

Yorkshire Regional Sportshall Athletics Festival - Bonus Arena, Hull
28th February 2012

Following the successful Trials held at Richard Dunn Sports centre the West Yorkshire Under 11 Girls and West Yorkshire Under 11 Boys teams travelled to the rearranged match (original snow bound) in Hull for the Yorkshire & Humberside Finals.

The match at Hull featured the West Yorkshire Tykes, 2 Teams from Hull and East Riding and 2 teams from North Yorkshire teams all keen and raring to go. Both the Boys and Girls teams soon found that it would be no push over and had to pull out all the stops if they were to finish as champions. Passing through the events it looked very close with all teams picking up wins on the track and on the field events.

In the end the West Yorkshire Tykes Boys team finished in 1st place with 489 points with Hull and East Riding just 15 points behind, just showing that every point counted for the Team. The team won the Over Under Relay, 2+2 lap Relay, 6 Lap Paarlauf, Grand Prix Relay . Individuals topping the rankings were Callum Orange in the Triple Jump, Ryan Hammerton in the Speed Bounce and Matthew Crokken in the High Stepper . The Athlete of the match award was awarded to Callum Orange for his achievements and contribution to the team win. All members of the team did very well in their individual events which are scored together with their team mates for the team positions.

The West Yorkshire Tykes Girls Team finished in second place 20 points behind Hull & East Riding. In the individual events Rhea Southcott was 1st in the Vertical Jump and the 1st in the Chest Push and was part of the 2+2 winning Relay so was awarded the Athlete of the Match, Molly Ellis was 1st in the Balance Test and Lucy Mills was 2nd in the Target Throw and Megam Hayes was 2nd in the Standing Triple Jump . All members of the team did very well in their individual events which are scored together with their team mates for the team positions. In the relays the Girls Tykes were first in the 2+2 Relay but were pipped by Hull and East Riding in the other Relays

The day was an excellent experience for the youngsters with all teams and competitors being cheered on . It should not be too long before some of these athletes are competing for clubs in the outdoor Track & Field Leagues. If anyone would like more information about their local clubs please contact Alan or Christine Oates for more details. 01274 416286

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