

Thursday December 8th.

Round 8

Albert Park

For many it was the first look at the new complex at the old South Melbourne footy ground. The daytime hot weather gave to a nice evening and although there were a few gusts of wind at different times, the conditions were all but perfect, particularly late in the night for the 400 events. There were a number of PBs with a couple of first time sub 60 sec runs in the U/14 boys (**Miles Leyden** and **Ben White**), a ripper 55.87 from **Harrison Jarvie** and 52.48 from **Mason Barnes**. **Andre Chambers** and **Adam Garganis** also showed a bit of form at the end of a long night.

However the highlight of the night was the run of 15 year old **Hilary McAdam** who completed the one lap in 61.54. Not only did this beat her own under 16 record, but it also eclipsed the Under 18, 20 and Open Records set by **Jane Milner** way back in **1979**. Hilary had an interesting night! Not only did she clean up one of the oldest records in the Women's listings but Hilary was also part of the 4 x 100 relay team that set new under 16 and 18 marks – the difference being these records had only stood for a month (after standing since 1986). **Rebecca Corney** was also in both teams, but this time they were joined by **Lucy Dodd** and **Keely Bradley** to knock a couple of seconds off the not so old time!

Lucy and Keely were having their first run with for the season and they will certainly help our under 16 team in their quest for a title. Two other first timers also joined us at Albert Park. Although **Amy Twigg-Edwards** (U/16) and **Norval Hope** (40+) both had a run with the Magpies during the winter this was their first run on the track with the Club. **Norval** was an instant success, recording the fastest time in the 40+ division 1500 and also broke the Club 45-49 Record for this distance in the process. **Amy** scored a lot of points in a number of events and will be another welcome addition to the under 16 team.

Josh Debinski went out to a big lead in his heat of the 1500 in a brave attempt to get under the 5 min mark for the first time. Although it didn't quite work this time it shouldn't be long before Josh and training partner **Nick Denner** both achieve their immediate aim. They are both putting in the hard yards at the track during the week.

Our pole vaulters again showed some good form. As we all know this event can produce inconsistent results with things having to be just so on the day!!! This week it was the turn of **Tim Amanatidis** (3.60m) and **Adam Garganis** (3.15m) to record PBs. Adam had great night! Apart from the pole vault and the aforementioned 400mts, Adam also took a few seconds off his best time in the 2k steeple. That's called versatile!! And just to show there's still 'life in the old boy', our pole vault coach, Chris Boylen set a new Club 45-49 Record, also with a leap of 3.60m.

Mitchell McWhinney continued his great sprinting to again be in the top few at the meeting. Little sis **Zoe** showed some form in an event we have not seen her in before when she recorded the best discus throw (25+ mts) of any Collingwood girl this season.

Madeline Lantieri had a real go in Divvy 1 for the ladies. Her 100mts time was a lot quicker than her last effort, recorded shortly after returning from two months in Europe, however her efforts in the High Jump, Discus, Javelin and relay got us quite a few points. The **Lauffer** ladies did it again. Mum **Michelle** set another PB in the walk (seven in seven weeks) and then recorded a terrific 5:45 in the 1500mts run. Daughter **Josephine** also recorded her best in the 1500 in the under 14s.

Luke Garganis (U/14) had ago at the breath holding record during the 2k steeple. After getting over the water jump, Luke disappeared from view for a few seconds, before resurfacing, swimming to shore and completing the race. The rumour that he had seen a five cent piece in the water may not be completely true. Luke, probably our smallest competitor, filled some big shoes later in the program when he jumped in to run the last leg of the U/18 relay when one of the team was held up at the pole vault. Well done Luke!

The 40+ ladies continue to dominate their grade!! **Anna Corney** ran her best 100 and 400m times while **Kim White** had her first throw of the javelin. It was good to see **Heather Gaunt** back in action after her calf injury. As is her want, Heather did a slew of events – hopefully without any ramifications on her first day back in the *black and white*.

Results:

Women:

Div 1 4th.
Div 2 9th.
40+ 1st. & 2nd.
U/18 2nd.
U/16 3rd. & 8th.
U/14 3rd.

Men:

Div 1 2nd.
Div 2 6th.
40+ 1st. & 4th.
U/18 5th.
U/16 1st. & 8th.
U/14 1st. & 3rd.

Ladders:

Women:

Div 1 5th.
Div 2 11th.
40+ 1st. & 2nd.
U/18 3rd.
U/16 3rd. & 8th.
U/14 =3rd.

Men:

Div 1 3rd.
Div 2 7th.
40+ 1st. & 6th.
U/18 6th.
U/16 1st. & 8th.
U/14 1st. & 4th.

Officials: Collingwood was again well represented at the new venue by our hard working officials. Although the mid week meeting ruled a couple out, **Matthew Webster, Diana Barnett, Gary McBroom, Judy Mason, Ian Fisher, Lyn Humphris** and **Tony Williams** were on hand for the night.

Thanks to all the parents who came along, to what turned out to be a late night, and supported our Club. It is much appreciated.