

Mansfield Harriers' Charlotte Gair went to the top of the UK Under 17 rankings with a new personal best in the Discus of 41.67m. This sealed victory in the Midland Championships at Birmingham on Saturday and the following day she posted another throw over 40 metres to take the athlete of the match award at the National Junior League fixture on the Sunday – throwing 40.61m.

Christie Childs was also crowned Midland Champion, winning the Under 17 Women's 800m in a time of 2:16.59. Brother Ryan secured a new personal best in the 400m running a time of 51.59 in his 400m heat.

Mansfield finished in 4th place in a very close second fixture of the National Junior League fixture at Derby – Final match results being Birchfield: 524, Notts AC: 436.5, Charnwood: 426.5, Mansfield 417.5, Cannock & Staffs: 405.5, West Wales: 388, CDAV: 352, Cardiff: 331. The next fixture is a home one on June 14th at Berry Hill Park when the action starts at 11am (field) and 1pm (track).



Along with Charlotte Gair's success in the Discus there were A string wins for Jess Grieves in the 400m Hurdles (67.0), Claire Talbot in the 3000m (11:09.3) and Laura Bennett in the 100m Hurdles setting a new personal best of 15.5.

There was success for the Women's 4x400m relay team who ran superbly to take victory – Jess Grieves leading off handing on to Hannah Wragg and Amie Grainger with Georgia Milton anchoring the team home.

Greg Miller won the B string Javelin with a best throw of 44.09m and Hannah Wragg took the B string 1500m in 5:02.0.

On a blisteringly hot day there were also personal bests for Adam Sansom (49.9 in the 400m), Danny Martin (48.49m in the Javelin), Chloe Elphick (2.15m in Pole Vault), Alex Lloyd (1.75m in High Jump) and Ryan Saxton (9:33.1 in the 3000m).

Mansfield's youngsters have also been grabbing the glory on the local road race scene. 19 year old James Mee secured his first victory in the Notts AAA Road Race League and just a few days later 14 year old Ryan Saxton took the honours in the Booth Decorator's race at Teversal Grange.

In the first race of the Notts AAA series at Epperstone Mee had finished second to Worksop's Andy Ward and this time at Holme Pierrepont National Water Sports Centre the ex manor School student was out for revenge. After sitting on Ward's shoulder for the majority of the 5 mile course, Mee put in a sprint finish with less than 200 metres to go and pipped Ward to the top spot by just one second with a finishing time of 25:10.

Stuart King ran a lonely race in 3rd spot having Mee and Ward in his sights most of the way but not having quite enough to chase them down. King finished with a time of 25:51, 44 seconds ahead of 4th placed Danny Barkes, who had an excellent run after being plagued with injuries lately.

Barkes withdrew from the first race at Epperstone but has produced some good performances on the track in recent weeks and this run should give him the confidence he needs.

Chris Brown improved 10 places on his last outing in this league to take a top ten spot, his time of 26:57 bringing him home in 9th position and is another athlete who will be hoping this form will convert to the track over the next few months.

Pete Stafford produced another strong run, clocking 27:47 to finish in 15th place. Stafford has run consistently well in this 5 race series over the last few years and will be hoping that his form will continue to keep him in the medal spots in the VM50 category.

Russ Betts returned to racing after a long lay off and should be happy with his 30th position, clocking 28:31. Rob Smith and Darren Hodgkinson battled it out over the last mile back alongside the rowing course into the finish, Smith taking 38th place in 28:53 and Hodgkinson 39th in 28:56.

Mark Johnson is another athlete returning quickly to form and his 41st place finish was a big improvement on his last outing. Clocking 29:09, Johnson joined Mee, King, Barkes, Brown and Betts as the counters in a Senior Men's team that took second position on the night, just 9 points behind Redhill.

Faz Fahy just made the top 50 and was inside 30 minutes, his time of 29:39 taking 49th position. Jonny Lowe completed the line up in the veteran's team with his 56th place and time of 30:04. Along with Stafford, Smith and Hodgkinson, Lowe took the team into second spot, again losing out to a strong Redhill team.

Four more runners made the top 100 – Mark Jenkins finishing 83rd in 31:20 just one place and one second ahead of Daniel Ward, who improves each race. Brian Borrill was 97th in 31:53 and Dave Peet just crept under the 100 marker, his 99th position seeing him record 31:57.

Kirsty Huntington was first lady back, her time of 33:40 giving her 13th position. Exactly one minute behind was Helen Scott, 21st in 34:40 with Eva Williams (50th in 37:15) being the third scorer in a team that finished in 8th place.

Denise Winfield was first scorer for the ladies veteran's team finishing in 73rd in a time of 39:31. She was joined by Michelle Peet (100th in 41:50) and Chris Huntington (45:43).

OTHER MANSFIELD FINISHERS – MEN: 102: John Harrison – 31:59, 119: Rick Huntington – 32:36, 122: A. Spicer – 32:41, 123: Trevor Hiscox – 32:44, 142: Phil Shaw – 33:33, 162: Clive Russell – 34:33, 172: Julian Wood – 35:02, 190: Ivan Colton – 35:57, 205: Dave Robertson – 36:41, 243: Dave Ward – 38:42. LADIES: Gina Radford – 42:44.

Over a course of approximately 4.8 miles at Teversal Grange Ryan Saxton and Stuart King ran together for most of the race with Saxton putting in a burst at the end to take victory in 26:11 from King in 26:12. Danny Barkes made it a 1, 2, 3 for Harriers coming home in 26:35.

Russ Betts took tenth spot in a time of 27:36 with Craig Kelly returning to racing with a 15th place finish clocking 28:20. Faz Fahy and Rob Smith battled it out to be Mansfield's 5th finisher, Fahy just edging out Smith with the pair recording 28:48 and 28:49 respectively for 25th and 26th places.

These six athletes scored for a Mansfield team that took first place in the team event, leaving them in 2nd in the series after 2 races behind Heanor Running Club.

It was another 14 year old that led the way home for the Women with Demi-Jade Jakymelen finishing the race in 70th position with a time of 32:03. Holly Blount was next back in 125th recording 34:18 and Helen Scott (148th in 35:29) joined these two in the women's team that finished 3rd on the night.

OTHER MANSFIELD FINISHERS – 26: Tim Raynor – 28:58, 38: Jason Gardiner – 29:34, 48: John Harrison – 30:38, 51: Brain Borrill – 31:04, 56: Wayne Turner – 31:13, 61: Grant Saxton – 31:33, 66: Simon Trovell – 31:56, 75: Trevor Hiscox – 32:14, 76: Andy Squire – 32:15, 99: Luke Marshall – 33:25, 100: Phil Shaw – 33:27, 107: Jason Foster – 33:43, 129: Hedley Cardwell – 34:24, 131: Julian Wood – 34:26, 133: Alan Crewe – 34:28, 142: Colin Fell – 35:03, 147: Brian Harris – 35:28, 149: Bob Scott – 35:30, 161: Dave Robertson – 36:20, 165: Carl Lancaster – 36:26, 169: Eva Williams – 36:44, 171: Tina Green – 37:16, 173: Dave Ward – 37:34, 177: Dave Rose – 37:48, 178: Maddy Collinge – 37:49, 182: Carol Hartin – 38:04, 186: Keith McQuinn- Roberts – 38:15, 187: Clive Russell – 38:24, 193: Charlotte Bellingham – 38:50, 200: Denise Winfield – 39:43.

Elsewhere on the roads Pete Stafford finished 22nd in the Askern 10k with a time of 35:48.