



## Newsletter #1

### Results and news from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The second meeting of the Winter Track and Field series took place at the Manawatu Community Athletic Track last Sunday with several highly ranked athletes taking part in this meeting. Although weather conditions were far from ideal, some good out of season performances were recorded.

The sprint races were keenly contested with some great times. The fields included Zac Topping, a member of the national relay squad, Isaac Oliver bronze medallist in the youth grade 200m at this year's national championships. Cody Wilson the national Junior 100m titleholder and Saravee Sos, Wellington's sprint titleholder. The 60m sprint saw Topping take out victory in 7.29s from Oliver 7.48s and Sos 7.55s. The athletes had the option of running the 200m or opting for a 2x100m relay. Sos took out the 200m in 23.18s from Brayden Grant's 23.96s whilst in the 2x100 relay Wilson and Oliver combined to take this event out in 23.19s from the Wairarapa pairing of Liam Montgomery and Ethan Butcher. Zac Topping, a member of the club 4x400m relay team that was awarded the Manawatu Sports Team of the Year Award failed to complete the journey after a missed baton change.

The women's sprints were also full of talent. The 60m race being won by Corinna Minko the national long jump silver medallist running 8.07s with Pavinee Watson running a near personal best 8.25s for second. Some of the most exciting local talent come in the form of two Whanganui youngsters Genna Maples and Tayla Brunger and it was great to see them in action on Sunday. Maples who won both the 100m and 200m youth titles and a silver medal in the long jump at the national athletics championships took out the 200m in 27.67s

with Watson second. Brunger who is the youth 400m champion took out the 800m ahead of Vanessa Story. Maples and Brunger then combined to run 26.77s in an impressive 2x100 relay display.

The middle distance races saw William Prior from Wairarapa take out the 1000m race from Liam Wall, Samuel Phillips and Rueben Duker. Skye Burema being the female winner. The men continued on to the 3000m mark with Andre Le Pine Day heading off Benjamin Wall with Andrew Davenport completing the result. Wellington's Tina Faulkner who is off to the World Masters championships completed the 5000m in 17m18.88s a great solo effort. The 800m race followed shortly after with the three place-getters from the 3000m race lining up again. Victory going to Mikael Starzynski the national junior 400m titleholder winning from Wall who is the youth silver medallist for 800m and Le Pine-Day the youth bronze medallist.



*Andre Le Pine-Day leading the way in the 3000m with Benjamin Wall close behind. Samuel Phillips also pictured placed third in the 1000m race. (Picture courtesy of Fiona Roberts-Wall)*

Long Jump national champion Jordan Peters was up against Brendon Barnett the runner up in this event both this year and last year. Barnett proving to be better on the day taking

out the event with a wind assisted 7.08m ahead of Peters best of 6.95m which was also wind assisted. Whanganui's Keiran Perre was the best in the triple jump with an effort of 12.10m heading off Wilson's best of 11.58m

The women's high jump produced a great competition with Lea Muetzel, Ranae Savill and Sam Mackinder all going clear at 1.50m. With the bar at 1.55m, Savill took the lead with her first attempt clearance. Muetzel managed to stay in the competition clearing the bar on her third attempt whilst Mackinder's three failures saw her eliminated and placed third. The bar was then raised to 1.60m which Muetzel was able to clear on her second attempt to take victory away from Savill who failed her three attempts at this height.

There has been some great feedback on these meetings and their popularity is growing. It must be emphasised that these meetings are out of season and most athletes are using these as a variation on their training.

The meeting series offers athletic scholarships to the Top 5 point scorers over the three meetings. After two meetings Zac Topping leads the points from Brayden Grant with Jordan Peters in fourth place. The next meeting is in Masterton on 26 August.



*Image from the first winter meeting in Masterton. Brayden Grant (white singlet) currently sits in second place on the points table ahead of Jordan Peters (blue top) in fourth. Both are trailing behind leader, Zac Topping.*

Our thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery goes out to one of our young promising athletes Monique Gorrie and her mother Suzanne were amongst those injured in the Turoa bus crash.