

Mansfield Harriers finished in 3rd place in the second fixture of the season in Division One of the Midland Senior Track and Field League at Rugby.

In a competitive match featuring some of the best athletes in the Midlands there were 9 new Personal Best performances for Mansfield athletes. Harriers were only 8 points off second placed City of Stoke. FINAL POSITIONS – Bristol & West 387, City of Stoke 326, Mansfield 318, Rugby & Northampton 309, Birchfield 299, Coventry Godiva 256.

Stef Wilcockson led the charge in the 400m Hurdles recording a new best performance of 56.5 finishing in 3rd spot. Jonny Newell was on target for a new PB until he ploughed into the 7th hurdle but recovered well to clock 60.7 to finish 3rd in the B string. The pair went on to take 2nd and 3rd respectively later in the day in the 110m Hurdles.

Chris Berry returned to competitive action with a new personal best of 47.60m to take victory in the Hammer, Richard Woolley taking 2nd in the B string with a best throw of 35.15m. Woolley went on to win the A string Javelin, throwing 58.66m and set a new PB in the Shot with 11.38, taking 2nd spot in the B string. Berry also recorded a PB in the Discus, finishing 2nd in the B string with a best throw of 30.47m.

Lee Peters made it maximum points for Harriers in the Men's Javelin, winning the B string with a best throw of 51.65m whilst Matt Woolley took 3rd in the A string Shot throwing 12.34m.

Rachel Gair threw a season's best of 59.43m in her continued quest to break the magical 60 metre mark but this was only good enough for second place due to the presence of the UK's number one Hammer thrower Zoe Derham who won the competition with a 68 metre throw.

Charlotte Gair produced another 40 metre throw to take 3rd spot in the Discus, doing likewise in the B string Hammer with a best throw of 27.27m.

Chloe Elphick finished 1st in the B string Javelin with 25.13m along with a 3rd place spot in the Pole Vault, clearing 2.10m. Laura Brown won the B string Triple Jump with a best jump of 9.81m and there were other top 3 spots on the field for Beth Farr in the B string Long Jump (3rd in 4.02m) and Martin Cook (3rd in Triple Jump in 12.81m).

There were also PBs on the field for Conor McHale clearing 2.70m in the Pole Vault and Claire Beaumont with a best throw of 6.79m in the Shot.

On the track the only victories again came over 400m, Adam Sansom winning the B string individual event and the 4x400m relay quartet of Sam Cordin, Danny Barks, Martin Cook and Paul Wright blazing to victory in 3:21.2, missing the club record yet again – this time by just 0.8 of a second. Wright had earlier taken 2nd in the A string individual event with a time of 50.1.

Danny Barks and James Mee were both involved in close finishes over 800m, both just losing out and taking second place, Barks clocking 1:53.9 in the A string and Mee 2:00.8 in the B.

Sam Cordin and Martin Cook both finished second in the 200m, Cordin running 22.4 and Cook 22.7 in the A & B string respectively. Stuart King set a new PB over 3000m, finishing 3rd in 8:44.6.

Jess Grieves followed up her 3rd place finish in the 400m Hurdles with a new PB, and a 2nd place finish, in the 400m recording a time of 60.7. Other top 3 finishes on the track came for Russ Betts, 2nd in the B string 1500m in 4:18.1 and Rachel Brandham, 3rd in the B string 1500m in 5:17.9.

Elsewhere on the track there was a new PB for Alex Lloyd in the guest 100m where he ran 11.7 and for Daniel Ward, running 13:05.7 in his first outing in the 3K Steeplechase.

Mansfield's next outing in this league is on July 4th at Bath before the home fixture at Berry Hill on August 2nd.

Earlier in the weekend 4 Mansfield athletes were in action in the British League, competing for their higher claim clubs.

Sam Cordin and Martin Cook both had outings over 400m, Cordin running 49.80 for Notts AC in Division One and Cook 50.08 for Derby in Division 3. Rachel Gair threw the Hammer 57.92m for Trafford in the Women's Division One whilst Chris Brown clocked 1:55.38 over 800m for Sheffield in the Men's Premier League.

