

Region Finals 6/2/10

TEAM EFFORT WINS THE DAY

The Region Final began well for Old Scotch, as Andrew Wheeler (2nd) and Will Huggett (4th) both recorded personal best distances in the long jump. Unfortunately, both were wind-assisted leaps, but 17 valuable points were in the bank. Then our strong track team clicked into gear, as Luke Woodard, Andrew Jamieson and Will Huggett reeled off outright wins in the 400m hurdles, 3000m walk and 200m respectively. The winners were well supported by Jackson Finlay (400H and 200m) and Stu Facey (walk). A total of 69 points across these three events gave OS a substantial lead after the first hour of competition.

But we knew that our rival clubs would gain ground in the field events, and so the 800m was a key event in the middle of the program. Chris Taylor, Darcy Long and Rob Schwerkolt all ran strongly to finish 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively and score 30 points, our biggest haul in any event for the day. Valuable contributions from Taylor, Rob Belton and Peter Marshall in the remaining three field events made it appear that OS had done enough to win the day, but there were plenty of points left in the relay and 5000m, and Nunawading still loomed as a major threat.

The 4x400m was an exciting event, with Ivanhoe, Nunawading and OS locked in a close struggle throughout the race, but Nunawading's final leg runner tore his hamstring and failed to finish. This gave OS 13 points to Nunawading's none, and victory was assured. Our 5000m runners finished the day with a flourish, despite the hot and windy conditions, with Schwerkolt, Long and Mark Purvis (despite a nasty fall head first into the track early in the race) dominating the race to score another 27 points.

OS will now contest the Shield Final at Doncaster next Saturday. I will post the selected team shortly.

Final points were (amended since yesterday):

Old Scotch	175.5
Nunawading	157.5
Ivanhoe	126
Old Xavs	121

Top point scorers for OS were:

W Huggett	23.25
L Woodard	21.25
C Taylor	20.25
D Long	20
R Schwerkolt	20
J Finlay	19.25

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200m	W Huggett	24.12	(NWI)	13 pts
	J Finlay	24.87	(NWI)	9
	L Woodard	25.55	(NWI)	5
800m	C Taylor	1:57.7		11
	D Long	2:00.2		10

	R Schwerkolt	2:00.5		9	
5000m	R Schwerkolt	16:31.5		11	
	D Long	16:36.1		10	
	M Purvis	18:20.9		6	
400H	L Woodard	59.78	PB	13	
	J Finlay	64.33		7	
3kW	A Jamieson	14:28.9		13	
	S Facey	18:21.9		9	
4x400	Woodard, Huggett, Finlay, Taylor				3:35.4 13
LJ	A Wheeler	6.64m	(4.1)	10	
	W Huggett	5.63m	(3.5)	7	
Shot	R Belton	7.40m		6	
	P Marshall	7.35m		3.5	
HJ	C Taylor	1.62m		6	
	R Belton	1.32m		2	
HT	R Belton	11.23m		3	
	P Marshall	7.54m		2	