

STATE LEAGUE ROUND 11

14 MARCH 2002

The Box Hill Men's State League Team last night had another successful night on the track to score about 257 points to probably place about 2nd or 3rd (final points were again not available) in Round 11 of State League competition. Despite this strong performance, we still had no walker, hammer thrower, high hurdler, high jumper and didn't qualify in the long jump, discus or javelin so there is room for improvement in the finals.

The 400 m hurdlers started the night well with David Featherston finishing 3rd in 56.33 and Ned McLeod 4th in 57, while Cameron Baker ran a PB in the invitation race of 57.54.

The 200 m runners also ran well with Marty Duke second in the first heat in 22.01, Braden Fraser also running 22.01 for second in the second heat and Lane Harrison winning the third heat in 21.95. David Featherston threw 42.71 in the javelin which was not sufficient to qualify, however Joel Pocklington continued his recent good form in the pole vault to win with a jump of 4.00 m. Braden Fraser just missed qualifying in the long jump with a leap of 6.10 while Toby Pallet also missed out on qualifying in the discus but managed to finish 4th in the shot put with a put of 13.09 m.

The 800 m runners once again dominated - Michael Jones won the first heat in 1:52.19, while Tim Heron won the second heat in 1:53.14 from Trent Hartshorne in 1:54.?

Marcus Tierney showed that he is getting back into good form in the 5000 to finish 3rd overall and first in our competition in 14:33, while Graeme Olden managed 15:03 for second and Dale Bickham just snuck under the qualifying time with 15:44 for 6th.

The 4x400 m relay team of Peter Knott, James Fildes, Lane Harrison and Cameron Baker had a close tussle with Essendon, however in a battle of the pole vaulters in the last leg, Club captain Cameron Baker gave Nick Foley about 20 metres start, passed him around the top bend and then held him off down the finishing straight to win the relay.

With just one round of competition before the finals, the team is building up towards a strong tilt at the premiership.

The Box Hill Women's team had a convincing win by over 100 points as an ideal preparation for their defence of the premiership.