

KSB Season Summer Report 8: Senior Men Round 10.

Our return to Aberfeldie after a much longer gap than anticipated due to the cancellation of Round 9 saw mixed results for the mens' teams in Round 10 on Saturday. Apart from the occasional gusting wind conditions were good and there were some excellent times and efforts from KSB athletes.

Our Open men Div 2 and the under 16 and 14 Mens' teams have secured their places in the final as long as they continue to field competitive teams. The Under 14 and 16 teams are well clear on top of their ladders and the Open Men Div 2 team is well clear in second place. The Under 18 team is well placed in third place but with no hope of finals action. The disappointing aspect of the round was the 40+ team again finishing third and now in real danger of missing finals action as they are on equal pints with Western Aths, who won the round on Saturday.

Competition	1	2	3
Open men Div 2	BRN 48	KSB 41	WTN 24
Men 40+	ESS 51	KSB 48	WES 48
U18 men	WES 69	ESS 68	KSB 51
U16 men	KSB 93	WES 87	WTN 72
U14 men	KSB 93	WES 87	BWK 68

The Div 2 men have had more competitors in more events, clearly won the round and by a large margin of points. Their strong group of field athletes has been boosted by the performance of Lachie Brown, who ran an excellent 5k Dave Ireland, Chris Borg and Rob Trott who is getting back to full fitness and speed. The field athletes are also taking up more disciplines and running in the sprints and middle distance events to keep up the points tally. Given the small numbers of athletes in the first few rounds and the slow start to the season, the Div 2 team has done very well to be so strongly in finals contention and the business end of the season.

The under 16 and under 14 men also had excellent rounds, cemented their positions at the top of their ladders, and increased the gap over their strong rivals Western Athletics. They will continue to do well with so many athletes doing multiple events on both the track and field. It will be great to see KSB and WES battling in out with other strong teams in the finals.

The under 18 team was again down on athletes available and so did well to finish in third place in round 10, while the 40+ team was almost 50 points behind second placed Essendon. While we had a few athletes missing, due to Little Aths and other activities, and we are missing both Gerry and Peter Keighery, we still had many athletes competing in multiple events. It seems that we are just missing a bit of our usual momentum, despite some great efforts by Pete Gaffney, Dom Michienzi and John Kondogonis in the 5k, John, Dave and Andrew in the hurdles and Phil Robinson and Didimo Tonelli in the field. The next round will be crucial in deciding whether the 40+ team makes or misses finals. We have to pull all stops out to give KSB a chance!

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