

STATE LEAGUE FINAL - TUESDAY 3 FEB 2004

BOX HILL MEN MAKE IT THREE PREMIERSHIPS IN A ROW

On Tuesday 3 February 2004, the Box Hill men's State League team won the Athletics Victoria State League Premiership for the third year in a row with a comfortable victory in the final at Olympic Park. After a close contest for most of the night we pulled away over the last few events to win by 43 points from APS and Bayside to finish off a wonderful season for the team, remaining undefeated for the whole year.



The Box Hill women's State League team improved one place from last season to finish in second place in the final, just four points in front of Ringwood, but 80 points behind the strong Bayside combine. This was a great effort by the girls considering that there were several holes in the team.

There were numerous highlights from the evening's competition, however it was the team spirit which prevailed in the finish with athletes filling every event and qualifying in all of them except the triple jump where Theo Oostveen missed out by just 8 cm in his first ever State League competition. With Tim Williams ill and Mohamad Zeed injured, our greatly improved depth in the sprints meant that Lane Harrison, Steven Hooker and Chris Ferreira were still able to hold their own in the 100 m and then combine with Marty Duke to win the 4x100 m relay. All three 1500 m runners ran PB's in their race to enable us to keep in touch with the other teams in what was our weakest event on paper. For the first time in many years we had two walkers qualify in the finals, as well as qualifiers in all of the throws with Ronnie Buckley (with a PB in the shot), Chris Ruddy and David Featherston all producing big throws when it was required. Steve Hooker showed his great talent by finishing second in the second heat of the 100, anchoring the 4x100 relay to victory and then winning the second heat of the 110 m hurdles while Marty Duke finished off the evening in great style with a PB in the first heat of the 400 to win in a time of 47.58.

A full of results is included below.

Congratulations to team managers Chris O'Connor, Bev Power and Cathy Tilley on their fine efforts over the season to chase up athletes each week to make sure that we are fielding our strongest possible team. Congratulations also to Club captains Cameron Baker and Leana Tilley for their leadership and encouragement throughout the year. Cameron has the wonderful record of having been Club captain for three seasons for three State League premierships.

Many thanks to the coaches, officials, parents and supporters who have assisted throughout the year and without whose support we would not be able to enjoy the success which we have enjoyed this year. Lastly, thanks to all the club members who turned up at Olympic Park to cheer on our athletes and to those who sent messages of support.

	MEN			WOMEN		
Event	Place	Athlete	Perf	Place	Athlete	Perf
100 m	2	Lane Harrison	11.01	4	Sarah Stewart	13.02
	2	Steven Hooker	11.15	4	Morgan Deane	13.08
	1	Chris Ferreira	11.21	4	Kate Ackland	13.24
400 m	1	Marty Duke	47.58 pb	5	Sarah Stewart	59.89
	2	Rhett Medford	48.76	dnq	Kate Winckworth	62.21
	2	Justin Clark	49.16	5	Sarah Quinn	59.21
1500 m	3	Marcus Tierney	3:49.75 pb	4	Sarah Cant	4:35.27
	4	Andrew White	3:55.06 pb	3	Georgina Connell	4:55.23
	3	Lachlan Aspinall	3:58.05 pb	1	Fiona Turner	4:59.21
110mH/100 mH	2	David Featherston	15.67	3	Leana Tilley	18.13
	1	Steven Hooker	16.39	2	Elly McArthur	16.86
3000 m ST	4	Kynan Dawes	9:34.02	1	Catherine Allan	11:32.39
	2	Graeme Olden	9:37.44	2	Beth Bird	13:11.80
5000 m W	3	Travis Martin	24:05.67	1	Wendy Muldoon	24:45.05
	2	Simon Evans	24:40.20	1	Nicole Sansonetti	26:19.86
High Jump	3	John Peavey	1.95	5	Veronica Kirby	1.60
Pole Vault	1	Joel Pocklington	4.80	1	Rosanna Ditton	3.95
Triple Jump	dnq	Theo Oostveen	12.67	2	Sarah Quinn	11.16
Shot Put	4	Ronnie Buckley	13.96 pb			
Discus	3	Ronnie Buckley	48.92	4	Cecelia Azcurra	27.99
Javelin	4	David Featherson	49.87			
Hammer	3	Chris Ruddy	50.31	3	Cecelia Azcurra	39.44
4x100 Relay	1	Ferreira, Duke, Harrison, Hooker	41.76	5		50.21
	1	Box Hill	293	1	Bayside	250
	2	APS	250	2	Box Hill	170
	3	Bayside	237	3	Ringwood	166
	4	Glenhuntly	192	4	Melbourne University	144
	5	Ringwood	165	5	Essendon	135
	6	Doncaster	122			