B string Shot to her second placed finish in the A string Discus made Charlotte the top scoring Mansfield female contributing 24 points to the teams total of 351.

Adam Sansom came out on top for the men, scoring 31 points with a victory in the 400m H, fourth place finishes in the Long Jump & 400m and a fifth placed spot in the 200m before anchoring home the 4x400m Relay team to silver medal spot.

Greg Millar was the third athlete to top the twenty individual point mark with victory in the B string Javelin, throwing an English Schools qualifying distance of 53.16m, second spot in the B string Pole Vault and fifth in the Discus. Second claim athlete Joe Dunderdale took the honours in the Javelin with a best throw of 56.57m along with second in the B string Shot.

Chloe Elphick bagged an early season English Schools qualifier in the Triple Jump, leaping just one cm short of her own club record to reach 10.70m. Laura Brown took second in the B string with 10.49m.

Claudia Rogers returned to serious racing after a two year lay off following a knee operation and ran PBs over both 100m (12.7) and 200m (25.8) whilst Claire Beaumont showed that her winter training in her new event of the Hammer has paid off with a massive PB of 29.85m to take third spot in the A string event.

Dale Jacobs was another sprinter to show good form clocking PBs over both 100m and 200m.

Next match in this league is at Swansea on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

James Mee won the 1500m A race at the Sheffield Open running 4:06.07 before also running a sub time of 1:58.68 over 800m. Ryan Childs squeezed under the 2 min mark too with a time of 1:59.73.

Chevelle Baxter and Caelidh Ross both produced PBs at Sheffield – Baxter running 4:58.64 over 1500m and Ross clocking 2:26.10 over 800m.

Steve Woolley recorded PBs in the VM50 age category at the Notts Spring Spruce in the Hammer, Shot and Discus throwing 42.32m, 11.54m and 35.22m respectively keeping him high up in the national age group rankings.

Away from the track five Mansfield Harriers represented the club at the Virgin London Marathon. With temperatures not quite reaching the predicted temperatures conditions turned out to be better than expected.

Club Chairman Steve Davies, in his 50<sup>th</sup> Marathon, finished in 2:50.31 and placed as 15<sup>th</sup> in the VM50 category.

Doug Ross was second harrier home clocking 2:56.36 with Graeme Wilkinson just sneaking into the top 2000, finishing 1997<sup>th</sup> in 3:11.17.

Sally Smith made an excellent debut, clocking 3:45.43 with the gallant Dave Rose letting the lady win, finishing less than a minute behind in 3:46.39.