

# **NATYAL Match Report Telford**

## **Sunday 6 May 2007**

A big thanks to all who participated on Sunday in the match at Telford. We took a relatively small team of 32 athletes, but those who made the trip performed well above expectations, and we came a very creditable 2nd with 313 points behind home team Telford (379 points) and well ahead of Gloucester and Sutton in Ashfield. We also had 7 new club records to report (see below). Our next NATYAL match is at Swindon on Sunday 20th May. This is effectively a "home" match, so we expect athlete availability will be high. Certainly in the U13 and U15 age categories we will probably have more athletes than we have places, so make sure your team manager knows your availability as soon as possible.

As Chairman of the club, the most pleasing elements were the fantastic success of our new members, and the observation that particularly in the sprints, performances seem to be improving quite significantly as the season gets going.....Maybe our training methods are working!!! My rough count had 8 new-member U15's, and 2 others in the U17 and U13 ranks. John Glenister led from the front with maximum points in 100m 200m and Long Jump. Dan Churnside was not far behind with 1st position in Javelin and Discus. Seb Shipway won the 80m Hurdles and the High jump and Chris Kilworth the 1500m. Megan Sims and Rochelle Amos together took 5 points at 800m. Rochelle was 3rd A at 200m and 1st B at 100m. Not to be outdone the "old hands" performed equally well, Morgan Gascoigne and Hannah Claydon together had 1st A results in Long Jump, High Jump, 75m Hurdles, and 2nd A's in Shot and 100m. Emma Jones had her best day in a MADJA vest with a 2nd B in Long Jump and 1st B in 75m Hurdles. Tom Pinder and Leo Taylor also supported well. Tom was 1st B in Discus, 1st B in 1500m and Leo 1st B in 80m Hurdles and 1st B in High jump. In the U13 ranks new member Elsie Sims complimented the more experienced Abbie Randall, Alison Witts and Katie Sykes. Alison had the only grade 2 performance amongst our U13's with a 4.24m long jump. We only had 7 U17's but they all scored heavily. As always a big thanks to those who gained valuable team points doing events which would not have been their first choice. It was also great to hear about the "away team spirit" on the bus and at the track. Apparently we were by far the loudest team there... long may it continue. In the end we averaged 9 points per athlete who was there. With 7-8 more athletes on the bus we could well have challenged Telford for the match win. Certainly at Swindon on 20/5 we are going all out for the win. It ht suggest would be a couple of words commenting on the away team spirit and the noise generated by them in supporting / encouraging fellow athletes - we were by far the loudest there and good to see this re-emerge after having been missing towards the end of last season?

**A PLETHORA OF NEW CLUB RECORDS!!!** Records at Telford: John Glenister set new U15 records at both 100m (12.2s) and 200m (24.7s). Hannah Thompson smashed the existing U17W triple jump record with a leap of 10.67m Ami Woodruff broke her own U17W sprint record with a new mark of 13.1s Records at Marlborough Chris Claydon earlier this month set a new U17M time of 5:20 for the Mile Amy Cooper broke the U11 1500m record with a time of 6:00.3 seconds Juliette Casin1 broke the U11 Girls turbo Javelin record with a throw of 12.13m.