



2013 Louth Summer League Round 3

Date: 13th August 2013

Drogheda's Lourdes Stadium was the venue for the 3rd and final round of the Louth League hosted by Boyne AC on tuesday evening last 13th August. Making their competitive debut for the club were Hayden Mulholland and Ethan Mullen who both showed great promise for the future.

Sharon Wilson, Aoife Gorham, Robyn Gorham, Sophie Bastible-Diaz & Emma Whately took part in the girls U9 turbo javelin and 6...0m. All 5 girls did really well in their events and continue to gain experience and show improvement with every outing.

Debutantes Hayden Mulholland and Ethan Mullen competed in the boys U9 category and showed great energy, enthusiasm and no little skill in their endeavors.

Catelyn Byrne, Ellie Gorham, Eimear Farrell & Aoife Gorham competed in the girls U10 long jump and 60m. In the long jump they all did really well with Catelyn showing immense potential jumping 3.10m in her first try at the event in competition. In the 60m Ellie & Catelyn qualified for the final where they just finished outside the top 4.

Michael Wilson qualified for the u11 boys 60m final with a 2nd place heat finish. In the final despite his inexperience he showed great courage to take 4th place. He went on to show more improved form in the turbo javelin as further evidence of his progress.

Those great club stalwarts Aoife Byrne, Emma Coleman, Patricia Jumbo-Gula & Ellen Murphy were once gave their all for the team in the u11 girls events. In the 60m Emma, Patricia & Ellen qualified for the final where they took 3rd, 4th & 5th in a great battle. In the turbo javelin Patricia was the top performer of the group.

Jamie Wynne & Oisin Byrne lined out in the boys u12 category. In the 60m they both ran really well with Oisin showing much improved form. Jamie made amends for a disappointing performance in the previous round in Ardee taking a great 3rd with a much improved leap of 3.52m.

Emily Molloy, Maria Smith & Laura-Jane Hearty had a 80m & long jump to contend with in the girls u12 section. In the 80m Emily & Laura-Jane just missed out on the final. Maria stormed through where she underlined her class finishing a very close 2nd place with another quality performance. In the long jump the girls once again impressed with Maria taking 3rd with a PB of 3.74m, Emily also improved her PB posting 3.20m and Laura-Jane as always giving her all.

Patience Jumbo-Gula was never out of 2nd gear in qualifying for the girls u13 80m final, where once again she made some very good athletes look decidedly ordinary such is her dominance in this event currently. Caitlin Mulholland did really well in the u14 girls 100m despite preferring the longer distances. In the long jump she took a very good 6th place to underline her continued progression.

Joseph Peters continues to improve with every outing. In the u14 boys 100m he finished an excellent 2nd place and in his first try at long jump leapt a fine 4.23m for another 2nd. There is only one way his form will go in the next year given the huge amount of technical improvements he can make.

Scott Dorian's versatility was once again underlined in the nights events. He took an excellent 3rd in the u16 long jump and topped that with a brilliant throw in the u17 javelin to take 2nd in a new PB of 33.22m. Kate Smyth went really well in a strong u15 girls 100m and also did really well in the javelin despite it not being one of her favoured events.

The night finished up with the ever exciting relays which were the rescheduled pre championships deciders, which had to be called off due to the inclement weather earlier in the year. Four teams took to the track for the club. Sharon Wilson, Robyn Gorham, Sophie Bastible-Diaz & Emma Whately gave a great performance to take 3rd in the u9 event. Aoife Byrne, Emma Coleman, Ellen Murphy & Patricia Jumbo-Gula took a great victory in the girls u11 event with Patricia making up a 5m deficit up the home straight to guide them to victory. The young squad of Catelyn Byrne, Ellie Gorham, Eimear Farrell & Aoife Gorham also ran really well finishing outside the medals but showing great promise.

The girls u13 team was lead off by Laura-Jane Hearty with Maria Smith on the back straight handing over to Emily Molloy. By the time the baton was handed over to the anchor leg athlete a 10m deficit had to be hauled back. Normally barring accidents that is an impossible ask, but when that last athlete is Patience Jumbo-Gula the slogan of Adidas' successful marketing campaign quote "Impossible is nothing" has its personification. Taking a leaf out of her sister Patricia's book she swept to victory with an astounding show of speed delighting her teammates and club mates in doing so.

Well done and thanks to all the athletes, parents, coaches & club officials for all their help on the night.

Training resumes Tuesday 27th August at Young Ireland's GFC.

Training continues every Tuesday & Thursday at Young Irelands GFC, Hoey's Lane 6.30 to 7.30. New members welcome. Follow us on Facebook "<https://www.facebook.com/StGerardsAthleticClubDundalk>" and on our web-site "<http://www.stgerardsac.org/>".