Several of Mansfield's youngsters travelled to Stretford in search of fast times at the British Milers Club Academy meeting. Top performances of the night came from Ryan Childs and Demi-Jade Jakymelen, both of whom achieved English Schools qualifying times.

Childs took just over 2 seconds off his PB over 800m going under 2 minutes for the first time recording 1:57.98 whilst Jakymelen clocked 4:50.9 over 1500m.

There were also PBs over 800m for Caelidh Ross (2:27) and Chevelle Baxter (2:31) and over 1500m for Sam Johnson (4:53).

Berry Hill Park played host to the second fixture in the Nottinghamshire Mini League where Mansfield's youngsters finished second to Notts AC in the 7 club meeting.

Chris Clarke extended his PB in the Under 15 Boys Shot, further cementing his 4th place position in the UK age group rankings. Clarke had a best throw of 13.48m and also took first place spot in the Javelin with a best of 29.84m.

Becky Woolley and Beth Mortiboy also took double victories on the field – Becky in the Under 15 Girls Javelin and Shot with best throws of 34.12m and 8.57m and Beth in the Under 13 Girls Long Jump and

Shot – 3.89m and 6.66m respectively. George King took the final field event victory of the day in the Under 13 Girls High Jump clearing 0.93m.

Beth Mortiboy added to her victory on the field with a win in the 70m Hurdles clocking 13.8 whilst Rachel Norris produced two Grade 1 performances to take second place in both the Under 13 Girls 100m and 200m.

Claire Norris took the honours in the Under 13 Girls 800m running 2:37.5 with other track victories going to Ben Hardy in the Under 13 Boys 100m (14.5) and Robyn Foster in the Under 15 Girls 200m (27.6).

OTHER MANSFIELD SCORERS: Under 11 Boys – Long Jump: Luke Silver 5th - 2.80m, Chest Push: Luke Silver 6th - 3.47m, 80m: Alistair Flynn 4th - 13.6, 600m: Harrison Smith 3rd - 2:02.9. Under 11 Girls – Chest Push: Paige Smith 5th - 3.20m, High Jump: Ellie White 3rd – 0.93m, 80m: Laura Herrod 2nd – 12.5, 600m: Ellie White 4th – 2:18.3, 150m: Laura Herrod 2nd – 23.6. Under 13 Boys: Shot: George King 2nd – 5.99m, Javelin: Bailey Wardle 4th – 14.82m, 800m: Lewis Ashmore 2nd – 2:31.0, 200m: Jack Foster 2nd 29.5. Under 13 Girls – Javelin : Claire Norris 3rd – 13.73m. Under 15 Boys – Long Jump: Jonny Brown 4th – 4.10m, 80m H: Jack Cabourn 4th – 20.6, 100m: Jamie Harby 2nd 13.2, 800m: Samuel Dobb 5th – 2:41.0, 400m: Adam Lagerberg 4th – 68.1. Under 15 Girls – High Jump: Alice Mortiboy 5th – 1.15m, 100m: Robyn Foster 2nd – 13.7, 800m: Hannah Hardy 2nd – 2:35.2.

On the roads Mark Jenkins finished 2nd overall in the Gordon Whelbourn week at Newark. Running 5 races over 5 days, Jenkins started the week with 4th place on Monday, finished 6th on Tuesday, 3rd on Wednesday, 2nd on Thursday and rounded off the week with a 38:23 10K taking second place.

Doug Ross turned out on the Thursday taking first place and Claire Coombes finished the week in second place overall and with victory in the VL35 category. Trevor Hiscox also turned out on Monday, Wednesday and Friday finishing 7th, 9th and 12th respectively.

Track and Field action returns to Mansfield's Berry Hill Park next week when teams from as far afield as West Wales will arrive for the third fixture of this season's National Junior League Midland Premier Division. Action starts on the field at 11am and on the track at 1pm and spectators are very welcome.