

Sunday 7 May saw the U13 and U15 OCAC juniors travel to Woking for their inaugural match in the third division of the Youth Development League (YDL), competing against three Surrey-based teams (Walton AC, Woking AC and Holland AC), plus Wycombe Phoenix Harriers. The YDL is an England Athletics initiative, offering the chance of promotion to the second division for the two highest ranked teams at the end of the season and this is the first time Oxford City has entered a team.

Oxford's campaign got off to a flying start with a resounding win: a match total of 359.5 points, with the home club in second place on 326 points. Both the U13 and U15 teams displayed some excellent performances, with U13 A string wins from Angelo Jones (75m and 70m hurdles) Michael Emmanuel (150m, 800m and Long Jump), Emerald Lewisman (1200m) and Miliyana Miles (Shot). The girls led the way in the U15 category, with Ruby Rogers claiming victory in the 100m and Maya Roach in the Long Jump.

The sun shone on the relay teams too, with wins for both the U13 boys (Angelo Jones, Kevin Burovski, Sebastien Walker and Michael Emmanuel) and U13 girls (Grace McCulloch, Emerald Lewisman, Hester Pinnell and Miliyana Miles).

In addition to the above wins, there were some strong performances across all disciplines in both age groups and strings, which contributed to the team's success and all athletes should be congratulated. Morale was high and it was a great day, with the added bonus of having a famous Olympian in our midst....

The second match of the YDL is in Kingston upon Thames on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – look out for the availability request coming out soon!





