

SOMERSET SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Secretary – Mr. Brian Baker

Mr. B. Baker
16 Holly Court
Frome
BA11 2SQ
Tel. 01373 464766
Mobile. 07855749543
Email. brianssaa@blueyonder.co.uk



Junior Track and Field Report 2005

Again the usual format of organisation took place with a meeting at Sexey's School to allocate names to numbers and finalise details. However thanks to Pat and Dave this meeting went very smoothly and quickly.

Again there was an increase in participants due perhaps to the coaching structure. Certainly numerous individual athletes 'entered themselves', which meant that they attended the championships without a member of staff and in one instance without the school's knowledge. Most surprisingly we then found out that this particular athlete was awarded an 'unauthorised absence' from school alongside his two championship badges!

Certainly on the day the athletes would have been unaware of the behind-the-scenes wrangling and the meeting ran smoothly with many motivated young athletes aspiring to do their best.

Five championship best performances were set:

Under 13 Girls	High Jump	1.37 =	R Keeping	Millfield Prep.
Under 14 Girls	200m	26.9	E Morley	Queens Coll.
Under 14 Boys	400m	56.9	L Webber	Minehead Middle
Under 14 Boys	1500m	4.28.9	N Young	Whitstone
Under 14 Boys	Pole Vault	2.20 =	C Mclean	Swanmead

My thanks to Dick for his enthusiasm and administration towards this event.

Senior Track and Field Report 2005

The feel of this meeting built upon the very positive feel of the previous year. There were more athletes entered than for many a year and only a few events were 'knocked down' to a straight final on the day. I certainly believe that the information gained within the coaching courses means that athletes are better prepared both in knowledge and fitness and that this has a direct effect upon these championships. Consequently, but very unfortunately, some athletes know more than staff within the schools relating to the entry procedures for our events. Thus both Dick and myself had to field some very difficult situations leading up to the championships. Hopefully this will not be the case next year.

SOMERSET SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Present at the meeting was photo-finish timing thanks to Dave Cooke. This facility dovetailed well into the traditional judging and timekeeping procedures and certainly on a couple of occasions was a great benefit to those on the steps.

Three championship best performances were set:

Senior Boys	400m	49.17e	T Hockedy	Mendip
Junior Girls	4 x 100m	52.77e		Taunton
Intermediate Girls	Hammer	27.93	C Knighton	Mendip

Taunton were overall champions.

	S	T	M	Y
JG	22	107	57.5	52.5
IG	38	101	106	59
SG	12	113	58	69
Girls	72	321	221.5	180.5
JB	107	68	118	72
IB	92	164	52	62
SB	9	126	113	93
Boys	208	358	283	227
Overall	280	679	504.5	407.5
Track	127	304	275.5	193.5
Field	140	343	201	198
Relay	13	32	28	16

The next day selection took place for the southwest championships to be held at Bournemouth. As is usually the case the selection process was long but above all thorough and a strong team, it was felt, was selected to represent the county.

My thanks to all involved with the track and field championships at county level. In total a great many individuals give of their time and effort to administrate, officiate or team manage. Without them the success of the championships and the teams could not be possible.

BB