



Dennis Jefia (centre) in action in the UKYDL match at the weekend, where Andrew Adegbite finished second in the under-20 triple jump (right). Pictures: CLAIRE JONES



## Beagles grab second spot in UKYDL with depleted squad

### Athletics

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**After winning the opening match of the UK Youth Development League season, hopes were high for the Newham & Essex Beagles team for match two in Stevenage.**

And despite a host of absentees for various reasons, the upper age group team came together in style to grab second place on the day.

There were a number of fine performances on the day for the Basildon Beagles composite team which meant only Havering finished above them on the day.

Joseph Harding had a good afternoon as he competed at both under-17 and under-20 level.

He battled to an excellent win in the under-20 long jump, where he managed a leap of 6.86 metres, before taking to the track for the under-17 100m.

There, he clocked 11.00 seconds dead to win, before grabbing second place in the sprint relay as he anchored home the team of Emmanuel Oyinbo-Coker, Joel Pascall-Menzie and Cameron Ellis.

Pascall-Menzie won the B 100m in 11.30, while Oyimbo-Coker was second in the A 200m.

There was plenty of help from the Basildon boys as Malik Oshiyemi, Jamie Rashbrook, Luke Meriden and Darren Morris all collected wins at under-17 level, with Kenneth Ikeji claiming three of them.



Hannah Bell battled well for the Beagles in Stevenage to earn some excellent points. Picture: CLAIRE JONES

For the under-20 men, Dennis Jefia picked up two second places in the sprints, with Chosen James earning a fourth and a third in the B events as well as fourth in the high jump.

Andrew Adegbite was second in the triple jump with a leap of 13.50m, while Ramzan Mohsan was third in the discus and the hammer and there were two second places in the relays, with

Jefia appearing in both races.

Zoe Thompson was a real star for the under-20 girls as she won the 200m in 24.77, before finishing second over one lap and fifth in the javelin.

Danielle Bakare was second in the B 200m, as was Jasmine Okoye in the B 100m, where Jazmin Whitehead-Shakes was fourth in the A race.

Vanna Arthur was fourth in the discus, while once again there were two second spots in the relays.

The under-17 girls also performed well with Aleeya Sibbons clocking 12.50 for second in the 100m, while Hannah Bell was fifth in the 200m and Vanna Arthur was third in the B event.

Myomi Tonge was second in the B 300m, clocking 45.60 and while the Basildon athletes also performed well, Grace Alatise was fourth in the shot, throwing 7.85m.

To round things off there was a second for the sprint relay team to leave team manager Elyzabeth Shitta-Bey delighted with the day.

"It was extremely tough," she said. "The team was full of gaps in numerous events due to athletes competing at the England Athletics event at Bedford, injuries, exams, the Bank Holiday weekend, half-term holiday educational trips, and last-minute dropouts.

"Despite all these obstacles the athletes who competed did extremely well to finish in second place on the day."

**Match score: Havering 575; BEAGLES 559.5; Stevenage 462; ATIP 449; Croydon 440; Tonbridge 439.5.**

### sport

#### Bowls

**Plashet Park took local bragging rights once again on Sunday with victory over fellow East Ham club Central Park in the Ilford & District League.**

Plashet won two of the three rinks with the biggest winners being Vic Byrne's team of Patrick Hickey and Farook Patel.

They led 12-6 after nine ends and though Sue Flynn and her team of John Lapping and Jim Grummett hit back, Plashet took seven shots on the last three ends to win 23-10.

Cliff Dye, Del Master and skip Malcolm Brown were in charge of most of their game against Central's Harry Morley, Colin West and Derek Oldham.

The Central team had a longish run without a point and although they grabbed six on the last two ends it was not enough as Mr Brown's boys won 23-12.

The closest rink went right down to the wire as Ken Cutts and his Plashet team of Alan Dobson and Eddie Grigg took three on the penultimate end to make it 17-17 against Bashir Patel, Ishmael Umarji and skip Yussef Saeed.

Cutts grabbed another on the last to win it 18-17, but it was cold comfort for Central as Plashet ran out winners by 63-40 overall.

Things did not go so well for Plashet in their Cribbs Triples League clash with Wanstead Central on home ground.

They did win on one rink as Saeed and his team of Ken Carter and Master pipped Steve Newman's team by 18-6, but that was as good as it got.

Ayub Patel, Umarji and skip Farook Patel went down 25-6, while Bashir Patel and his team of Hanif Munshi and June Carter lost 20-12.

That gave Wanstead Central the win overall by 61-36.

#### Bowls

**Central Park's tough start to the season continued with a thumping defeat in their latest Cribbs Triples League clash.**

Over at Poplar, Central lost on all three rinks with the usually consistent Jim Grummett suffering the biggest defeat.

Grummett and his team of Phil Davis and Ron Gunnell went down by a whopping 38-7.

Eddie Grigg and his team of Derek Oldham and Sue Flynn were beaten 25-12, while the other rink was Central's best effort on a disastrous night.

Alan Dobson, Tracy Hicks

and skip Ken Cutts fought hard to make it a nip and tuck affair for 10 ends when the score stood at 10-10.

However, Poplar then stepped up a gear to win the next five ends to score 13 and in the end win by 26-16.

That made it 89-35 to Poplar and maximum points.

Central made a much better fist of things in their local derby clash with Plashet Park in the Ilford & District League.

Dobson, Grigg and skip Cutts won their rink by 18-17, but they lost on the other two rinks to go down 63-40.