

## UK SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS FINALS

Three 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.

The performances of everyone were excellent and resulted in the Under 13 Boys Teams finishing 10<sup>th</sup> on the Saturday and the Under 15 Girls doing really well and finishing 5<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately the Under 15 Boys could not count as a team, only as individuals, as 2 athletes did not turn up at the UK Finals in Manchester.

The National Medal tally was very good with U15 Boy Tobi Adeniji winning the Standing Triple Jump , Under 15 Girls Roisin Ramage 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Shot Put, Anna Dickie 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 4 Lap and the Standing Long Jump.

We had a total of 4 National medals which is West Yorkshires a good tally in such top class competition.

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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