

Round 10 Saturday January 16th. Box Hill

The first week back from the break started with a real bitter/sweet moment when **Corinna Minko** finally cracked the 12m barrier in the triple jump only to gash her knee with her spikes in the process. Corinna spent the next few hours at the hospital, finally going home with a couple of metres of their very best cotton inserted in her leg.

Leaves a bit of a hole in our top women's team for a couple of weeks!
Hope to see you soon Corinna.

Young **Jess Neale** again broke her own U/14/16/18 Club Records in the pole vault, this time clearing 2:30m. Jess has been aiming for this mark for some time and was rapt to finally obtain the qualifying for the junior championships.

Little bro **Anthony Neale** continues to improve each week. Only 11 years old, Anthony is often outstripped by much older and stronger competitors, but he recorded three PBs on Saturday, firstly in the 90m hurdles, then in the 1500, knocking about 1 minute off his best and finally in the 400 where another few seconds disappeared.

Will Sheils was the only starter in the junior 3000m event, but was still able to record his best time, running 9:40 thus taking about 10 secs off the time recorded winning the race earlier in the season.

Most of the sprint times were down because of the strong head wind, however **Ian Morelli** and **Santo Lantieri** both managed to buck the trend or fluke a lull in the wind. Well done boys!

Despite the wind both **Tim Holmes** and **Sam McGilp** did very well in the high hurdles. Tim has been putting in a lot of work over the sticks while Sam was displaying a previously secret talent. It's not a secret any more! Sam also smashed through the 13 m mark in the triple jump. This was also a big improvement.

Hilary McAdam ran her best time in the (u/14) 400m with a promising 65.72. Hilary is going to play a very important part in the finals for the Maggies.

The under 16 boys recorded a pretty smart time in the 4x100. **Tim Amanatidis**, **Pier Akec**, **Nick Rosa** and **Sean O'Neill** had Collingwood's fastest time of any team on the day with their 48.82. Room for improvement too!

Simon Blyth continues to improve after his terrible run of injuries through the winter. Down to 4:38 in the 1500, Simon is heading back towards his best at the right time of the season. In the same event young **Jordan Minter** ran 5:09 in his first attempt at the distance in the black and white. Jordan is going to be very handy come finals time.

U/14 athlete **Adam Garganis** again did a stack of events starting with a PB in the 2k walk. Adam looks better and better at each start in the walk as well as picking up lots of points every week for the team. Age group team mate **Andre Chambers** again looked the goods in the 400m.

The two Anthonys did well in the 5k. **Malcolm Campbell** was our first home with **Anthony Weiland** looking terrific to be the second Magpie over the line. **Anthony Mithen** was a little sluggish however last week's trundle in the Hobart marathon may have taken the sting out of the legs for a while. **Ken Duxbury** continues to spearhead our 40+ team while **Paul Twining** is proving to be a great back up, again breaking the Club 60-64 record he set just before the festive break. **Jim Hopkins** also did the 5, running his best for the season.

Collingwood had a great day **winning every men's grade** in which we have a team. Our junior girls had good placings, thus consolidating their respective places in the top four. Our senior women struggled a bit, particularly after Corinna's mishap, however a place in the finals is still a possibility.

Officials: Many of our intrepid crew were back into the fray after the break. It was great to have **Diana Barnett, Judy Mason, Ian Fisher, Brian Moore, Kevin Wigmore** and **Tony Williams** in action. Thanks also to **Ian Minter** and **Troy Kameme** for helping out at times during the day.

The highlights of the results of the tenth week, team wise, were:

**U/14 Girls - 2nd., U/16 Girls - 3rd., Div 1 Women - 5th., 40+ Men - 1st.
U/14 Boys - 1st., U/16 Boys - 1st., Div 1 Men - 1st., Div 3 Men - 1st.**

Ladder Positions:

**U/14 girls - 2nd., U/16 girls - 4th., Div 1 Women - 4th., 40+ Men - 1st.
U/14 boys - 1st., U/16 boys - 2nd., Div 1 Men - 1st., Div 3 Men - 1st.**

