

**Scottish Young Athletes League**  
**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, Linwood**

Clydesdale Harriers Young Athletes team combined with West Dunbarton AAC performed well to be third in the final league match of the season with Johnathan Farrell being awarded the Man of the Match award for his excellent 100 metres in 11.5 seconds. It was unfortunate that the meeting was right in the middle of the Fair Fortnight and the team was inevitably depleted but the athletes all performed nobly with some excellent results/

The meeting started with the 400 metres race for Under 17 Men where Alan Watson ran well to be second in 62.5 before the 100 metres sprinters were in action. Johnathan Farrell won the Under 17 100 metres A race comfortably in 11.5 seconds and Craig Graham just returned from holiday was third in the B race in 13.6. Cameron McLeod was second in the Under 15 race in 13.2 with Mark Busby in his first open race ever was third in the B race for seven valuable points. Tony Dolan in the Under 13 A race was seventh in 16.9 seconds. Chloe Wright had been seventh in the Under 13 Girls 75 metres in 12.7 seconds – her first race in a busy afternoon. She was in action again almost immediately in the 800 metres with Victoria McCue. Victoria was fifth in the A race in 3:04.6 and Chloe was fourth in the B race in 3:07.0. There was some drama in the Under 15 Boys 800 metres race when Peter Bowman broke too early in the back straight and was ultimately disqualified. He did however run a good race apart from that with a first lap in 61 seconds before the wind slowed him to a finishing time of 2:11 in second place. Meanwhile Colin Gray, also making his league debut was running into fourth place and the resulting six points in 3:25.

First hurdler in action was Under 13 Beth Atkinson who was second in her race in 16.9 seconds. Megan Reid did her usual excellent job when she won the Under 17 A race in 14.9 into a headwind. Peter Bowman won his 80 metres hurdles in 15.6 and Jamie Wright was second in his heat of the same event in 21.0. Anton Russell was third in the Under 17 men's 100 metres hurdles in 18.5 with Alan Watson second in the B race in 16.3. Then came the Under 13 girls 150 metres with Victoria and Chloe in action again. Victoria was seventh in the A race in 25.1 and Chloe took sixth place in 25.5 seconds. Cameron McLeod was third in the Under 15 Boys 200 metres in 26.0 with Ryan Kenny setting his first personal best of the afternoon with first place in 26.9 in the second race. Johnathan Farrell was second in the Under 17 200 metres in 24.1.

In the Under 15 400 metres Peter Bowman was second in his race in 58.1 with Ryan Kenny's second personal best winning the B race in 63.4 seconds. Alan Watson was second in the Under 17 race in 56.1 with Chris Hoy second in the B race in 62.0 seconds. Tony Dolan ran a canny race in adverse weather conditions to be second and set a personal best in the Under 13 1500 metres in 5:19.6. The track events finished with the relays where the Under 13 girls team was fourth in 66.5, the Under 15 boys were third in 54.4 and the Under 17 men were second in 48.3 seconds.

The field events had been going on all afternoon with some very good performances by the team. Anton Russell won the Under 17 men's long jump with a good 5.66 metres and Craig Graham was second in the B competition with 4.33 metres. In the Under 15 shot putt, Jamie Wright was sixth with 4.65 metres with Colin Gray fifth in the B competition with 3.93 metres. Johnathan Farrell took time out from sprinting to be fourth in the shot putt with 8.64 metres and Chris Hoy was third in the B event with a best on the day of .85 metres. Ryan Kenny set his third best of the afternoon when he was fifth in the Under 15 High Jump, clearing 1.40 metres and Cameron McLeod won the B event with 1.35 metres cleared. Mark Donahue was second in the Under 17 men's javelin with a throw of 34.51 metres and Chris Hoy was third B string when he threw a creditable 24.79. In the Under 13 Boys long jump Tony Dolan was fifth A string with 3.55 metres and in the Under 13 girls shot putt Beth Atkinson was fourth having a best on the day of 5.04 metres. Beth had also taken part in the long jump where she cleared 3.04 metres to be seventh A competitor with Victoria McCue fifth B string with 3.01 metres. Mark Busby was sixth in the Under 15 Boys javelin with 12.22 metres and Jamie Wright was fourth A string with 9.78 metres.

All in all it was a good afternoon in weather conditions which were far too blustery and windy at times for good times but competitors and officials all enjoyed the afternoon. It would be unfair not to thank team manager Donald MacLeod for his hard work in preparing teams and looking after them on the day for all three matches. Thanks are also due to officials on the day – Raymond Farrell, Brian McAusland and Suzanne McGowan.