

Outdoor Championships showcase skills of UBSport

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University of Birmingham Athletics & Cross Country put in another great performance at the BUCS Outdoor Championships last weekend winning a total of NINE individual medals plus a bronze for the women's team.

University of Birmingham Sport (UBSport) athletics clubs put in a fantastic performance at the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) Outdoor Athletics Championships in Bedford over the weekend 30 April – 1 May.

Despite a having to compete with a weakened team due to injuries or previous commitments, the team managed to collect two gold, two silver and five bronze individual medals, and place third and fourth overall for the women's and men's teams respectively.

Alison Leonard (third year Biosciences) picked up one of the first medals of the day by placing first in the women's 1500m. She crossed the line in 4.24.86, over 2s ahead of second place.

The next gold went to Julian Adeniran (current Vice-President for Sport) in the men's 110m hurdles, in a tight race, finishing with a time of 14.41s, just 0.10s ahead of his second place competitor from UWE. Julian has been back on form this season following an injury last year, and recently won gold at the BUCS Indoor Championships.

The silvers came courtesy of newcomers Hannah Walker (first year Human Biology) who took second place in the women's 5000m, and Caoimhe King (first year Law with Business Management) in the women's Triple Jump.

The four bronze medals went to Richard Odumasu (third year Economics) for the men's 100m, Daniel Clorley (second year Business Management) for the men's 1500m, Simon Phelan (Ma Social Research) for the men's High Jump, Lara Thomas (Nursing and Physiotherapy) for the 2000m Steeplechase and Beth Partridge (first year SPECS) for the High Jump.

Overall the women's team won 58 BUCS points for UBSport and the men's team won 59.

Athletics Head Coach Mike Bull said: 'The team performed really well, and with the range of events with medallists, we have really demonstrated the diversity of quality within the athletics club.'

'A big thanks must go to this year's Club Captain, Chiedu Ufodiama, the rest of the committee, the coaches and Hi Performance Centre team who have worked hard with the club all year in preparation for not only these Championships, but other key competitions that follow.'

He added: 'If we keep up these performances a second place for both the men's and the women's is achievable in the future and we are already looking forward to next year's BUCS Outdoor Championships being held at the London Olympic Stadium.'



Julian Adeniran