

# West Yorkshire Sportshall Athletics

Yorkshire & Humberside Regional Sportshall Athletics Festival - Hull - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Following the successful Trials held at Richard Dunn Sports centre the West Yorkshire teams travelled to the match in Hull for the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Finals.

The match at Hull again featured both the Under 11 and the Under 13/15 teams and the opponents in Match 1 were North and South Humberside, 2 teams from North Yorkshire and in match 2 teams from Durham and Tyne & Wear.

In the end the West Yorkshire Tykes Under 11 Boys team finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 492 points with North Yorkshire 16 points behind, just showing that every point counted for the Team. The West Yorkshire team won the Over Under Relay, 1+1 lap Relay and the Grand Prix Relay. Individuals topping the rankings were George Hahn in the Standing Long Jump, Jack Ezard in the Balance Test, Sam Bentley in the Target Throw, Miles Labastide in the Speed Bounce and Travis Floyd in the Vertical 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.

The West Yorkshire Tykes Girls Team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place just 16 points behind North Yorkshire. The team picked up top points in the Over Under Relay and Grand Prix. In the individual events Sateva Raymond was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the Chest Push. 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 Under 13 and Under 15 Boys and Girls teams competed in the Yorkshire Regional Final looking for places in the United Kingdom Finals to be held at Sport City in Manchester on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April. This was the second round of a highly competitive series of events, which is designed to keep young athletes interested in the sport through the long winter months of training. The competition in Match 1 was between North Yorkshire, North Humberside, South Humberside and West Yorkshire looking for the Yorkshire & Humberside place at the UK Finals, with Durham & Tyne & Wear in Match 2 aiming to qualify for the UK finals as North East Representatives. The performances on the day were outstanding with The Under 15 Boys and Under 15 Girls teams both winning and qualifying on the day for the UK Finals. Whilst the Under 13 Boys won in convincing style but the Under 13 Girls just lost out to North Yorkshire and failed to qualify for the UK finals.

In this year's competition the Under 13 Girls team were beaten by North Yorkshire by 38 points. In this competition Lucy Wilding won the standing Long Jump, Frances Parker won the Standing Triple Jump and Bethany Casson won the Shot Put and the team won the Obstacle Relay.

In the Under 15 Girls competition Anna Dickie was Overall Under 15 individual Champion, with West Yorkshires Rachel Crokken 2<sup>nd</sup>, Roisin Ramage and Lucy Tattersfield in joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Under 15 Girls team beat North Yorkshire by 36 points. The team came home with 5 top ranked individuals with Anna Dickie top ranked in the Standing Long Jump and in the 4 Lap Race. Lucy Tattersfield won the Vertical Jump, Rachel Crokken won the Speed Bounce and Roisin Ramage won the Shot Put.

The under 13 Boys team Beat North Yorkshire into second place. Damian Flathers won the 2 Lap race. Benjamin Adeniji won the Standing Triple Jump and Branden Lewis Sykes won the 4 Lap race, Eddie Martin the Speed Bounce, and Kenan Lee the Shot Put. The Under 13 Boys won The Obstacle Relay, 4x1, and the 4x2 relay.

In the Under 15 Boys individual championship Tariq Said and Alex Molyneux were joint first with Tobi Adeniji in 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Under 15 Boys team won their competition beating North Yorkshire by 76 points. The Under 15 Boys had winners in Tariq Said in the 2 Lap race and the Shot Put, Alex Molyneux in the Standing Long Jump and the 4 Lap race, Tobi Adeniji in the Standing Triple jump.

The UK Finals are to be held at Sport City in Manchester again this year with three West Yorkshire Teams taking part.

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