

Round 12 Saturday January 30th. Doncaster

Probably the hottest competition day of the season – glad it was a ‘twilight!’

Once again we had a good roll up, although the heat may have scared a couple away. We had a stack of people run a 400 so they would qualify for a relay, if needed, next week.

A highlight for your scribe was that during the competition a representative from three different clubs commented on how well Collingwood was doing this season.

Our Div.1 men got off to a flying start with 1/2 finishes, against very little opposition, in both the 2k walk (**Ross Reid** and **Anand Thillaisundaram**) and the 3k steeple (**Malcolm Campbell** and **Andrew Evans**). This gave us a (approx) 60+ point start for the day. Handy!!!!

John Schuijers provided an early highlight with a much improved performance in the (40+) 110m hurdles. A 2 sec PB, the result of a more positive approach, was great to see. And there is still room for improvement!

Evergreen walker and terrific clubman **Bob Gardiner** again turned in a top performance in the 2k walk to gain many points for the 40+ group. How many other clubs have a **seventy-three year old triple Olympian** competing every week just to pick up the points for the team?

The temperature was not conducive to good times in the distance events, however we had a lot of point scorers. A number of Magpies competed this week giving them their fourth appearance, thus qualifying for next week’s final.

Anthony Mithen and **Anthony Weiland** were two in this category, both running their first 1500mts for the season.

This season has been our best for a long time – perhaps thirty years! Increased membership, a lot more juniors and a large percentage of our teams in the finals.

Div 1 Men, top of the ladder! Div 3 Men top of the ladder! 40+ Men, top of the ladder! U/16 Men, top of the ladder! U/14 Men, top of the ladder! U/14 Women, 2nd! Div 1 Women, 4th! U/16 Women 4th!

Tim Amanatidis and **Nick Rosa** both recorded PBs in the U/16 discus. Tim’s 35+mts effort added 2mts to his best while Nick improved over 3mts with a 32.95m throw.

These two athletes along with **Sean O’Neill** and **Pier Akec** were clear winners in the U/16 4x100 relay with a nifty time of 49.42. Our under 14 boys again won the relay. This time the quartet included **Ben Cox, Jack Neale, Adam Garganis** and **Jacob Barnes**. Their female counterparts, **Hilary McAdam, Cassie Page, Catherine Corbett** and **Jess Neale** also performed well recording a time of 59.89 .

There were a stack of PBs in the under 14s (boys and girls), unfortunately too numerous to list here. These kids have just kept trying all season and are showing good form at the right end of the season.

Officials: Collingwood again provided a number of the main people to help run the meet. Not quite as many as usual, however **Ian Fisher, Diana Barnett, Kevin Wigmore, Brian Moore** and **Judy Mason** were again flying the black and white flag!

The highlights of the results of the last week of normal competition, team wise, were:

**U/14 Girls - 2nd., U/16 Girls - 6th., Div 1 Women - 4th., 40+ Men - 1st.
U/14 Boys - 1st., U/16 Boys - 1st., Div 1 Men - 2nd., Div 3 Men - 3rd.**

Final Ladder Positions:

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