

ESAA Combined Events Finals Bedford Avon Schools Report 2022

Steph Leads from the Front

Avon Schools achieved their 2nd ever podium finish in the senior Girls age group at the National Combined Events Finals at Bedford finishing in a magnificent 3rd place against all the other England Counties

Stephanie Brooks (SGS College and former Priory School student) led by example finishing 8th of the 40 qualifiers. Personal bests in the 100m Hurdles (16.08), High Jump (1m56), Shot (8m61), 200m (25.85), Javelin (30m51) and 800m (2m32.27) saw her crown a fine performance in her last ever Avon Schools performance.

Steph unique in that she has represented Avon Schools in Sports Hall Athletics, Cross Country, Track and Field and Combined Events signed with a Team medal.

She was ably supported by the excellent Lily Bailey (St. Brendan's) with 4 pbs , High Jump with 1m65, Hurdles 17. 42, Shot 7m 62, Javelin 25m 94 in 12th place.

Alex Oliver (SGS College and ex Nailsea School) took advantage of her first high level competition with pbs in 200m (29. 3), Long Jump (4m35), Javelin (16m75) and 800m in 2m42.54, and Hurdles in 19. 84, as well as improving her score to 2703 compared to 2593 at Yeovil. She proved vital as the 3rd scorer.

In the Inter Boys competition young Connor Hewitt (Gordano School) and a member of North Somerset AC improved his pb in 6 events to finish 20th in his first year as an Intermediate.

Pbs in Hurdles (15. 88), High Jump (1m68), Javelin (32m19), 400m (55. 18), Shot (10m 07) and 1500m (4m52. 86) where he took 15 seconds of his previous time. This magnificent performance took him over 4000pts for the first time.

Inter Girls Myalee Osola (Colston's) and Alice Wilson (King Edwards) both competed one last time for Avon before moving to Millfield again performed with distinction.

Myalee extended her pbs in the Hurdles (11. 52), High Jump (1m53), Shot (8m97), 200m (26. 59) and Javelin (30m 91) finishing with a gutsy 800m in 2m35.87. Myalee finished in 7th place one place off the podium

Alice improved in the throws with a Shot of 11m06 and a superb Javelin of 33m07. Her best track event was the Hurdles in 12. 96 an improvement from Yeovil. Alice finished in 24th.

Both athletes have been stalwarts of Avon teams for many years and will be missed by fellow athletes and Team Managers alike Their positive attitude and smiles in good times and bad will be missed considerably. We wish them all the best.

Team Managers Dave Turner and Susan Jones would like to thank all who supported the athletes, a wonderful group of parents. Special praise goes to coaches Julie Alexander, Ken Holmes, and Graham Howell who all worked tirelessly to get the best out of the athletes.

A wonderful weekend of team spirit, camaraderie and great athletics.