

THE "TOM PINK RELAYS" - Lee Valley - 16-10-11.

When Tom Pink's bereaved Parents initiated an athletic memorial to him they wanted, I'm sure, other young people to enjoy the competitiveness, yet friendliness, of athletics. If so, it certainly worked with the youngsters of Blue Star Harriers. Against top-class club opposition like Enfield, Woodford Green and Herts Phoenix, our under-11's and under-13's emerged with a lot of awards and could point to a couple of remarkable track triumphs.

Overall, we had eighteen medals at under-13 level with EMMA GARRY winning two silvers in the weight events and CAROLINE WIRTH a bronze in the "highland steps". TABBY LEE and AMY FITZPATRICK came close in the other weight-throwing events. MEGAN AUBERTON, ROMY VAN der VEEN and ERIN BATEMAN picked up third in the $3 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ laps relay, with our B team fifth. In the "Chasing Kelly" race we were fourth (the team comprising Emma Garry, Amy Fitzpatrick, JADE UNDO, ELLIE AUSTEN and Erin Bateman) while the B-team just missed out on the final.

The under-13 boys just as well, or better. There were golds for SAM HUGHES in the "highland steps" and two for ANDREW PRICE in the standing triple jump and weight for distance event. TOM MACKMAN secured a bronze in the "highland steps" event, with JAMIE HUGHES and WILLIAM JOHNSTON just missing out. On the track we were magnificent. LUKE TRICKS, CONNOR DEARDON, and Tom Mackman won the $3 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ lap relay, with the B team (Sam and Jamie Hughes, and HENRY ADAMS) a close fourth. Then Sam and Jamie Hughes, William Johnston, ZAC MASSEY and Andrew Price won the keenly-contested "Chasing Steve" event.

ELLIÉ WALKER won two under-11 girls medals - gold in the "weight for distance" and silver in the "soft javelin" throw, while EMILY WORRAN was third in the "caber-koss"! ABBIE LEE and EVE CLARKE were unlucky fourth-placers while our nine keen track athletes found the going very tough against some well-practised teams. The under-11 boys acquitted themselves excellently, with all the relay teams making their respective finals. Our A-team (DANIEL ALLAM, JOSHUA BARNETT, LUKE SPRIGG, JONAH HAREWOOD and DOMINIC ERSTON) took silver in the "Keeping up with Paula" event with the B-team sixth, while in the novelty "under/over" relay we were fifth and sixth. But there were medals also for JOE WISSOWSON (gold in the "highland steps") and bronzes for JARED AUERTON (soft javelin and weight for distance) and for Joel Barnett (standing long jump). Joel just missed coming third in the standing triple jump, as did DANIEL JONES in the "caber-koss".

Everyone did splendidly and enjoyed the experience of competing in such magnificent facilities. As usual, we very much hope to be invited again next year.