

AVON SCHOOLS YOUNG ATHLETES OUTSTANDING  
SOUTH WEST SPORTSHALL CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT 2016

Avon Schools' youngsters performed with credit by winning 3 of the 4 team titles at the South West Sports hall Champs at Torbay leisure centre. The U13 Boys retained their 2015 title in style, whilst the U13 Girls won a thrilling competition with Devon by just 2 points. The U15 Boys also won their Team Title. In addition Anna Loughlin (Colston Girls) and Henry Cox (Broadoak) won the South West All Rounder titles in the U15 age group. This is the second year that Avon has won both All Rounder Titles.

The Under 13 boys' team won 9 of 12 events with a great all round performance winning both sprint relay events anchored home by newcomer Rioul Scharnsmidt (Fairfield). In the 4 lap race Thomas Chakraverty (Redland Green)) ran a great race to win in 46.6 with Jake Devine (Backwell) 4<sup>th</sup>. The 6 lap time trial saw both Avon boys win their races with Sam Reed (Redland Green) just pipping Finlay Passco (Hanham) on time with 1.14.4 to 1.14.6. Sam then teamed up with Thomas to win the Paarlauf.

Ashya Gray (St.Katherines) took Gold in the Long Jump with a magnificent 2m 48 and Tallah Khadker (Redland Green) took Gold in the Triple Jump with 6m95. He then joined Ryley Balsam (Hanham) the winner of the Vertical Jump, Jamal Chamberlain Sinclair (Fairfield) and Rioul Scharnsmidt (also Fairfield) to win the 4x 1lap relay. In the 2 lap James Gentile (Clevedon) won the race from teammate Christian Albon (St.Bedes), and then joined Jamal and Rioul to take the 4x2lap Relay title. Brothers Samuel and Solomon Akinyemi (both SMRT) and Sam Payne (Backwell) provided excellent support.

The Under 13 Girls were magnificent winning both sprint relays to take the title by the narrowest possible margin of 2 points representing one place! Kate Howard (Redland Green) produced a superb run in the 6 lap race to take the title in 1.16.3. Charlotte Martin (Cotham) won the Vertical jump with 62cms, and Thema Osborne Hendricks (Colston Girls) had a great day winning the Shot with 8m50, with Elin Beaver (Nailsea) second before both joined the Relay teams for great wins that secured the title. Elin also ran 4<sup>th</sup> in the 4 lap in 50.4.

Tilly Smale (Gordano) secured 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2lap final after a difficult first turn in 23.0 with Isobel Armitage (Gordano) 5<sup>th</sup> in 23.2. Beth Bryant (SMRT) and Stella Rhodes (Backwell) took 5<sup>th</sup> in their events as did Charlotte Ross in the Speed Bounce with 75. Holly Davies (Gordano), Evie Marshall (Nailsea), Ellie Goodman (Abbeywood) and Rosie Hall (Backwell) all provided excellent support in what was a superb team performance.

A great day with fantastic support from a wonderful group of parents and excellent team spirit amongst the teams with the Under 15 and Under 13 teams supporting each other brilliantly. Mention should also be made of the support of PE teachers of schools involved. Avon AAAs and Weston College are also to be thanked for financial help.

The day concluded with presentations and Avon's Team Manager Susan Jones was delighted to be invited to give out the awards in recognition of her hard work over many years.

The 3 winning teams now go onto the UK finals in Manchester on April 16/17<sup>th</sup>.

Under 13 Boys Team scores		Under 13 Girls team scores	
1 AVON	679	1 AVON	609
2 DEVON	598	2 DEVON	607
3 DORSET	584	3 GLOUCS	586
4 GLOUCS	491	4 DORSET	550