



Newsletter #29

Results and news from Wednesday 6th to Tuesday 12th February 2019

There were some outstanding performances by local athletes at last Saturday's Porritt Classic held in Hamilton.

Jack Lewer competing in the open men's shot put once again bettered the AWD M20 New Zealand record for the second time this year. His put of 11.04m improving on his effort at the Potts Classic a fortnight earlier.

Corinna Minko took out the women's long jump with a best leap of 6.05m to take victory ahead of Kelsey Berryman, the current national champion. Jordan Peters made it a long jump double for Anne Thomson coached athletes taking out the men's event with a best effort of 7.05m.

Our high jump girls once again all cleared the same height going out of the competition after clearing 1.60m. After the count back, Ranae Savill was placed 8th, Courtney Trow 13th and Lea Muetzel 14th. It is particularly pleasing that Courtney is now clearing similar heights that her more experienced training partners are. I guess the big question is will she be able to jump as high as her mother did.

Kara Macdermid once again showed that she is in good form finishing fourth in a very high class 1500m race running 4m20.58s. Benjamin Wall also finished fourth in the men's event in 3m52.55s showing he is in good form for his trip to Idaho where he will compete in the 1600m at the Simplot Games. This event is one of the premier school age athletic events in the United States. The size is staggering in the 1600m, there are 19 heats of 16 athletes per heat. We wish Benjamin well. Benjamin's time was a personal best as was that of Noah Macdermid who finished seventh in 3m 57.16s.

Liam Wall was 16th, finishing just ahead of David Lovelock. Robert Norman was another to come up with a PB with a 2m 03.99s time in the 800m.

Ben Langton Burnell had to be content with second in the Javelin with a best throw of 71.56m, but would be enjoying the opportunity to compete against an Olympic representative from Japan.

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A reminder to athletes wishing to compete at the Athletics NZ Championships in Christchurch next month that the close off date for entries is this coming Thursday 21st February.

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As part of the Peter Snell Meeting being held in Whanganui on March 2, there will be a Secondary Schools Teams challenge between teams from Manawatu, Taranaki and Whanganui.

The events to be contested are for males include: 200m, 400m, mile, shot, long jump and a Swedish relay.

For females: 100m, 400m, mile, shot, long jump and Swedish relay. The Swedish relay consists of legs of 100m, 300m, 200m and 400m.