

## UK SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS FINALS

All four West Yorkshire Sportshall Athletics teams having an excellent day in the Yorkshire finals travelled to Manchester to the Sportshall UK Finals at the Sport City Arena. The finals certainly prove to be an eye opener to some with the scale of the competition and the best of the best all looking to win medals. The timing of the UK Finals took its toll with a number of star performers away on holiday or otherwise engaged, but the reserves called in gave their best performances against the best in the country.

The event at Sport City was spread over 2 days with the Under 13s on the Saturday and the Under 15s on the Sunday but as usual it all started with its usual pomp and ceremony with the impressive parade and terrific atmosphere, and soon after the start things were looking good for the West Yorkshire Teams we athletes chasing those treasured National Medals.

In the Under 13 Boys competition Tobi Sanni took a bronze medal in the Shot Put with a put of 12.79m. Other competitors came close with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places but generally many of the other teams had well developed Under 13s compared with our boys who did give their best. The team finished the competition in 8<sup>th</sup> position.

In the Under 13 Girls competition Nadia Dawson and Lucy Mills were the nearest West Yorkshire girls to medal positions and the team finished in 11<sup>th</sup> position but still showed the enthusiasm right to the end.

The Under 15 Girls West Yorkshire team saw Ambah Thompson take silver in the Vertical scoring well in her other events finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall in the individual competition and there were some good performances from Joanna Lawler-Rhodes finishing in a credible 17<sup>th</sup> position. The team finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place overall.

The Under 15 Boys saw Tobi Adeniji win a bronze medal in the Standing Triple Jump and topped the West Yorkshire athletes in 36<sup>th</sup> place. In the team completion West Yorkshire were in 9<sup>th</sup> place.

We had a total of 3 National medals which is West Yorkshires a good tally in such top class competition.

The team competitions results were :-

Under 13 Girls - winners Hampshire  
Under 13 Boys - winners Avon  
Under 15 Girls - winners Surrey  
Under 15 Boys - winners Norfolk

All round it was an excellent team spirit from West Yorkshire teams competing with teams from all over the UK. Many of these athletes are still young enough to contest next year so we can expect even better results.

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