

2012 Olympic Games, London, GBR (Aug 3-12)

Michael Mason High Jump 2.29m 8th.

NACAC U-23 Championship, Guanajuato, MEX (July 6-8)

Christabel Nettey Long Jump 1st. 6.18m w: 0.8

Sabrina Nettey Long Jump 4th. 6.04m w: -0.2

Django Lovett High Jump 5th. 2.10m

Summary by Events

High Jump

Senior Category:

Michael Mason	2.31m	Alyxandria Treasure	1.84m
Django Lovett	2.17m	Emma Kimoto	1.81m
Shawn Swartz	2.06m	Holly Parent	1.73m
Mike Adair	1.90m	Christabel Nettey	1.73m
Paul Little	1.90m	Natasha Miller	1.72m

We did not have much depth in this event this year. We only had three jumpers over 2.00 meters and two jumpers at 2.17 or over. The ladies group is also small and has to work hard to reach the international level.

Junior Category:

Bashir Khan	2.00m	Kim Neville Rutherford	1.67m
Youle Chen	1.95m	Shelby Smithson	1.65m
Jordan Watson	1.95m	Danielle Delage	1.63m
Jacob Powrie	1.91m	Manisha Kandola	1.60m
Flip Backiel	1.90m	Zarria McKearney	1.56m
Brandon Bonnetplume	1.90m	Emily Husar	1.55m

We have good depth for both the men and women in this event. For men, six jumpers are 1.90 or better and six athletes are between 1.76 and 1.86 meters. We have seven ladies over 1.50m. Several of our jumpers who are in the top 50 national list are also decathletes or heptathletes.

Youth Category:

Elson James	1.89m	Georgia Ellenwood	1.66m
Sebastian Adugalski	1.76m	Kristin Heuer	1.60m
Zack Choboter	1.76m	Taylor Neveu	1.60m
Colin Rudman	1.75m	Keely Watts Watling	1.53m

Braden Derker	1.75m	Katerina Maryschuk	1.51m
Aidan J. Kits	1.75m	Reta Dobie	1.50m
Thomas Laurie	1.75m		
Hunter Walcow	1.75m		

There is a significant gap between Canada's top youth high jumpers and BC's top youth high jumpers (the top youth male and female in Canada jumped 2.08m and 1.72m respectively). We have had top youth jumpers in the past (For example, Mike Mason, Django Lovett and Alyxandria Treasure) so we are certainly capable of attaining those standards.

Long Jump

Senior Category:

Robert Gallagher	7.38m	Christabel Nettey	6.37m
Dennis Nicolas	6.81m	Ruky Abdulai	6.27m
		Sabrina Nettey	6.26m

We had a solid performance by our top male jumper but there is a big drop to the next best athlete. Then, there is another big drop to the third best athlete (6.16). It was not the strongest year for our women long jumpers distance wise, despite two in the top 5 at nationals and two in the top 4 at NACAC.

Junior Category:

Konrad Piaseczny	6.90m	Danielle Delage	5.60m
James Turner	6.87m	Carolyn Sutherland	5.52m
Ben Daly Grafstein	6.60m	Hayley Stewart	5.40m
Jacob Powrie	6.55m	Ayla Akehurst	5.35m
Jerry He	6.47m	Aisha Klippenstein	5.24m
Nicholas Fyffe	6.40m	Zarria McKearney	5.22m

We have good depth in this event for males and females. Four male jumpers are over 6.50 meters and ten are over 6 meters. The women's group has the depth but lacks the quality.

Youth Category:

Andrew DeVisser	6.58 meters	Georgia Ellenwood	5.68m
Ahmad Nizamani	6.54 meters	Keely Watts-Watling	5.41m
Rostam Turner	6.30 meters	Natasha Lazecki	5.24m
Cale Hernandez	6.30 meters	Sophie Dodd	5.15m
Zach Choboter	6.30 meters	Tia Isabelle Baker	5.05m

We have fairly good depth in this event for both genders. Eight males are over 5.90m and twelve females are over five meters.

Triple Jump

Senior Category:

Clay Brown	13.21m	Christabel Netty	12.80m
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This is a very weak event for us. Unfortunately we have only one male and one female athlete in the top 50 Senior rankings.

Junior Category:

Nicholas Fyffe	15.10m*	Ayla Akehurst	11.53m
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(*New BC High School and BC Junior Record)

Bashir Khan	12.90m	Aisha Klippenstein	11.28m
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Youle Chen	12.70m	Emily Husar	11.06m
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Despite the fact that the men's top performance is an anomaly, there is a huge discrepancy between the first and second jumpers. This year, the women's group struggled to reach the 12 meter mark which is needed to be competitive at the national level.

Youth Category:

Vladislav Moldavanov	13.68m	Sophie Dodd	11.42m
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Mihailo Stefanovic	13.55m	Ella Brown	11.22m
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James Elson	13.15m	Natasha Lazecki	10.97m
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Oded Aminov	13.06m	Megan Koblun	10.88m
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Liam Lindsay	12.41m	Ruthanne Kavelaars	10.23m
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Richard Roberts	12.29m	Katie Carrothers	10.10m
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Daniel Voloshin	12.28m	Carly Frenkel	10.01m
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We have fairly good depth for both genders. We just need to be able to keep them in this event.

Pole Vault

Senior Category:

Ryan Vu	5.37m	Carly Dockendorf	4.30m
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David McKay	4.90m	Stacey Irvine	3.65m
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Nathan Filipek	4.40m	Hannah Swift	3.55m
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We have a couple of good vaulters at this level but there is a fairly big discrepancy between the top two performers for both males and females. Unfortunately we do not have enough depth.

Junior Category:

Spencer Allen	4.70m	Simon Psotka	3.80m	Kira Craig	3.40m
Adam Osborne	4.50m	Jacob Powrie	3.80m	Emily Huser	2.30m
Riley Van Ryswyk	4.25m	Nicholas Fyffe	3.70m		
Alexander Love	3.92m	James Turner	3.50m		
Ben Daly-Graftein	3.80m				

There are three male vaulters over 4.25m and nine vaulters are at 3.50m or higher. We have fairly good depth in this event for the men, but just the opposite for the women.

Youth Category:

Braden Derker	3.50m	Kathryn Van Ryswyk	3.45m
Jesse Mohr	3.50m	Jessica Tan	2.90m
Andre Coetze	3.40m	Rianne Craig	2.90m
Lucas Petruzzelli	3.35m	Lindsay Cole	2.85m

This year we had a fairly good number of male and female vaulters.

Suggestions

We have some top results in some categories and weaker results in others. In most categories we can improve upon our top performances, our depth, or both. The way to do this is to try to create a good base of athletes and to retain these athletes as they move on to each new age group. Success in the past demonstrates that we are capable of quality performances and depth in every category.

Fairly recently we have seen several positive developments in our event area. There have been more coaches hired including those from other provinces. There have been better indoor facilities built for training and competition. There has been more equipment purchased by clubs. There are more opportunities to compete at BC Universities.

More coaching, better facilities, more equipment and more opportunities will help us to develop a larger pool of youth jumpers and to retain more athletes by the time they are at the Senior level. Event specific coaching clinics can help to improve coaching and identify existing talent. The extensive number of vault competitions offered in Victoria is an example of how regional success should be used as a model for province wide improvement. Lobbying for an addition of pole vault and long jump facilities at the Richmond Olympic Oval is an example of how we could improve our performance in those events.

Respectfully submitted by the Jumps Committee Members: Byron Jack and Barb Vida