



## Newsletter #34

### Results and news from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Last Saturday the Palmerston North club conducted other very successful Jumps in Paradise meeting. Although numbers were somewhat disappointing, especially in the male events, the standard of competition certainly was not.

The meeting started with the triple jump competition and which was taken out by Mana's Anna Thomson whose best jump of 12.69m bettered her own stadium record. Unfortunately the wind reading for this jump was 2.5m per second which is beyond the allowable limit for a record to be recognised. It was quite ironical that this was the only jump in both the triple jump and long jump competition that recorded an excessive wind reading. National long and triple jump champion Kayla Goodwin was second with her opening round jump of 11.15m but had the misfortune to injure herself in her second attempt and had to withdraw from the rest of the competition. The men's competition was won by Scott Thomson who only managed to record two valid jumps taking the competition with his final round leap of 14.41m with Kieran Pere taking second place with a best of 12.58m

The men's high jump competition saw Billy Crayford clear 2.01m to take the competition from the New Zealand Secondary Schools champion Josh Inger who cleared 1.96m. Local schools champion, Angus Lyver, made the most of the competition to take third place with his 1.76m clearance. Emma Sutherland cleared 1.71m to take out the women's event with Ranae Savill taking second place on the count back from Michelle Farmer both clearing 1.56m.

National titleholder, and one of the event organisers, Jordan Peters took out the men's long jump with his opening round jump of 7.24m with Jack Bryan taking second place with his final round jump of 6.55m. The women's event was the star billing with the three medallists from the national championships plus the under 18 champion all entered. Injury earlier in the day saw the national champion Goodwin unable to compete but this did not distract from event. Corinna Minko in her last competition for the Palmerston North club took out the event with a best 5.88m, Ashleigh Bennett was second with her best of 5.80m only one centre metre better than Genna Maples 5.79m. Briana Stephenson was next with 5.66m and Lara Hockly a personal best 5.41m A great competition and certainly a good way for Minko to say goodbye as she returns back to Australia after three years competing here. Hopefully we will see her back for next year's Jumps in Paradise.

Missing from this year's competition was former club member and national high jump champion Hamish Kerr, who unfortunately found that the invitation to compete against world champion Brendon Stark and several other international competitors at the Queensland Classic, too good to turn down. This decision paid off for Kerr when he claimed victory with a winning clearance of 2.24m. Surprisingly Stark was well off the pace finishing sixth with a lowly, for him, clearance of 2.07m.

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On the subject of former club members competing overseas, Joshua Baan is heading to

Denmark to represent New Zealand in the World Cross Country Championships. This will be quite an achievement for him as for the past couple of years he has been dealing with post-concussion symptoms following a collision with a head high metal bar during a night time run.

Also someone fighting hard to overcome injury is club secretary Vanessa Story who is this week in Poland competing at the Masters World Indoor Championships. I know it has been most frustrating for her that her injury hasn't gone away but she is determined that this will not stop her from giving her best. We will also follow with interest the performances of Andrea Harris from Masterton who we regularly see helping officiate at our meetings. Good luck ladies.

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Next weekend will bring down the curtain on the summer season with the North Island Secondary School Championships being held in Tauranga, with approximately 40 athletes representing Manawatu. Leading contenders will include Monique Gorrie who will contest the junior girls 200m, 300m and 70m hurdles, an event she was third in last year. Georgie Furnell in the 3000m. Forbes Kennedy who is the Colgate Games 13 year long jump champion will compete in the long jump and the 300m. In the intermediate grade we have Angus Lyver entered in the high Jump, long Jump and 200m, Liam Wall in the 800m and 1500m and the current New Zealand junior schools champion Guy Petersen in the javelin. Emma Leader will contest the 80m and 300m hurdle races plus the long jump. The very talented Sam Mackinder will represent us in the senior girls' long jump, high jump and javelin.