

National Young Athletes League, Sutton Coldfield 22nd July 2007

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The youngsters of Mansfield Harriers made the trip to Sutton Coldfield for the final fixture in the Midland Premier Division of the National Young Athletes League needing a top two finish to guarantee them survival in this league. After a disappointing season both the boys and girls teams made an extra effort to record 43 wins against the opposition from Carmarthen, Royal Sutton Coldfield and Loughborough based Charnwood AC. Team managers Adie Brandham and Steve Childs had worked hard to get athletes into as many events as possible and this paid off on the day resulting in a comfortable victory finishing 27.5 pts ahead of nearest rivals Charnwood.



Twins Ryan and Christie Childs were both on good form gaining maximum individual points – Ryan winning the U15 Boys A string Pole Vault, 400m and 800m and Christie the U15 girls A string 200m and 800m and the B string Shot – both then going on to play a key part in winning relay performances. Amie Grainger was another athlete to gain maximum individual points with B string victories in the U17 girls 300m Hurdles, 1500m and Discus with team mate Emily Reeve just one point behind her with wins in the B string 200m and 800m and a second place in the 80m Hurdles – both of these girls have turned out for every match this season in an often depleted U17 girls team and scored many valuable points between them. Adam Samson equalled this feat in the U17 Boys events with a win the 400m Hurdles and B string Long Jump and a 2nd place in the Triple Jump and Tom Lowery did likewise in the U15 Boys with victories in the 200m and 400m before failing to make it a sprint treble by just 1/10th of a second in the 100m. Not to be outdone by the older boys Jack Caborn recorded 11 points for the Under 13 boys with wins in the 75m Hurdles and High Jump and a second place in the Long Jump.

Becky Woolley continued her strong form in the U13 girls competition with wins in the Shot Putt and Long Jump and other Mansfield doubles came from Rachel Brandham in the U15 girls A string 1500m/B string Javelin and Conor McHale in the U15 boys B string 80m Hurdles and Pole Vault. The remaining Mansfield wins came from: U13 Girls - Kiera Abbott ('A' 75m Hurdles), Chevelle Baxter ('B' 1200m), Leah Hopkinson ('B' Long Jump) U15 Girls – Charlotte Gair ('A' Discus), Hannah Wragg ('B' 1500m) U17 Girls – Chloe Phillips ('B' Hammer), Georgia Milton ('A' 1500m), Claire Beaumont ('B' 300m) U13 Boys – Tom Wragg ('B' 200m), David Wilkinson ('B' Long Jump) U15 Boys – Ben Leivers-Riley ('B' 200m), Nick Phillips ('B' 800m), Richie Talbot ('B' 1500m) U17 Boys – Ollie Fell ('A' Long Jump), Dillon Wilson ('A' Javelin), Adam Rubery ('B' Shot), James Bellingham ('B' Hammer), Nick Beech ('B' 400m Hurdles), James Massey ('B' 3000m)