



2013 Louth Summer League Round 1

Date: 2nd July 2013

The first round of the Louth Summer league took place in wet & miserable conditions at Bush track on Tuesday last 2nd July. The conditions didn't deter the clubs young athletes with great performances put up by all the clubs athletes many of whom were making their debuts. First time competitors included Caitlin Cassidy, Ellie Dollard Hutchinson, Owen Haughey, Sharon & Michael Wilson & Shane Smyth.

In the girl's u9 events Sharon Wilson, Caitlin Cassidy, Sophie Bastible-Diaz, Emma Whately, Ellie Dollard Hutchinson & Ciara Gorham performed with great credit in the 300m and turbo javelin. Newcomer Owen Haughey showed great promise in the boys u9 300 & turbo javelin where he was joined by Shane Smyth who ran really well in the 300 and finished a great 4th in the turbo javelin.

Niall Bastible took in the 300m & turbo javelin in the boy's u10 category giving his all in the process. The girl's u10's comprised Ellie Gorham, Catelyn Byrne, Eimear Farrell & Aoife Gorham. All 4 performed with great credit with Ellie taking 3rd in the 300m & 4th in the turbo javelin with the others just behind.

Michael Wilson made his debut in the boy's u11 300m & turbo javelin and did really well despite the wet conditions. In the girls u11 crew of Aoife Byrne, Patricia Jumbo-Gula & Ellen Murphy gave their usual reliable performances in their events. Unfortunately teammate Emma Coleman was unable to compete due to an injury but carried out a very important role on the night, distributing the lollipops to her club mates.

Laura Jane Hearty ran a great race in the u12 600m where she finished strongly. In the turbo javelin she belied her physique throwing well alongside the ever consistent Katie Murphy & Leah Fannin. The U12 boys had a fantastic clean sweep in the turbo javelin with Cameron Moran 1st, Jamie Wynne 2nd and George Maas 3rd. The boys all went on to compete in the 300m where they once again gave their all in their less favoured event.

Patience Jumbo-Gula and Emily O'Brien both performed strongly in the u13 girl's long jump. Patience posted an excellent p.b. of 4.55m to take 1st with Emily showing great promise in her first long jump competition.

Caitlin Mulholland had a great evening with a new PB of 3.93m in the long jump where teammate Kate O'Connor posted an excellent 4.89m to take 1st place. In the 800m Caitlin showed further improvement to take an excellent 3rd place with a strong finish. Kate Smyth had 2 great performances on the night with a fine 3rd place in the u15 girl's long jump and an even better one for 2nd in the 800m.

Well done to all the clubs athletes who took part in the very wet conditions. The next round takes place in Ardee on 23rd July.

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/>".