



The Beagles under-17 4x300m relay team of Zoe Rixson, Vanna Arthur, Grace Alatise and Myomi Tonge were second. Picture: NEB

# Battling Beagles show their potential with second place

**Dashing Dolita Shaw showed that she is set for another excellent season on the track after picking up three first places for the Beagles over the weekend.**

Competing in the under-20 section of the Youth Development League Division One B meeting in Havering, there was no stopping her as she claimed the sprint double with times of 12.26 seconds and 25.12.

Jazmin Whitehead-Shakes backed her up with second and third in the B races and then both combined with Grace Alatise and Nichole Harvey to ease home in the relay.

It was the catalyst for a good day for the joint Newham/Basildon team as they and hosts Havering battled it out for victory on the day.

Another young sprinter in Aleya Sibbons also had a good day as she matched Shaw with the sprint double at under-17 level.

## Athletics news

Sibbons managed 12.34 over the shorter distance and then 25.78 over 200m, while Myomi Tonge was second in the B 200m, and Hannah Bell was second in the B 100m and also claimed the win in the B high jump.

Joseph Harding had a good day for the under-17s as he won both the sprint hurdles in 13.69 and the long jump with 1.85m, while Joel Pascall-Menzie won the B sprint hurdles and was third in the A 200m.

For the under-20 men, Mayowa Osunsami is showing early season form in the sprints.

He had to settle for runners-up spot in the 100m, clocking 10.91, but then stormed to victory over 200m where he was timed at 22.13.

Dennis Jefia was second in the B 200m, while Basildon runners Sam Bennett, Harrison Chapman and Jamie Rashbrook all performed well.

There were great results in the triple jump where Theo Fadayiro won the A even in 13.71, while Andrew Adegbite took the B event with 12.82, which would have earned him second in the A event.

The under-20s were first and second in the 4x400m and sprint relays, while the women were second in their 4x400m race.

There was a useful first place in the under-17 shot for Kenneth Ikeji with Jaramie Valchikair winning the B, while that was reversed in the discus as Ikeji was in the B event, both finishing second.

Overall, the Beagles team finished second to Havering by just four and a half points in this opening match.

Tonbridge were third with Team ATIP fourth, Croydon Harriers fifth and Stevenage & North Herts back in sixth spot.

The second meeting of the season for the upper age group will be on May 27 and takes place in Stevenage.



The Beagles under-20 4x400m team pose for the camera in Havering, while Joel Pascall-Menzie (right) did well. Picture: NEB



## Netball



OPA Vets and Greens face the camera before their end-of-season derby.

**OPA netball club completed their Essex Met League season with a derby between Greens and Vets.**

The Vets had won the last three meetings and proved too strong again, running out 80-30 winners.

Rasheel Bhopla, Laura Taylor-Burge, Wendy Dorviis, Chelsy Honeyghan, Raz Freeman, Louise Francis, Rashmi Bhopla and Verena Mitschelson gave their all for Greens in defeat.

But clubmates Amanda Newton, Stacey Collins, Steph

Miller, Karen Turner, Skye Pulse, Sharon Boyce and Colette Corbin had too much and their win ensured a second-place finish and promotion.

OPA Whites faced leaders Sapphire, seeking a win for promotion of their own.

But despite the efforts of Rashmi Bhopla, Hannah Gillot, Jess Smith, Verena Mitschelson, Bisi Owlabi, Delphina Thomas and Jenny McLeod they fell to a 36-28 loss, before hearing that Marshalls Pink had lost and they would go up a division.

## School Sport



Calverton pupils face the camera with coach Robert Cooper at a recent tennis tournament.

**Newham's Calverton Primary School pupils celebrated after serving up more tennis success recently.**

They entered two teams in the year five/six competition run by the Cumberland Sports Partnership and saw both top their groups.

Curwen A and Ravenscroft A came out on top in the other two groups to join the Calverton teams in the last four and Calverton A beat Curwen 4-0, while the B team beat Ravenscroft by the same margin.

In an all-Calverton meeting in the final, the A team claimed victory against their schoolmates, while Ravenscroft beat Curwen in the third-place play-off.

"The competition was run very well and on time by the Cumberland Sports Partnership," said Calverton coach Robert Cooper.

"This is the fifth year in a row Calverton have won and they now go on to face the winners of the Langdon Partnership for a chance to go to the London Youth Games finals in June."