

Scotland win Home International match



For the second year in a row a strong Scottish team took the honours and the Derby Challenge Trophy at the U23 Home International which was held at Moorways Stadium, Derby on Sunday.

After leading by over 40 points earlier in the meeting, the Scots were hotly pursued to the end by a determined Northern team which managed to reduce the winning margin to 21 points.

Outstanding performances came from Scotland's Lynsey Sharp and Joanne Finch in the 800m, Chris Clarke (South) with a 200m & 400m double, the North's 4 X 400 Men's team and on the field excellent results once again from Eden Francis (Midlands) in the Discus and Shot. Sophie Hitchon (North) continued her winning form in the Hammer six metres ahead of her nearest rival, Emma

Lyons (Mids) vaulted over 4m, Alex Smith (North) matched Sophie's win in the Men's Hammer and Nick Stanisavljevic (South) jumped 2.15m in the High Jump.

However, the Cleveland Cup for the outstanding performance of the day went to Rimantas Martisauskas of the North for his 17.17m throw in the Shot. Congratulations to him.

The Midlands finished in a good third place ahead of the South who suffered from not having a full team although the athletes who did compete were very strong. Many of the Welsh team also put in good performances although they too did not field a full complement of athletes.

The very small teams from Northern Ireland and Malta did a good job and were enthusiastic in supporting their fellow team members, we thank them for their efforts in attending the event and adding to what was an enjoyable day.



Our best wishes go to the Maltese team who will be competing at the BMC/Trafford Grand Prix meeting on Tuesday evening before flying back to Malta to enjoy rather better weather conditions than they have experienced over the weekend and look forward to continuing the North's links with the Malta AA.

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