



In atrocious conditions, Southampton's U11 squad performed superbly in their second Wessex league quad kids match of the season on a rain soaked Oxford track. The young athletes won 7 of the 8 individual events, coming first & second in both the girls and boys individual all round competition and by winning both girls & boys team events all with a team half the size of host club Oxford.

For the boys leading the way was all round winner Dan Head who won the vortex throw, was 4th in the 75m sprint, 6th in the 600m and won the Long Jump with team mate George Rosam. George was 2nd overall after matching his long jump win with a win in the sprint, 2nd place in the 600m and 5th place in the vortex throw. Jack Higgins was in overall 4th place after winning the 600m, coming 3rd in the sprint, 3rd in the long jump and 12th in the vortex throw. Jack Kelley made a fine league debut for the club coming 12th overall and will still be competing in this age group next year. Jack came 12th in the sprint, 10th in the long jump, 12th in the 600m & an impressive 9th in the vortex throw.

In the girls events, Cerys Ralph marked her league debut in fine style winning the overall competition followed closely in 2nd place by teammate Niamh Dunlop.

In the long jump, Southampton recorded a fine 1st, 2nd & 3rd place from Dunlop, Georgia O'Dell and Ralph respectively. Niamh leaping an amazing 3.22m for an astonishing personal best against a strong negative wind. Team mates, Eli Rose Francis was 7th, Isabelle Bennett 10th & Katy Butler 11th.

The sprint was won by Ralph in a very quick 12.09 secs followed by O'Dell in 2nd place, Dunlop 7th, Francis 8th, Bennett 9th & Butler 11th. Ralph picked up her 2nd victory of the day in the vortex throw, followed by Dunlop 4th, Butler an impressive 6th, O'Dell 10th, Francis 12th & Bennett 17th. In the only individual event Southampton's U11's didn't win, Bennett ran a fine race to be 3rd in the 600m, followed by Dunlop, Francis & Ralph who all ran together to finish 5th, O'Dell was 10th and Butler 12th.

This all meant O'Dell was 7th overall, Francis was 8th, Bennett 11th & Butler 12th on her league debut for the club.