

Three Stevenage and North Herts Athletes 'climb' National Rankings!

Stevenage and North Herts Athletic Club's young athletes made the most of the great weather on Sunday finishing third at their home Youth Development League match at Ridlins Stadium.

Performances of the day came from three of the U17 athletes who took themselves into the top 10 national rankings when winning their events. Dominic Buckland's furthest throw in the discus (45m81) ranks him in fourth place, Freddie Reilly's 400m hurdle time of 56.81 also ranks him fourth and Aisla Rhodes 1m67 high jump takes her into joint ninth. All three performances are well above the qualifying standards for the English Schools Championships in Birmingham in early July and the England Athletic Championships in Bedford in late August.



Aisla Rhodes in the High Jump taken by Mick Shortland

U20 Peter Keefe also threw well above the qualifying standard for U20 discus (43m 83) coming second and won the high jump with a 1m84 clearance. Other U20 wins came from Michael Stocker in the pole vault (3m20) and Freddie Reilly stepping up an age group to win the B 400m (51.6).

There were wins for the U20 women in the A & B pole vault with both Imogen Walker and Abigail Pickard clearing 2m80 and Rebecca Brown won both B string long and triple jump.

In the U17 age group Dylan Baines won the pole vault (4m10), Nile Odejimi- Riley and Joel Evans both ran personal bests in winning the A & B 100m hurdles (14.88 and 14.91) and Glenn Harrison

won the B high jump. Lucy Taylor won the U17 1500m (4.59.52), Libby Taylor and Eliza Brown won A and B hammer (47m25 and 16m29), Georgia Shepherd Gazely won the javelin (35m25), Molly Gardner won the pole vault and Olivia Lindsay won the B high jump.

Havering Mayesbrook finished first with Basildon Beagles second and Ashford, Croydon and Tonbridge behind Stevenage.