



Review 15th October + Preview Athletics Canterbury Inter-club
Saturday 22nd October, 2022

The season is up and happening following last week's Opening Day Meeting.

Odd distances prevailed on the track and the day had a particularly youthful appearance in most events.

The highlight of last Saturday was the Stadium record 2000m run of Angus Sevier-PRHL (James Ansell). He showed great promise in the way he took control of the race from early on and cleared away from the field.

The Men's 600m was also a good contest. Louie Howell-PHRL (James Ansell) lead out strongly from the start with Dylan Forde-COBU (Terry Lomax tracking him. These two athletes stayed in that order till the end of the back straight when Forde put his foot down to eke out a small gap that stayed till the finish. Given the direction of the wind down the front straight, both athletes ran very good times.

The Men's Triple jump was a good contest between Ethan Gow-COBU (James Sandilands) and Ryan Young- Aspiring (Mike Beable) with the latter prevailing with his first round 13.82m to the formers 13.73m

Max Abbott-UNAT (Hayden Hall) took out the Shot/Discus double with solid efforts in both.

In the Sprints Mark Agnew-PHOX (Robbie Richards) scored the unusual 80m/145m double and in the Women's short sprints Julia Burnham-COBU (Jill Morrison) won the 80m while Rebecca Bryant-CANU won the 145m. Honourable mention goes to Hannah Maloney-COBU (Jill Morrison), who placed 3rd in the 80m with the same time as the runner-up, trailing the same athlete in the 145m for second place.

Oceania M18 Champion Ethan Bone-PTOC (Brian Cowan), won the opening High Jump contest with a respectable 1.95m clearance. In the Pole Vault, Eliza Meekings-PTOC (Billy Boyd), will be encouraged by her first up seasons performance of 3.40m and her attempts at equaling her W19 Canterbury record.

There are two athletics highlights tomorrow. The second Inter-club meeting, more about that later, but more significantly the nuptials between Hannah Maloney and James Sandilands. While it will detract from the number of attendees at South Christchurch's occasion the competing event in North Canterbury should have a strong athletic flavour. A review of both may be attainable here next week. All the best to the future newly-weds.

Athletically, it is again a youthful outlook on both the track and the field with a spattering of adult endeavor.

Highlights may come from the return to the sport of Sam Harris-TAIR (Paul Gibbons) in the Pole Vault, after a 4-year break studying in Dunedin. He adds another athlete to the 4.00m + group Vaulting in Canterbury. Eliza Meekings will again be looking to improve her PB of 3.60m which she attempted last weekend.

Todd Bates, National Medallist, will open his Hammer throwing season.

The High Jump features a visitor from Nelson, Misha Worboys-NELS (Chris Walker), with a 1.93m PB against former NZSS Junior Champion, Levi Murdoch-PTOC (Brian Cowan), whose best is 1.95m.

Pai Wynyard- PTOC (Graham Christie) should have a good contest with Matthew Clarke-PRHL (James Ansell) over 1500m.

Angus Seiver should invoke interest as he steps up to 500m after his successful shorter 2000m victory last week. Jonathan Cropp will be seeking a PB over the 5km Track Walk after his virtual 200m sprint on Opening Day.

The Men's 400m looks to be the race of the day. Contenders include John Mottus-SELW (Damian Neale)-PB 49.68, Oliver Dunshea-PTOC (Dion Andrews)- PB 50.50, plus Long Hurdler Beau Brackenridge and stepping up from his short distance victories from last weekend, Mark Agnew-PHOX (Robbie Richards)

Next week marks the last Saturday inter-club till November 19th due to the Chch. Secondary Schools Finals on the 5th Nov. and no Chch. meeting but the Sth. Is. Combined Events Champs., in Dunedin on the 12th/13th Nov.