

Junior Mens Report Round 2

We were out at Aberfeldie for Round 2 and I think most of us were great full for Aberfeldie's close proximity. This week was just as hot as the week and although the program was again running a "little" late, it was still a great day for aths.

U/14

The traditional U/14 vibe was again present at the track down Aberfeldie way and again a great turn out for our young U/14 competitors. From the get go, it was the dynamic duo, Ethan and Alex, who's 200m came down to the wire with Ethan sneaking in front by a measly 0.49 of a second. But it was soon to be one all, when the duo faced one 800m, Alex tied up the scores, getting his nose in front by only two seconds. Now, if have you'd thought you'd seen the last of their battles, think again. It was the long and everlasting 3000m that would decide who would claim bragging rights for the next week, and it was...drumroll please...ALEX to take the win in the 3k, but I'm sure Ethan will take on the challenge next week. Well done boys. Another commendable effort goes to Nick Bell, younger brother of Jacob, whom he pipped at the post in the battle of the brothers during the 800m, and if I can say so myself, it must have been his luscious locks that got him over the line. Well done to everyone who competed on a hot, windy, and for those who stuck around for the 3k, a cool day. Well done to all boys who were out at Aberfeldie this week and look forward to seeing some more close finishes out at Williamstown. In terms of the current ladder, the mighty U/14's are sitting second to arch rivals Western, keep up the good work fellas.

U/16

Despite being the smallest of the junior men age groups, the U/16 men continue to impress, most of all by sitting 3rd of the current ladder after round 2 and with superb athletes both on the field and the track, these boys should be very proud of their efforts. Shannon never fails to impress throwing a whopping 12.75m in the shot put, so to those young fellas out there, thats how its done. Along with Shannon, Lachie continues to rack in the points in the walk (the hardest event I reckon) so well done to Lachie and he followed it up with solid 800m. And this leads me to Cory and Nicolas' impressive efforts in both the 800m and the 3k. being a distance runner I know its pretty hard to even consider running the 3k after a good 800m, but these two didn't even hesitate, and s special shout out to Cory, who it sowing back from injury and doing well.

U/18

Now to probably the begets age group out there, the U/18's. And there is no better way to start by commending Sam Charville's suburb 400m hurdles time of 65:06, and with it being his first ever 4 hurdles, that national qualifier definitely seems possible. Great stuff Sam. And in saying that, when Patrick pulled out a staler time of 2:03 in the 800m, he showed us that the sub 2 minute goal is definitely achievable. Gumboots (Shea Wellington for those not familiar), tare up the track during the 300m walk and despite many laps of the great Paul Kennady on his heels, he was able to break away and storm home. Not only did he walk 3k, but Gumboots then went on the run the same distance which deserve an applause, as the run/walk combination is definitely a challenging one. So after running back home to get his numbers that he forgot, TJ (Tom Jakab) showed he's right up there after running a solid 800m after rather long warm up. But he also showed his versatility by making 1:25m un the high jump on his first ever attempt at the vertical jump. But it is the sprinters that have taken it to the next level by scoring 189 points alone in the 200m and the relay. And also backing his wondrous works on the track, it was Tim Petersen who stole the show with his high jump of 1:50. It's clear that there's handwork being done behind the scenes, and just to show this, the U/18 men's 1st team is on top of the table, but what is remarkable it that the second team is currently sitting 4th, just behind arch rivals Western.

Well sone to every athlete who was out there on Saturday and I hope to see everyone back for more out at Williamstown next week. Good stuff boys.

Alex