

TEAM MANAGERS REPORT
JUNIOR INTER COUNTIES - Nottingham, Sept 8th 2018

This year we travelled to Harvey Hadden Stadium in Nottingham (on a very rainy day!) with a small team of 49 athletes.

Despite many of the County's best athletes being unavailable for the match, and with a few withdrawals in the weeks prior, we filled all but 2 events.

This year was challenging for a number of reasons:

- 1) the standard in general throughout the County (U13 & U15s) has not been as high in 2018
- 2) I was unable to get in touch with many teachers who had previously helped us contact school athletes
- 3) due to my own personal circumstances, the team was picked slightly later than in previous years (end of July, compared to the 1st week of July previously)
- 4) general interest and excitement towards this event seems to have declined

I have been managing this team for 11 years, and am always incredibly proud to see athletes push for every single point. It was clear that every athlete in the L&R team, put in 100% effort and supported their teammates throughout the day.

The age group results were as follows:

U13 Girls - 6th

U15 Girls - 6th

U13 Boys - 2nd

U15 Boys - 4th

As always, we struggled greatly with finding field event athletes, and by September, middle distance athletes have already finished their track seasons and are concentrating on road/XC training.

Our Team Captains - April Seaton (Safron AC), Luca Michalowski (Charnwood AC), Poppy Adkin (Safron AC) and Finley Venables (Wreak & Soar Valley) all supported their teammates excellently and helped ensure everyone was where they needed to be for their events.

As always, the inclusion of school athletes (although only a few this year) helped make our team a success.



Next years match will be hosted by Humberside, at the Costello Stadium in Hull.

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