

Midland Men's League

Match 1 5th May 2007 Telford

A couple of late withdrawals thwarted the Corby AC squad from making a successful return to Division One of the Midland Men's League but the squad that did travel to Telford for the opening fixture gave a very good account of themselves despite finishing in seventh place.

Telford were convincing winners with Mansfield a clear second with Coventry Godiva Harriers getting the nod in a close battle for third.



Freddie Pask was Corby's man of the match when he provided them with their only victory of the day. Taking a chance he came into the pole vault competition at his best ever height of 3.80m and cleared it at the first time of asking to win the event from Cheltenham's Neil Crossley (3.60m). Pask then went on to set new personal figures when he cleared 4.00m – again at the first attempt – before failing at 4.20m. He also smashed his best in a good class javelin contest when he came third. He added over 2m to his previous best with a throw of 50.02m behind Coventry's Glynn

Hollingworth (60.44m) and the winner James Hopley of Telford, who smashed his lifetime best with 66.13m to rank ninth in Britain this year.



Securing the club's only runner-up spot of the day was Pete Straiton whose strong finish saw him equal his best of 59.4 when finishing behind Mansfield's Stefan Wilcockson who ran his fastest ever time with 58.1 in the 400m hurdles.

Straiton also ran well in the 4.x 400m relay when clocking 51.7 on the opening leg while Erik Aselius ran Corby's fastest split with 51.1 on the third leg. In the individual 400m B race Erik ran well to finish third in 52.5.



Ze Sandell threw 12.03m for third in a close shot putt competition while Tom Bark ran well for third place in the 5000m with 15.38.9.



100m: A 4 Paul Webster 11.2, B 5 John Bell 12.0; **200m:** A 4 Webster 23.2, B 8 Ashley Price 24.9; **400m:** A 7 Andrew Laurence 53.6, B 3 Erik Aselius 52.5; **800m:** A 8 Chris Curtis 2.03.6, B 7 Matthaus Marriott 2.07.4, **1500m:** A 8 Simon Franklin 4.23.4, B 6 Ally Fowler 4.29.0, **5000m:** A 3 Tom Bark 15.38.9, B 6 Martin Johnson 17.34.9, **2000m Steeplechase:** A 7 Luke Montgomery 8.09.5; **110m Hurdles:** A 4 Tony Wells 20.8, B 3 Montgomery 22.8; **400m Hurdles:** A 2 Pete Straiton 59.4, B 6 Wells 67.9; **Long Jump:** A 5 Straiton 5.64m, B 3 Price 5.61m; **High Jump:** A 4 Laurence 1.80m, B 3 Montgomery 1.55m; **Pole Vault:** A 1 Freddie Pask 4.00m; **Shot Putt:** A 3 Ze Sandell 12.03m, B 6 Straiton 8.17m; **Discus:** A 5 Sandell 34.31m, B 2 Pask 28.66m; **Hammer:** A 6 Sandell 23.71m; **Javelin:** A 3 Pask 50.02m, B 3 Laurence 42.87m; **4 x 100m Relay:** 5 (Webster/Bell/Price/Pask) 46.6; **4 x 400m Relay:** 4 (Straiton/Curtis/Aselius/Laurence) 3.30.8.

Overall

1 Telford 255.5, 2 Mansfield 224.5, 3 Coventry Godiva Harriers 211, 4 Cheltenham 209, 5 Tipton Harriers 202, 6 Severn 196, 7 Corby AC 185.5, 8 Bristol 162.5.