

Sunday October 18th

ROUND 2

Doncaster

Whose idea was a Sunday meeting? It was an unusual feeling, but circumstances left AV with no other realistic options. However that being said, once the first gunshot was heard, it was all pretty much the same. Much windier this week, but it wasn't a gale and we certainly have had much worse conditions in the past. Our numbers were up a few this week – it was certainly great to see a lot more seniors on the track.

The Club welcomed some more first timers with the appearance of **Julie Loughbrough**, **Daniel Copsey** and **Nick Tsindos**. There was again some more making their summer debuts after been part of our winter program. These included **Lucy Leutchford**, **Sunny Spencer**, **Hayden Morris**, **Jackson Cowley** and perhaps our find of the winter **Virginia Moloney**. It was also terrific to have **Aiden Buchanan** and **Tim Holmes** back in the black and white after missing a season or three!

The aforementioned **Sunny Spencer** had a cracking day, breaking two U/14 Club records. **Zoe McWhinney's** seven year old 200m mark was eclipsed early in the day, while fellow junior team mate **Amy Cornell** saw her 800m mark, set just last season, go in the two lap event a little later on. **Lucy Leutchford** also beat the old record, but despite a desperate lunge for the line just could not quite get her name on the record board (this time!!) Hopefully readers will have noticed that Amy set a 1500m record last week – we certainly have some talent in this age group!

Have we ever filled the first two places in the women's 5000m before? Highly unlikely, but we did it this week and in very fine style. **Virginia Moloney** and **Erchna Murray-Bartlett** continued their fine winter form to be prominent in the mixed race beating many of the men home as well.

The Club had some success in the 4 x 400m relays, winning both Under 14 divisions and the U/16 boys as well as the 40+ Women. **Kim White** had the whole Collingwood crowd on their feet as she 'stormed' to the lead thirty metres from the finish to cap off a terrific performance from **Anna Corney**, **Michelle Laufer** and **Sofie Fabre**.

Michael Whitehead came across from New Zealand primarily as an 800m runner, but he showed his real value to the Club by also doing a 200m, a 400m in the relay and finishing with a none too shabby 5k just to round things off. **Liam Delany** had a great run in the 5k, showing he had recovered pretty well from his half last Sunday.

Daniel Cobern soared over 2.03m in the high jump. This is probably Daniel's best start to the season ever – could there be another Club record just around the corner?

In the same event but different age group **Tim Dodd** smashed a thirty three year old record when he cleared 1.70m to add 5cm to the under 14 mark. Again, terrific early season form that augers well for the rest of the competition.

Officials: Judy Mason, Diana Barnett, Kevin Wigmore, Brian Williams, Tony Williams and **Brian Moore** were on the job for AV this week. We again had a number of parents and athletes help at various times, a couple of whom juggled their assistance around their endeavours on the track. **Mark Cornell** and **Hideye Suzuki** did a long stint at the high jump. **Colin Hall** gave them a well earned break late in the day and was helped out by young **Tom Dawson**. **Grant Sargent** and **Kim White** did a bit at the triple jump while **Rob** and **Theresa Barnes** worked at lap scoring for the 3 and 5k runs. **Leanne Morris** did some paperwork

