

Saturday November 12th.

Round 4

Doncaster

The best weather of the season - by a long way! A nice temperature and no wind to speak of gave us almost ideal conditions. So much so, that every male Magpie 100m runner (bar one) ran their best time for this season and for last season in many cases.

The Club had some terrific results. We filled the first three places in the open long jump, as well as first in the women's division of the same event and had the top performer in the women's 100, the men's 400 and the men's javelin. Collingwood also provided the winners of both Divvy 1 walks. Our juniors were also most prominent with a stack of PBs.

We welcomed **Tim Holmes** back after a nasty injury, while the **Lantieri** clan, **Shanyn Payne** and **Chris Waldron** all made their first summer appearances.

The Club is delighted to have recruited **Josh Ross** to our ranks. Josh, a past Australian representative and a two time Stawell Gift winner, looked magnificent in the *black and white* and will be a valuable addition to our ranks. His performance in the 400 was great to see – the first sub 50secs run at Collingwood for quite a few seasons.

The 40+ ladies continued on their winning way and again set quite a few Club records during the afternoon. **Brenda Boylen** broke two of her own set earlier in the year, while **Therese Barnes** created a couple in her age group. **Clare Garganis** also threw her way into the record books with an improved performance in the discus.

The U/16 girls broke the 4x100 record that had stood since 1986. **Rebekah Corney**, **Hilary McAdam**, **Nikki White** and **Jessica Neale** made up the team which, by the way is now also the U/18 record holder as well. The two records were held by the same group! Nikki had a great day. Apart from her part in the aforementioned records, she won her heats of the 100 and 400, both in PBs and also recorded her best ever in the hurdles and javelin.

We had a number of debutantes have a go at the junior steeple. The Collingwood uniforms were very prominent as ten under 14s, 16s and 18s competed in the 2k event. Together with the three seniors running in the 3k event conducted concurrently the field was a veritable 'black and white' movie!

Michelle Laufer won the Open walk in yet another best for the Club – this was her fourth PB in four walks in her comeback to the sport. **Ross Reid** gained maximum points in the men's event, a great effort after Ross 'lost' his Dad just last week.

The thoughts of all your friends at Collingwood are with you and your family Roscoe!!

Adam Garganis is proving to be our latest 'iron man.' After competing at Collingwood's Little Aths in the morning, at which he set a new record in the walk, Adam did a stack of events with the seniors in the afternoon – making thirteen for the day!!! His team, the under 16s, have a very good chance of finishing on top of the ladder, but will need all the boys to turn up regularly to hold off a strong challenge from Diamond Valley. Team mate **Harrison Jarvie** was one of the boys to give the steeple a try and did okay too, but it was

the end of the day that provided the highlight when he took 3 seconds off his best in the 400 to record 57.5 – his first time under the minute!

Guy White improved to just on 35m in the big boy's jav. By the end of the season I think Guy will have scored a lot of points in the four throws for the Magpies.

Corinna Minko continued her terrific form in the horizontal jumps and with her Uni exams just about over, a more relaxed Corinna is about to jump right out of the pit very soon!

Peter Neale had a throw in the 40+ javelin – nothing unusual except that Peter's broken leg is still strapped up, somewhat restricting his movement. Great effort Pete, but take it easy – we want you back in one piece.

The 40+ ladies were missing **Heather Gaunt** this week. Heather has 'done a calf' and will be missing for a few rounds. **Anna Corney** did her best to join Heather on the sidelines when she crashed through the finishing line in the 100! Obviously not too phased, Anna went on to keep running for the rest of the day – what we've come to expect at Collingwood!!

Results:

Women:

Div 1 5th.
Div 2 10th.
40+ 1st. & 2nd.
U/18 6th.
U/16 2nd. & 7th.
U/14 4th.

Men:

Div 1 3rd.
Div 2 4th.
40+ 1st & 5th.
U/18 5th.
U/16 2nd. & 8th.
U/14 1st. & 3rd.

Ladders:

Women:

Div 1 5th.
Div 2 11th.
40+ 1st. & 2nd.
U/18 6th.
U/16 1st. & 6th.
U/14 3rd.

Men:

Div 1 3rd.
Div 2 6th.
40+ 1st & 6th.
U/18 5th.
U/16 1st. & 8th.
U/14 1st. & 3rd.

Officials: The club wasn't required to supply any extras today, but as usual Collingwood provided a stack of very qualified workers that helped ensure the success of the meeting.

Wendy Finerty, in her first season as an official, put in a great effort to work all day on the javelin despite taking a tumble while setting up at the start of proceedings. **Ian Fisher, Kevin Wigmore, Diana Barnett, Tony Williams, Judy Mason** and **Brian Moore** were at the track from start to finish. **Santo Lantieri**, back from his trip to Europe, was back on the job with his relay board. This is going to make things a lot easier from now on! **Grant Sargent** helped out at the long jump for most of the day as well.