Queensland Heat Team Re-Cap

2011 Australian All Schools Athletics Championships

Boys Field Events

Given the task of holding the Australian All Schools, The University of Queensland proved up to the challenge after preparations were dampened due to the floods earlier in the year. On the newly re surfaced track, the heat and the humidity combined to welcoming the track athletes.

100m
The blue ribbon event of each age group gave the U14 boys a taste of the competitiveness of the High School Nationals with two finalists in Denis Otim and Marshall Hudson finishing in 4th and 7th respectively. The U16 boys saw Sachith Wickramasuriya, Adam Constanti and Vandy Kennah make a finals appearance with a blistering effort from Constanti in a closely fought race to take out 2nd position in 11.27s (w: -0.2) with Wickramasuriya .05s behind in 4th and Kennah in 8th. The senior boys saw all three boys in the final with a medal chance. Finishing 2nd was Hugh Donovan and 3rd was the younger aged Matt Scott well and truly proving his worth against the older age group as well as the hurdles champion Anthony Collins finishing 6th in a very tight final.

200m
The 200m saw two U14 boys in the final with Marshall Hudson coming in a tight 2nd with the Denis Otim repeating his effort in the 100m, coming in 4th. The new sprinting sensation in Joshua Robinson did not disappoint, finishing a comfortable first in a thrilling time of 21.91s (w: 0.4), also finishing fourth in the final was Sherome Sailor. The U18 boys had both favourites for the gold and silver medal in the final, with Isaac Wholsen And Matt Scott not disappointing. The ever improving Isaac Wholsen winning the hardly fought final over the out of age Scott in times of 21.45s and 21.46s.

400m
The newly introduced event to the younger U14 boys saw an exciting final for Queensland with Lachlan Harding finishing in 2nd and Trent Miles coming in at a close 7th. Again Joshua Robinson set the track alight for the Heat with a spectacular run for the 15 year old, finishing first in 48.68s with Alexander Mould coming in at 6th. The Senior Boys come up on top with James Kaluschke taking out the event with Samuel Cook, although qualifying close to the top did not run.

800m
The U14 boys 800m was a straight out success with David Tong and Brodie Modini claiming gold and silver respectively. The U16 boys also saw success with placing’s in both sections with James Lingard and Maxwell Orbell 2nd and 3rd respectively in their section as well as Lachlan
Cook taking out 3rd in the next race. The U18 boys also had placings in their races with Darius Moulton coming in 2nd and Ben Seymour 3rd.

**1500m**
The U14 boys saw a terrific run from Brodie Modini who lead from the front to claim first, in front of fellow Queenslander David Tong. Both the U16 and U18 had 4th place finishes in Lachlan Cook and Charlie Quin Respectively.

**3000m**
The 3000m had success in the U16 boys with the gold medal going to Christian Wilson as well as the silver going to Benjamin Tesch. Jack Bruce claimed silver and Charlie Quin came home in 4th for the U18 boys.

**2000m Steeplechase**
This event also saw success for the U16 boys with what turned out to be a successful carnival for Christian Wilson who grabbed gold and also for Benjamin Tesch who got Bronze. The U18 boys also claimed gold through Julian Watkins.

**Sprint Hurdles**
The 90m race for the U14 had a silver and bronze finish for Queensland through Christian Devon and Darcy Roper respectively. The U16 boys saw a extremely close race with Brenton Thiele narrowly missing out on a medal by 0.01s to finish in 4th place. The U18 boys had success through Commonwealth Youth Games hurdler Anthony Collins, taking out gold. Joshua Kemp also impressed with a 4th placing and Cedric Dubler unfortunately stumbling at a hurdle to finish 6th.

**200m/400m Hurdles**
The U16 boys 200m hurldes saw Mana Taripo run a good race to finish in 4th in his race with success going to Brenton Thiele finishing 2nd in his and claiming the silver medal. The U18 boys had Corey Cottrell dominate from the gun to win his heat by more than a second and beat the winner of the previous heat by almost two seconds, truly being untouchable on the day to comfortably take gold.

**4x100 relay**
The relays saw success for Queensland for all age groups throughout the boys. The U14 boys finished in 2nd, with the U16 boys taking gold. The U18 boys comfortably taking out the event with the master class team of Anthony Collins, Matt Scott, Isaac Wholsen and Hugh Donovan in a time of 41.35s.

**5000m Racewalk**
World Youth representatives for Australia claimed the 1st and 2nd position through tremendous efforts from Brad Aiton who took gold and Jesse Osbourne who took silver.
Swedish Relay
The Swedish relay also saw success for the U16 and U18 boys with the juniors taking out the event with a team consisting of Sachith Wickramasuriya, Sherome Sailor, Adam Constanti, Joshua Robinson. The senior boys finished in 2nd with a team of Matthew Scott, Isaac Wohlsen, Jack Aird, Samuel Cook.

The combined efforts of the boys on the track were instrumental in the team effort The Queensland Heat provided. Narrowly finishing in 2nd position on the overall points score would not have possible with the tremendous levels of participation seen throughout all ages.

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