STATE LEAGUE FINAL - 3 FEB 2004 REACTIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The following messages of congratulations have been sent to the President, Graeme Olden following the success of the Box Hill men's State League team in the State League Final:

From Dale Bickham in London:

"Excellent work that's all I can say. Looking at the results, there is an amazing amount of depth across the whole team, and even would be competitive against some of the bigger teams from years past. Pass on my congrats to all involved. Pity I wasn't there, could of done with a good run."

From Brett Randall in the Netherlands:

"Great news congratulations. You'd better keep Baker as the team captain if you want to achieve the same results - frightening thought thought.

cheers bretton"

From Dr Neville Norman:

"Great results - one more rung to rise next year Good luck and good training

Neville"

From Team Manager, Chris O'Connor:

"It was a fantastic effort by the team. Everyone performed up to and beyond expectations.

Our walkers were brilliant. That must be close to a pb for Simon, certainly his seasons best and to have Travis there as well is a big bonus for us.

Ronnie did a pb in the shot put, Chris did his best for 2 years in the Hammer, Dave equalled his best in the javelin (give or take a few cms)

John again jumped 1.95 to equal his pb in the high jump Joel was brilliant in the vault and Theo came so close (with no training for the event) in the TJ.

Our 100m runners were great. Lane got a poor start and still beat Justin Lewis, Steve was great in the 100m the relay and then won the hurdles and Chris F. came in at 24 hours notice and killed them in heat 3.

The 1500m probably didn't look like the highlight of the night for us, but as you know it was the danger event for us and to have those 3 guys running pbs really saved me from a lot or nervous tension later in the night!

You and Kynan did the job in the steeple even though the APS guys tried to sit on you all the way.

I think Dave F did a pb in the hurdles, he almost qualified for the nationals with that run!

The our 400m runners just put the icing on the cake. Marty ran a pb, Rhett ran well and then Justin, who really was sick, ran his best time for the season.

You could not ask for any more from a great team of guys.

Chris."

From Chris Bunney:

"Well done, Graeme. Sorry I couldn't make it.

Regards,

Chris."

From Westly Windsor:

"Well Done and congratulations to all of the athletes men and women. Great result.

Best regards,

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