

Round 1 Saturday October 10th. Ringwood

Summer's here at last!

We've picked up a few newbies and the Magpies are looking forward to a successful track season. The return to the old two program system will certainly be less confusing for those trying to work out just what is on each week!

Our senior numbers were down, affected by the people entered for the Melbourne Marathon tomorrow. Hopefully many of them will drift back as they get over their efforts in the next couple of weeks.

Ross Reid and **Bob Gardiner** got us off to a good start in the walk with a couple of high placings. Former Olympian Bob walked his best time for a couple of seasons. Like a good wine – getting better with age!

It was great to see veteran **Bruce Conboy** back having a walk after a couple of seasons of less than perfect health. Bruce is going to pick up some very handy points in the 40+ division.

Another promising double act for the season is **Sam McGilp** and **Daniel Cobern** in the high jump. Both are creeping up towards the 2m mark – it is a long time since Collingwood has had two jumpers this far off the ground.

Will Sheils is in great early season form. Making the trip up from Warragul, Will ran a PB in the U/16 800, a touch under 2:08. He followed this up with a smart 3k later in the day running 9:52 and a bit. Good to see Dad, **David** having a run as well!

The 800 saw a couple of other smart performances too with **Josh Debinski** recording a 2.5 second PB while **Mason Barnes** showed the benefit of a solid winter season with a 2:09.

Great clubman **Malcolm Campbell** was our first home in the 5k after a pipe opener in the two lapper earlier in the day.

New member **Nick Rosa** showed that he is going to be very handy through the summer with five good performances, the best of which was probably a first up 10.32 in the U/16 shot put. Nick also put in a terrific leg in a senior 4x400.

Ironman **Troy Kameme** completed eight events in another terrific effort for the Club. They included the 200, 800, 400 hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put, hammer and the relay. Troy does this, or something very similar every week. Gets a lot of points too!

Our 40+ team did all right considering that some of our athletes are up in Sydney at the World Masters. **Chris Boylen**, **Shane Derby** and **Peter Neale** all scored a lot of points and **Grant Sargent** joined them for the relay.

The U/14 boys did all right too! **Adam Garganis** and **the two Neale boys, Jack and Anthony** did enough to finish fifth on the day, which can only improve as the numbers build.

Our senior women's numbers were down on last year, but we have really built our stocks in the under age groups. Under sixteens, **Elli Hesse, Hannah Garganis** and **Ailsa Buckle** all had their first runs on the track with Collingwood (Ailsa did compete during the Winter!), while **Cassie Page** was new to the U/14s. **Jessica Neale** and **Zoe McWhinney** both carried on from last year racking up valuable points for the black and white brigade.

Corinna and **Romy Minko, Madeline Lantieri** and **Sofie Fabre** were are only senior girls this week but there are quite a few to come back in the next couple of weeks. A good opening jump of 5.54 in the long jump was a very promising start to the season for Corinna.

The highlights of the results of the first week team wise were:

Under 14 girls - 3rd. Div 1 Men - 1st. Div 3 Men - 1st. 40+ Men - 2nd.

The **officials** who represented Collingwood on the day and helped keep the meeting going were: **Tony Williams, Kevin Wigmore, Diana Barnett, Judy Mason, Brian Moore, Diane Mastrullo, Ian Fisher, Graeme Scott, Matthew Webster** and **Lyn Humphris**.