

Harriers Retain Title!

Mansfield's Mens team scored another impressive victory to retain their Midland League Division 1 title at Coventry and earn themselves a place in the British Athletics League qualifying match on the 15th September.

Stefan Wilcockson & Chris Brown set the mood for the day with comfortable wins in the 400m hurdles, with Stefan making it a double, with victory in the 110m hurdles.

In the sprints there were fine performances from Sam Cordin and Martin Cook. Martin took advantage of a blistering start to win the B string 100m in a senior club record of 11.2sec. Whilst junior sprinter Sam, showed he was more than a match for the older athletes with 3rd place in the 100m A race before going 1 better in the 200m.

Paul Wright (2nd A) and Chris Brown (1st B) both set season's best performances in the 400m; 50.2 & 50.6 respectively. In the middle distance events, blustery conditions made fast times difficult, however there were some gutsy performances to admire. Stuart King and Aiden Brown battled all the way down the home straight, fighting for every point in the 800m whilst Luke Cragg dropped down from his usual distance of 5000m to show good speed with a 4th place in the 1500m A race, he was matched moments later by Daniel Heathcote with 4th place in the B event. AAA U23 silver medallist Stephen Lisgo ran a controlled race in the 3000m steeple chase to finish 3rd in the A race however, James Mee produced an inspired run to slice almost a minute off his previous best time to win the B race.

A special mention must go to the Woolley family, Mansfield's own mini decathlon team. Father Steve, and son's Matthew and Richard competed in 11 events between them amassing almost a third of the teams total points in the process. Brothers Matthew & Richard then provided the field highlight of the day, with a little sibling rivalry helping to produce two superb jumps in the Long Jump competition. Younger brother Richard leap out to a personal best of 6.57m in the third round to earn him 2nd place in the B event. Not wanting to be outshone, Matthew called upon all his reserves in the final round to produce a stunning 6.72m and secure 2nd place in the A event.

The meeting was rounded off in style as ever, with victories in the relays.

Team manager Martin White got in on the action by anchoring the 4x100m team to a comfortable victory. Martin Cook; Matthew Woolley and Stefan Wilcockson ran quality legs to ensure that all Martin had to do was keep hold of the baton.

The 4x400m team of Cordin; Brown; Cook & Wright showed yet again they are a cut above the rest with a winning margin of seven seconds, equalling the club record of 3:20.4sec in the process.

Team manager Martin White said he was proud of the teams' performance, not just today, but their attitude and team spirit over the season has been superb. "There have been some great individual performances; however, I would personally like to thank those athletes who did events outside of their own area of expertise, and to all the officials and helpers whose efforts often go unrecognised".



Mansfield results:

100m: 3A Sam Cordin 11.1; 1B Martin Cook 11.2; 200m: 2A Sam Cordin 22.6; 3B Martin Cook 22.7; 400m: 2A Paul Wright 50.2; 1B Chris Brown 50.6; 800m: 6A Stuart King 1:58.7; 5B Aiden Brown 2:03.2; 1500m: 4A Luke Cragg 4:05.0; 4B Daniel Heathcote 4:15.9; 3000m: 4A Stuart King 9:04.4; 7B Daniel Heathcote 10:01.9; 110m H: 1A Stefan Wilcockson 16.8; 3B Martin White 20.6; 400m H: 1A Stefan Wilcockson 58.5; 1B Chris Brown 59.0; 3000m S/C: 3A Stephen Lisgo 9:50.7; 1B James Mee 9:52.9; H Jump: 5A Paul Wright 1.63; 7B Martin White 1.45; L Jump: 2A Matthew Woolley 6.72; 2B Richard Woolley 6.57; T Jump: 2A Richard Woolley 13.07; 3B Martin White 10.92; Hammer: 4A Richard Woolley 34.56; 4B Steve Woolley 23.09; PV: 5A Stephen Lisgo 2.40; Javelin 5A Matthew Woolley 46.54; 2B Lee Peters 44.26; Discus: 5A Matthew Woolley 35.01; 2B Steve Woolley 27.66; S Putt: 2A Matthew Woolley 12.47; 4B Steve Woolley 9.51; 4x100 1st 44.2; 4x400 1st 3:20.4

Match Result:

1: Mansfield 254.5; 2: Coventry 222; 3: Severn 217.5; 4: Cheltenham 208.5; 5: Telford 193; 6: Bristol 190.5; 7: Tipton 181; 8: Corby 168

League Standings:

1: Mansfield 30; 2: Telford 22; 3: Coventry 18; 4: Bristol 17; 5: Cheltenham 16; 6: Tipton 15; 7: Severn 15; 8: Corby 11