

KSB Season Summer Report 9: Senior Men Round 11.

A new AV competition venue at Werribee and a warm day with a moderate to strongish breeze welcomed us to competition for round 11. The fortunes of our men's athletic teams were somewhat mixed.

Our Open Men Div 2 and the under 16 and 14 Mens' teams performed brilliantly winning their competition rounds and making sure of their positions in the finals. The Under 14 and 16 teams are well on top of their ladders and so have secured the venue premierships. These young athletes are doing multiple events each week and so will pose a strong threat to other teams in the State finals. The Open Men Div 2 team after a slow start has improved week by week and is well clear in second place. The team has closed the gap on the division leaders, but with only one round to go will not be able to bridge the gap.

The Under 18 team again placed third despite its small numbers, but will not be part of finals action. The most disappointing aspect of round 11 was the 40+ team again finishing third. Due to the diligence of Dave Abfalter, and his keen eye for points, it had been noticed that some of the throwing events had not been recorded from previous rounds and there was a re-allocation of points from the last three rounds. This saw us go into the round still with a one point lead over ATE and WES. However, I have not been able to find an updated ladder so I am not sure of where things stand in terms of the actual points, so I have left the row blank. Despite athletes doing multiple events and putting in good performances we still finished third and so are now in real danger of missing finals action. As far as I can make out, WES lead the 40+ ladder by one or two points and ATE are a point clear of us.

Competition	1	2	3
Open men Div 2	BRN 52	KSB 47	WTN 24
Men 40+			
U18 men	WES 78	ESS 75	KSB 57
U16 men	KSB 104	WES 96	WTN 77
U14 men	KSB 104	WES 96	BWK 75

So we now have only the final round to go. It is on Thursday 27 March at Aberfeldie and kicks off at 6pm. It will be a good opportunity, weather (...wind) permitting for those who like the evening meets and who might be interested in a season's best. It gives the Under 16 and 14 teams another chance to cap off their brilliant seasons and the Div 2 team a chance to come together before the finals. For the 40+ team it is the last, do-or-die chance to make the finals. We need everyone on the track and filed for every point we can get.

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