

## Round 9 Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Doncaster

**Nine 4 x 400 metre relay teams!** Yes nine! Unbelievable, but true! We even had some of the under 14 boys pleading to put in a second team, which we did. From these teams came **winners in Men's Divvy 3, the 40+ team**, in a very, very smart (Club Record) time and both the **Boy's under 16 and 14 teams**.

It was great to see kids who had never run a 400 before having a go to complete a team. **Cassie Page, Lily Walker** and **Tim Amanatidis** all ran brave legs in uncharted waters for the Maggies.

Two under 14 800m runners showed a lot of promise for the future. **Hilary McAdam** and **Andre Chambers** both having only their second run with us recorded very promising times of 2:42.0 and 2:23.0 respectively. Another youngster to give the under 14 boys a boost was **Jordan Minter** who also had a run in the 800. Jordan's real value will be in the 3000m but his 2:31.0 today was real handy. Yet another in the youngest age group **Ben Cox**, knocked over 15 secs off his best recording 2:48.2

While talking 800s, **Shane Jolley, Julian Warhurst** and **Shane Derby** all won their respective heats in fine style. Shane J. is a real handy addition to the black and white brigade while Shane D. is improving every week as his fitness picks up after his hernia op a couple of months ago. **Julian Warhurst** will be really valuable in the finals as his times begin to tumble now that all the exams are out of the way.

**Mason's** done it again! Another PB in the 800! This time **Barnesy** got down under 2:02 after another very impressive run. **Will Sheils** continued his run of good performances but will benefit from a little time to relax over the break.

The 40+ team slashed a few more seconds off the record set in the 4 x 400 a couple of weeks ago. This time **Andrew Evans** joined in the festivities, teaming with **Paul Skipper, Danny Hecker** and **John Schuijers** to record 3:46.0 Apparently this time is only a few seconds off the world 40+ record!

**Nick Rosa** had another big day, adding a couple of metres to his best hammer performance before representing the Club in the long jump, shot put, pole vault and the relay.

The **Minko** girls both ran their best in the 200m. **Corinna's** 25.94 equalled an earlier effort, but this time there was no gale helping out, while **Romy** broke the 30sec barrier for the first time.

Our senior women's teams are a little down on numbers this season, but **Sofie Fabre** is doing her best to rack up some points for the side. Apart from her more preferred 800 and 3000m events, Sofie also had ago at the 200m and the shot put. It's efforts like this, evident every week by many of our athletes, that make Collingwood such a great Club!

We saw a big PB for **Tim Holmes** in the pole vault when he cleared 3.90m. This is starting to get serious! Surely the big 4.00 can't be too far away. It's been a while since a Magpie has soared so high!

**Mitch McWhinney's** 23.85 in the 200m is also starting to get into the real good times bracket. His long jump and the leg in the 4x4 weren't too shabby either.

Apart from the aforementioned Minko girls and Sofie's effort, **Elli Hesse, Tilly Southwood, Cassie Page, Catherine Corbett, Lily Walker** and **Hannah Garganis** all ran PBs in the 200m.

The 5000m saw a good roll up of Magpies scoring valuable points in the quest for the finals. **Ken Duxbury** continued his good form while **Jim Hopkins** ran his best for a couple of seasons. **Simon Blyth** ran his first 5k for a few seasons, while **Anthony Mithen, Malcolm Campbell** and **Tony Hally** all scored good points for the black and white. **Shane Derby**, another 'multi eventer', put in another top effort as his fitness continues to improve. **Paul Twining** set a Club 60-64 Record of 19:28.7 taking nearly 1min 27secs off the mark set by **Mike Boylen** (yes father of Chris) back in 2000.

**Officials:** Thanks again to all our '*blue shirts*' for their work on behalf of the Club. This week most of the usual faces were there in **Judy Mason, Diana Barnett, Diane Mastrullo, Lyn Humphris, Brian Moore, Ian Fisher, Kevin Wigmore, Tony Williams** and **Matthew Webster**. Thanks to all those who helped with the hurdles – our allotted task this week. We are very fortunate at Collingwood to have so many willing helpers.