

Mansfield Harriers moved to the top of Division One in the Midland Track and Field League with an excellent performance last weekend at Bath. With the action starting early Harriers travelled down the night before and this preparation paid off as they took second place on the day to host club Bristol and West.

With several athletes missing due to National League commitments and the Midland Masters championships Harriers worked hard to ensure they had an athlete in nearly every event and it was this depth that ensured success.

James Mee and Stuart King produced an excellent double in the 5000m, Mee taking the A string victory in a time of 15:28.6 and King clocking 15:51.6 to take the B. This was Mee's third race of the day, having earlier ran 2:00.6 over 800m and finished second in the 2K Steeplechase in 6:41.2. King had also run 2:00.2 over 800m.

Paul Wright and Danny Barks came close to a double win over 400m, Wright just being pipped in the A string to take second in 50.1 with Barks finishing strongly in the B string to take victory in 50.8. These two were joined by Adam Sansom and Stefan Wilcockson later in the day where they were just pipped again in the 4x400m Relay.

Useful points were scored in the 400m Hurdles where Stefan Wilcockson and Jonny Newell and Jess Grieves/Beth Farr all finished second in the A and B strings of the Mens and Women's events respectively.

There were also good second place finishes on the track for Adam Sansom in the A string 200m and Daniel Winter in the B string 2K Steeplechase.

On the field Rachel Gair took victory in the Hammer with a best throw of 57.58m with sister Charlotte taking second in the B string with 24.02m before going on to do the same in the A string Discus where she threw 38.42m. Dad Paul was not to be outdone, taking second in the A string Men's Hammer with a best throw of 41.22m.

Richard and Matt Woolley took good points with Richard taking second spots in the B string Hammer and A string Javelin along with a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the A string Shot and High Jump. Matt jumped 6.56m to take 2<sup>nd</sup> in the String Long Jump, 3.40m for third in the A string Pole Vault and took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the B string Javelin and Shot.

Chloe Elphick and Beth Farr both scored B string victories in the Triple Jump and Long Jump respectively with Laura Brown jumping a new PB of 10.67m in the A string Triple Jump to take second before also taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the B string High Jump.

With the final match in the League taking place at Berry Hill Park on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August Harriers must fancy their chances of being crowned League Champions. Current standings are Mansfield 14, Bristol and West 14, Birchfield 10, City of Stoke 10, Rugby & Northampton 9, Coventry Godiva 8. Action on the 2<sup>nd</sup> starts at 11.15am (field) and 1pm (track) and spectators are welcome.

