

BWFAC Northern League 2nd Round Match Cleckheaton 7th June 2008

Another storming performance from BWFAC as they took victory for the second match in a row

A bit closer this time with only 9 points between the top two teams, but *BWFAC* march on towards a possible promotion to Division 1 next season.

Once again it was the team spirit that was rewarded as some key athletes were either unavailable or, in the case of the Pole Vaulters, there was no event held.

Top of the list must be the senior ladies 4x100m relay team. For the first time in the history of either *B&F AC* or *BWFAC*, the ladies broke the magic 50-second barrier with a terrific run of 49.7secs. The team consisted of **Katy Wyper** who took off like lightning before handing over to **Leigh Newton** down the back straight. At changeover 2 Leigh passed to **Lucy Mansfield** with the lead already secured. Another fine pass from Lucy to **Laura Davies** and victory was assured nearly 4 seconds ahead of their nearest rivals. This team have never run together before so there is even scope to improve on this time as we move through the season.

Not to be outdone, the senior men also took victory in the 4x100. Much closer here though and the squad, **Dom Arnold, Ted Romney, Jon Rutter and Simon Wells** were eventually given the same time as Wigan Harriers, but Simon was adjudged to have crossed the line in first spot.

Individually, there were some great performances too with the ladies prominent in the short sprints where Laura & Katy took both 'A' & 'B' victories whilst Lucy and **Robyn Starkey** also took 'A' & 'B' in the 200m. Similar stories in the High Jump, **Natasha Butler and Laura Deegan**, the 3,000m with **Gemma Unsworth and Carolyn Robbins** and for the men with **Jon Rutter and Alex Bale** in the triple jump. Add to this individual 'A' string wins for **Jono Prowse** (1500m), **Tom Cunningham** (800m) and **Gemma Unsworth** again in the 1500m. Plus fine support from the hard-working **Katy Wyper** who also took 'A' string victory in the long jump with an impressive new PB of 5.26m as well as 'B' string win in triple jump – not too bad for an U/17!

All the team contributed well and took on extra events to gain those vital extra few points. The squad now rolls on to Halifax on 6th July for the third round with overall victory within their grasp.

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