



**HARROGATE HARRIERS JUNIORS  
MATCH REPORT**

**NEYDL – 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 - MIDDLESBOROUGH**

Harrogate Harriers Juniors had an **impressive turnout of 86 athletes** for the first competitive track and field meeting in nearly 2 years. Held at the Middlesbrough Sports Village, our athletes competed against other clubs in the premier division of the NEYDL (North East Youth Development League). Despite the disappointingly cold and wet conditions, the juniors produced over 20 'graded performances'\* and set several new Club records. **Harrogate Harriers Juniors won the match by over 115 points.**

**Photos can be viewed [here](#) – thanks to coach, Mark Webster**

The highlight of the day was **Eleanor Colbourn** who won the U17 ladies 800m race by over 20 seconds running the fastest time in the UK this year - 2.07.06 - smashing the old league record by over 8 seconds. She delivered a truly outstanding performance running on her own in wet and windy conditions and achieving a lifetime PB and a grade 1 performance. An hour later she went on to win the 300m in 40.2 seconds, another grade 1 performance and over a second faster than the old Club record. This currently ranks Eleanor top in the 800m and second in the 300m in the UK for her age group. Eleanor's lock down training is obviously paying off and there is a great season ahead for her.

Another star performer was **Will Reid** who ran a new PB and Club record of 14.4 second in the men's U17 100m which is classed as a Grade 3 performance. Running into a head wind of -1.5 meters, he only just missed out on the English schools qualifying time. Later on in the day Will broke the Long Jump Club record by 11cm reaching 6.25m which is a grade 2 performance. He also won the Triple Jump with a new pb and a Grade 3 performance of 12.32m. Wishing you a great season Will.

The U13 boys team saw **James Dickinson, Jack Barnett, Tom Matthews** and **Max Fletcher** all winning events as new athletes. A special mention is well deserved for **Artie Webster** our CP7\*\* athlete who won the B discus event and also competed in the 100m.

The U13 girls team saw **Charlie Holman** win the High Jump and come second in both the Long Jump and the 100m. **Emma Leonard** won the High Jump B event. **Nell Scales** came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 70m Hurdles and **Jessica Smith** 1<sup>st</sup> in the B race.

Among our older athletes a few other results include:

U15 boys - **Josh Keay** came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the High Jump and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the B shot put

U15 girls - **Hazel Forrest** came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1500m A race and **Elena Dickson** came 1<sup>st</sup> in the B race

U17 men - **Jacob Hockin** came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200m and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m A races

U17 women - **Flo Roberts** came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m A race and in the 300m B race

U17 women - **Therese Tolan** came 1st in the 300m Hurdles

U17 women - **Minnie Axon** came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 300m Hurdles B race and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Javelin A event

U17 women - **Carys Dickson** came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 80m Hurdles, High Jump and Shot Put

U17 women - **Scarlett Smith** came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 80m Hurdles B race and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the High jump B event

**Well done to every athlete who competed and thank you to the coaches and parent helpers who did their bit to enable the event to happen.** It was fantastic to see our Juniors back in action. All results can be seen [here](#).

Overall Harrogate Harriers won the match by over 115 points. Final match points were as follows:

Harrogate	808.5
N Shields	693
Darlington/Allerton	532
Gateshead	530
Morpeth	514
Blyth/Alnwick	318.5

The next two NEYDL events are **June 20<sup>th</sup>** (again in Middlesbrough) and **July 17<sup>th</sup>** (in Morpeth) so please keep those dates free.

**Jon Ireland**

**Harrogate Harriers Juniors Head Coach**

\* The Amateur Athletics Association set times/distances for events in order to grade them relative to performances nationally. For example the top 7.5% of performances would attain a grade 1 standard; the top 15% of performances a grade 2 standard; the top 30% a grade 3 standard; the top 65% a grade 4 standard. To see if your performance qualifies as a graded performance take a look [here](#).

\*\* a disability sport classification specific to cerebral palsy.