

Round 2 Saturday October 17th. Box Hill

Four new athletes made their debuts for Collingwood Harriers this week and a number of our existing members had their first run for the season. Our total number of competitors topped forty for the first time in many, many years. The most exciting aspect of this trend is the increasing number of juniors joining our ranks. It is also very pleasing to see the increasing transition from the Collingwood Little Athletics Centre to our senior ranks.

Lucy Dodd and **Keely Bradley**, (both from Collingwood LAs) were two of the first timers. They were the two fastest U/14 100m runners at the meet and together with **Cassie Page** and **Jessica Neale** set a Club U/14 Record for the one lap relay. Their time knocked 2.9sec off the record set back in December 2002 when our then U/14 girls won the premiership at the Box Hill venue. Lucy also cleared 1.45m in the high jump.

Another two Collingwood LAs graced the track in the U/16 boys team. **Tim Amanatidis** shows a lot of promise in the shorter sprints and will improve even more as his fitness improves, while **Dylan Craig-Darroch** looks to be a versatile performer in a number of events.

Ian Morelli was back in harness after missing for a couple of seasons. Ian has shifted to Castlemaine with his work but now has his house and new family organised and is able to make the trip back to the track. Will be very handy!

Mitchell McWhinney in his first season as a senior went past the 12m mark in the triple jump and recorded a smart 100m as well. **Daniel Sanders** was our quickest in the short sprint with a good early season 11.75. **Troy Kameme** completed another nine point scoring efforts.

Our walkers did it once more with **Ross Reid** first across the line again. **Bob Gardiner** was half a minute faster over the 2k distance than last season while promising U/14 **Adam Garganis** was not that far behind his mentor. Adam followed up his walk only half an hour later with a terrific effort in the 2k steeple. He improved at every water jump almost clearing the water on the last lap.

The 'Warragul Wonder' **Will Sheils** did it again with yet another PB, this time in the 1500m. Down to 4:25, Will is not too far away from the U/16 club record set back in the late seventies by Steven Howes. Will also anchored the winning U/16 relay complimenting the efforts of **Tim Amanatidis**, **Nick Rosa** and **Dylan Craig-Darroch** to cross the line well in front of the field. **The Neale boys** did nine events between them with the younger (11) **Anthony** completing six. **Jack** only did the three this week but his 1:40 high jump was promising. Dad **Peter** continues to improve with a 2.55m pole vault. A late starter in athletics, Peter has a go at the lot and is getting a stack of points, particularly in the 40+ team. **Chris Boylen** completed seven events, a terrific effort after a nasty ankle injury that restricted him for much of the winter.

Daniel Cobern cleared 1.90 in the high jump an equal PB. after a nifty 100m and 11m+ triple jump. **Sam McGilp** lowered his colours to Daniel in the high jump but performed well in the triple jump being just 2cm shy of the 12m mark.

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

U/14 Girls - 1st., Div 1 Women - 4th.

U/14 Boys - 1st., Div 1 Men - 2nd., Div 3 Men - 2nd. 40+ Men - 2nd.

Ladder Positions:

U/14 girls - 2nd., U/16 girls - 5th., Div 1 women - 5th.

U/14 boys - 2nd., U/16 boys - 6th. Div 1 men - 1st., Div 3 men - 1st., 40+ men - 2nd.

We didn't need quite as many officials this week, however most of our very dependable regulars were there again. They included: **Diana Barnett, Ian Fisher, Judy Mason, Tony Williams, Kevin Wigmore, Lyn Humphris** and **Brian Moore**.