



2013 Louth Summer League Round 2

Date: 23rd July 2013

Round 2 of the Louth League took place at the Ardee Monastery school grounds on Tuesday evening last 23rd July. There was a great turnout from the club with plenty of promising debutantes on a warm but showery night. Making their debut were Emily Molloy, Elaina & Leanne Watters, Kayla & Callum Clarke and Orla Boyle.

The very promising U9 girl's squad was made up of Emma Whately, Caitlin Cassidy, Orla Boyle, Ellie Dollard Hutchinson, Sharon Wilson, Amy Toal & Kayla Clarke. All these very promising athletes performed with great credit in the 300m & long jump with Emma to the fore for the club in both events, Caitlin running a stormer in the 300m and Kayla doing brilliantly in the long jump on her first try at the event and Orla, Ellie, Sharon & Amy doing really well also.

Owen Haughey led the U9 boys into battle alongside Conor Smith & Callum Clarke. Callum showed great speed in the 300m before tiring in the closing stages with Conor & Owen both finishing strongly. In the long jump all 3 gave their all & did themselves proud.

Michael Wilson & Conor Toal showed up well in the boys U11 300m & long jump events with both of them continuing to show improvement every time they compete. The experience they are gaining will stand them in good stead as they progress.

Emma Coleman, Patricia Jumbogula, Aoife Byrne, Elaina Watters & Ellen Murphy took part in the girls U11 events. Due to the large numbers the field had to be split into 2 heats for the 300m. Emma made good use of her great natural pace and strength to lead them home in heat 1 after overcoming traffic problems along the way with Aoife running well in behind. In heat 2 Ellen led the field a merry dance until the final strides to take a gallant 2nd with Patricia running brilliantly for 3rd place and Elaina on her debut finishing well. In the long jump the girls once again gave their all with Patricia proving best of the bunch in 4th place. Caoimhe Boyle who is a member of St. Peter's AC but has been training with the club recently did really well in both the 300m & long jump events.

Maria Smith's form continued on an upward curve with a great 4th place in very competitive U12 girls 600m where Emily Molloy ran a very promising race on her debut with Laura Jane Hearty running her usual gutsy race just behind. In the long jump all 3 acquitted themselves well with Maria & Emily jumping PB's of 3.68m & 3.18m respectively & Laura Jane giving her all despite being short of her best form.

George Maas & Jamie Wynne ran really well in the boys U12 600m finishing in 4th & 6th places. In the long jump despite being short of their best they took 5th & 6th places in the event.

Fresh from her record breaking All Ireland performances Patience Jumbo-Gula ran an excellent race for a sprint specialist in the girls U13 600m showing great bravery to take 6th place in an event which she had no experience. In the shot putt she recovered from 2 foul throws to take the victory with an effort of 8.23m. Leanne Watters also performed well on her debut and will no doubt progress as she continues.

Everyone had their fingers crossed for Joseph Peters when he took to the track for the boys U14 800m. In his first 2 outings for the club he had to retire injured with muscle problems. In addition to that as a sprinter he had no experience of, or training for middle distance. Brilliantly he expelled all doubts with a well timed run and a lightning quick sprint finish to snatch 2nd on the line making up a 10m deficit over the last 60m and looking like he could have a lot of potential at the distance. In the shot he once again performed with distinction to take 3rd place.

Caitlin Mulholland barely had time to unpack her luggage having flown home a few hours earlier from her holidays when she took part in the girls U14 800m. Despite this her form continued on an upward curve slicing a further 6 seconds off her PB despite her fatigue. She also competed in the shot putt where she threw 6.03m.

Kate Smyth took 6th place in the U15 girls shot putt competition and followed that up with a bold showing in the 800m for an excellent 4th place finish. Scott Dorian ran a cautious race in the U16 boys 800m finishing in 5th place showing that he has a lot of improvement in him should he choose this event. In the shot putt he threw brilliantly to take 2nd place with his best effort of 9.51m.

Well done to all athletes on the night. It was a great turnout for the club even with a fair few absentees due to holidays. Also big thanks to the parents and coaches who helped out on the night. The 3rd and final round takes place at the Lourdes stadium in Drogheda on Tuesday 13th August. There are plenty of events coming up in the next few weeks starting with Glenmore AC's road races on Friday 2nd August in Carlingford, Boyne AC open sports in Drogheda on 11th August, Louth league on 13th August and Ardee Sports on 18th August. In addition the community games national finals will see some of our athletes representing Louth in Athlone on the weekend of 17 & 18 August.

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/>".