

Report on the 2018 Regional Fun in Athletics Final/Regional Sportshall Athletics Finals:

On Sunday 28th Jan 18, some of Somerset's most promising junior athletics talent headed off to Wellsway School in Keynsham near Bristol, to take part in the Regional Fun in Athletics Sportshall Competition for U11s.

Having gone through some challenging qualifying rounds, and a couple of weekends coaching and training, 2 boys teams and 1 girls team set about the task of taking on 4 other teams from Bristol Gloucester.

Continuing the tradition set over the last 15 years, the standard was as high as it has always been, so repeating last year's success where Somerset's girls won their event and the boys came second was going to be a tough ask.

However, the team spirit was high, and every athlete gave their best in all the various running, jumping and throwing events. The structure of the event ensures everyone gets to compete in several different events, and many of our athletes demonstrated multi-talented skills which will stand them in good stead for the future.

Although the team had many close attempts at winning several of the boys and girls races, this year the teams from the other counties, Gloucester in particular were just too strong, although our second and third places were extremely tight and well contested races. In the field events, again, although many of Somerset's athletes jumped, and threw to produce their best ever performances, we were just off of the pace compared to the competition.

Overall the boy's competition was won by Gloucestershire, Somerset coming 3rd and 6th. Top 3 places going to Luke Paul with a Vertical Jump of 42cm for 3rd; Samuel Winter 3rd with a Target Throw score of 11 and William Ladd also with a Target Throw score of 11 in 3rd place; Tobi Robinson finished 1st with a maximum Balance Test score of 60.

The girls also finished in 3rd place. Top 3 places going to Nia Rodgers with a Standing Triple Jump of 5.84m for 2nd place; Lotty Wheeler in 1st place with a Balance Test 60; Kayleigh Spiers 3rd in Javelin with a throw of 12m; and Chloe Thorne 2nd with a Target Throw score of 11.

Results analysis:

Results – Girls:

- 1 Avon Crusaders 486
- 2 Gloucestershire All Golds 470
- 3 Somerset Spartans 446
- 4 Avon Stormers 405
- 5 Gloucestershire All Stars 403

Athletes achieving a top 3 place:

- Nia Rodgers Standing Triple Jump 5.84m 2nd
Lotty Wheeler Balance Test 60s 1st=
Kayleigh Spiers Javelin 12m 3rd
Chloe Thorne Target Throw 11 2nd =

Team Races:

- Obstacle Relay: 2nd = 1:25.6
1 + 1 Lap Relay: 2nd 25.5
4 x 1 Relay: 2nd 51.0
6 Lap Paarlaf: 3rd 1:24.0
Over & Under Relay: 3rd 1:10.9
Hurdles Relay: 4th 1:02.1
Grand Prix: 2nd 57.0

Results – Boys:

- 1 Gloucestershire All Yellow 484

2 Avon Crusaders Red 467

3 Somerset Spartans Orange 430

4 Avon Stormers 426

5 Gloucestershire All Stars 374

6 Somerset Saracens 369

Spartans:

Athletes achieving a top 3 place:

Luke Paul Vertical Jump 42cm 3rd =

Samuel Winter Target Throw 11 3rd =

William Ladd Target Throw 11 3rd =

Team Races:

Obstacle Relay: 4th = 1:25.3

1 + 1 Lap Relay: 2nd 24.8

4 x 1 Relay: 3rd 49.7

6 Lap Paarlauf: 3rd 1:21.1

Over & Under Relay: 1st 1:08.7

Hurdles Relay: 4th 59.5

Grand Prix: 5th 1:02.3

Saracens:

Athletes achieving a top 3 place:

Tobi Robinson Balance Test 60 1st =

Team Races:

Obstacle Relay: 4th = 1:25.3

1 + 1 Lap Relay: 4th 26.0

4 x 1 Relay: 6th 53.2

6 Lap Paarlauf: 6th 1:31.2

Over & Under Relay: 4th 1:11.3

Hurdles Relay: 5th 59.9

Grand Prix: 4th 1:02.1

A full set of results can be found by clicking [here>>](#)

