



Christopher and Zoe Thompson, Nathan and Noah Hanson and Joel Pascall celebrate on the podium. Pictures: NEB

Medals galore for Beagles as they join county set in style with golden performances

Newham & Essex Beagles went medal mad at the Essex & Eastern Indoor Championships at Lee Valley last weekend to show what a strong club they are.

There were golds galore, led by Ossari Acquah in the under-15 category.

He claimed gold in the 60 metre sprint with a personal best of 7.59 seconds and followed that up in the 200m with another fine run.

Gintas Degutis retained his shot put crown in the senior events, while Aaron Ashmead-Shoye continued his dominance at under-17 level where he struck gold in the triple jump.

There was plenty of keeping it in the family as well for the Beagles, with identical twins Nathan and Noah Hanson both in the medals.

Nathan claimed the gold medal in the under-15 long jump on day one with a new best of 5.35m and followed that up on day two with another gold in the high jump.

Noah claimed a bronze medal in the long jump.

Meanwhile, brother and sister Christopher and Zoe Thompson were also in the medals.

Christopher was in fine form, winning silver in the under-13 200m with a new best of 23.38, while he also won bronze in the Eastern Championships.

Elder sister Zoe also won silver in the 200m, this time in the senior women's race.

Joel Pascal was another having a good weekend with gold in the under-17 60m on day one and a silver in the 200m on day two as he managed a new best of 22.27.

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Jasmine Okoye struck gold in the Essex final of the 60m, which was enough for bronze in the Eastern category, while in the 200m, she added a silver and a bronze.

There was a magnificent clean sweep of medals for Newham in the under-13 200m.

Karis Wilson led the way with gold, as Sarah Campbell took silver and Chenoa Acquah the bronze.

Wilson also claimed Essex gold and Eastern bronze in the 60m, with Campbell taking the Essex silver in the same race.

Also in the medals for the

mighty Beagles were Jordan Andrew in the senior T20/F20 long jump where he claimed the silver, while Kehinde Ademola took bronze in the senior women's 60m.

There was a bronze for Dolita Awala-Shaw in the under-20 short sprint, with Dennis Jefia taking bronze in the under-20 60m.

Chinazo Machie took bronze in the under-15 long jump and it was also bronze for Stephanie Ugbo in the senior 400m.

Akeem Akintokun was a silver medalist in the senior 200m, while Sariya Shoyelu-Armstrong was in fine form, claiming the silver in the under-15 60m.

Also earning a silver was William Adeyeye in the under-20 60m hurdles with a new best of 8.27. All in all, it proved a fabulous championships for the Beagles and augurs well for the season ahead.



Beagles youngsters Karis Wilson and Carl Graham (above left), Aaron Ashmead-Shoye (centre) and Sariya Shoyelu-Armstrong (right) celebrate with their medals at Lee Valley. Pictures: NEB

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School Sport



St Francis Primary School were crowned Newham's sportshall athletics champions at the borough final at Kingsford Community School last Thursday.

Having qualified from the Langdon School Sport Partnership final, the year five and six pupils produced a string of fine performances in a host of track and field events to eventually finish top of the group.

St Francis finished with a grand total of 276 points to claim gold ahead of St Edward's (266), with both schools now going on to represent Newham at the London Youth Games finals at Crystal Palace.

Calverton Primary (*below*) claimed the bronze medal, having won the Cumberland School Sport Partnership qualifying event days earlier.

Result: St Francis 276; St Edward's 266; Calverton 246; Drew 204; St Luke's 204; Kier Hardie 158; St Helen's 158; Carpenters 80.



Boxing

Lawrence Okolie and Wadi Camacho will put pride and titles on the line at the Copper Box Arena on March 23.

Okolie will put his British cruiserweight belt up, with Camacho's Commonwealth strap also at stake as the Newham rivals meet on Eddie Hearn's promotion headed by Charlie Edwards' WBC world flyweight title defence.

The pair came face to face in the ring at the London O2 Arena on Saturday after Okolie had slammed his way to an 11th straight win by stopping Hungarian Tamas Lodi inside three rounds.

Rio Olympian Okolie landed clubbing shots which bounced late substitute Lodi off the canvas four times before referee Howard Foster called a halt.

"Well done to Wadi for taking the fight, but he will be beaten like the rest," said Okolie.

Underdog Camacho, bidding



Lawrence Okolie and Wadi Camacho will meet in March. Picture: PA

for a fifth straight victory in title bouts, replied: "I've upset favourites before and Lawrence will be shocked when we clash at the Copper Box."

*West Ham-based Philip Bowes won the Commonwealth super-lightweight title at York Hall after halting Tanzanian Benson Nvilawila inside two rounds for the best win of his career.