

# Mount Isa Athletics

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Mount Isa athletes held their own when confronted with the onslaught of the visiting athletes at the recent Xstrata Great Western Games. While the visiting athletes only numbered 18 it was definitely a quality field.

One of the highlights was the Javelin competition between National No. 2 sixteen year old Nathaniel Gardiner from Townsville North Star, Mount Isa ex-pat Martinus Larsen now also from Townsville and local star James Sweeney. Only two or three metres separated the three with throws of between 46 and 49 metres until Gardiner let loose with a massive 56.03m throw shattering his opposition. Gardiner and Sweeney also went head to head in the open Javelin with Gardiner again coming out ahead with a throw of 51.56m to Sweeney's' 47.71m.

The 10 and 11 years boys 400m resulted in a photo finish when local Tristan Garrett (10) wound in a 20m lead held by Daniel Grant (11) of Cloncurry to finish 0.24 seconds behind. Both set new games records in their respective age groups.

Another great battle raged at Triple Jump. While their ages and gender were very different their personal bests were virtually identical. Sixteen year old State Rep from Emerald, India McCoy, and 37 year old local Coach and Athlete, David Scott, battled right throughout the event with each jump bettering the others by mere centimetres. McCoy ended up the victor with a final result of 10.62 metres to Scott's 10.56 metres.

Eleven year old Bailey Tautau hit form just one week out from the Primary School State Championships belting out a 30 metre plus throw with his first effort in his discus event. He then followed it up with a club and games record throw of 32.16 metres.

Raymond Dalton of Normanton (12) High Jumped 1.22m to force Joshua Scott of Mount Isa to 12cm Personal Best of 120cm

Ex Cloncurry local now representing Townsville North Star, Sherome Sailor, took part in a blistering mixed age 200m final. Sailor (15) however was no match for Isa local Kale Johnson (22) but did manage to edge out team mate Martinus Larsen (17), Lachlan Ryder (15) Mt Isa and Jordan Edwards (15) from Normanton. The first three placings were within a second of Johnson's time of 23.38 seconds.

Fifteen year old Brianna Smith had no opposition once she let fly in the Hammer Throw with the implement landing 37.84 metres from its starting point. Smith's effort is just short of 11 metres over the National Qualifying standard for her age.

The seven athletes who travelled down from Normanton were impressive setting 18 Western Games records within six different age groups. The five Cloncurry athletes were also rewarded with 10 records.

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On the home front Lena Tautau (5), Seth Petersen(6), Rico Waarea (6), Bryleah Cullen (7), Hailee Grant (9), Reece Ryan (10), Jacqui Keily (14), Josh Shanks (14) and Regan Whitney (14) all fared well gaining Personal Bests in more than half of their events. Dana Harkin (7) and Tiffany Leeson (12) were standouts each netting themselves 5 PB's from 6 attempts.

36 of the Mount Isa athletes increased the marks of 105 of the 139 Games Records which were either set or broken at the one day event. In the process 8 Club records were broken by Katidjah Fraser, Bailey Tautau, Sara Grant, Breanne Smith, Nikki Dickson and James Sweeney.

Club and High School athletes are now looking forward to Longreach's Outback Sunset Carnival on the 20th & 21st August. The Club coaches are anticipating a swag of medals and a number of Club records to fall during the two day Carnival.