

## 2004 COMBINED EVENTS REPORT

### RESULTS

The best combined event representation in BC still remains the BC High School Combined Events Championship. Where we saw 20 male athletes and 21 female athletes try their hands at the decathlon and heptathlon. The top 3 finishers in each would have outscored the competitors at the Juvenile and Junior BC Championships. The positive outlook on this is that many of the athletes scoring well in the BCHS event are also very talented BC athletes in one or two specific events thru the remainder of the season. Better recruiting still needs to be done with those athletes whose season is ending with the BCHS Championship.

Compared to 2003, the 2004 outdoor season saw an increase in Juvenile women participating in the multi-events, while there was only one Junior female and no Senior female athletes. There was also a general increase in the men's decathlon at the Juvenile and Junior ages, which we hope to see carry forward over the next couple years in to Senior men participation.

NAME	GENDER	AGE	FINISH AT CHAMPS	POINT TOTAL
Cloe Hewitt	Female	Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> in BC, and 1 <sup>st</sup> at Nationals	4325 / 4330
Katie Gallagher	Female	Juvenile	6 <sup>th</sup> at Junior Nationals	4110 (4238 BCHS)
Vicki Tolton	Female	Juvenile	1 <sup>st</sup> in BC, and 3 <sup>rd</sup> at Legion Nationals	4097 (4112 BCHS)
Olivia Arkell	Female	Juvenile	2 <sup>nd</sup> in BC, and 5 <sup>th</sup> at Legion Nationals	4044
Jenna Nestman	Female	Juvenile	3 <sup>rd</sup> in BC	3944
Dan Mezheritsky	Male	Senior	1 <sup>st</sup> in BC, 8 <sup>th</sup> at Senior Nationals	6862
Scott Saunders	Male	Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> in BC	5876
Reid Gustavson	Male	Juvenile	1 <sup>st</sup> in BC, and 3 <sup>rd</sup> at Legion Nationals	6205 / 5187(Octath)
Aaron Dixon	Male	Juvenile	3 <sup>rd</sup> in BC, and 6 <sup>th</sup> at Junior Nationals	5542 / 5270
Aaron Malone	Male	Juvenile	2 <sup>nd</sup> in BC, and 5 <sup>th</sup> at Junior Nationals	5767 / 5558

### OPPORTUNITIES

There still needs to be more opportunities offered for multi-event athletes in BC. Most track meets do not offer the combined option because of scheduling conflicts. But with the growing popularity at the high school championships, there is a demand for more 'all-comer' type opportunities, where athletes can either hone their skills for individual events or pursue an athletic career in the multi's.