

Winchester & District Athletic Club Race Report

County Schools Championships
Saturday 23rd January 2010

Winchesters Junior athletes finally got the opportunity to display the benefits of their extra training over the Christmas period when competing in the Hampshire Schools Championships at a wet Gang Warily recreation centre last weekend with three athletes also competing in the Wiltshire Championships near Chippenham.

A record twenty six Winchester club runners had qualified from their districts to compete in these championships with all athletes targeting a top 15 placing to earn a highly prized county selection place for



an inter counties match taking place on Feb 6th.

Georgia Morris (above) set the scene for the day with an aggressive display of running shaking the field up from the gun and earning a well deserved

silver medal. Rosie Upton followed closely in 7th place with her best run of the season and the improving Hannah Jennings finished 11th with Issy Wallace grabbing the final county selection notice in 15th. Other strong runs came from Emily Stoodley (19th), Imogen Emmett (22nd), Maddie Donald (23rd), Mae Hudson (27th) and Georgina Elliot (35th)



One of the most exciting races of the day saw Stuart McCallum (above) grab a win with a well timed sprint finish with Callum Upton closely behind in 4th only narrowly missing out on a bronze medal in the last few strides with Scott Barker completing the entry in 46th place.

Rebecca Knapton (right) earned a silver medal behind her Aldershot rival and World student games gold medallist Georgia Peel in the Intermediate girls' event. Jade Bowling's (below) commitment to training paid off, finishing very strongly in 5th place followed by a flurry of Winchester athletes all qualifying for county selection : Jessica Maw (9th), Laura Fenwick (10th), Victoria Stoodley (11th) and relative newcomer Sarah Lawson having a blinding run for 12th place. Tamasin Moran finished 19th and Gabby Oliver 41st.



At the same time great news came through from the Wiltshire Championships with Lucy Rochford finishing a superb 2nd place in a very competitive Minor Girls race and Phoebe Rochford taking 6th in the Junior Girls. Amy Rochford clearly had one of her best runs of the season finishing 2nd all girls earning selection for their county team.



Luke Samuel ran well to take 9th place in the senior boy's race whilst the intermediate boys saw a strong finishing Jack Walker move through to 17th place followed closely by Richard Clarkson in 23rd.

The junior team are now looking forward to their next major event - The South of England Championships due to be held on Sat 30th at Parliament Hill fields, Hampstead Heath