

E.S.A.A. COMBINED EVENTS AND RACE WALKING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Southampton Sports Centre
Saturday/Sunday 17th/18th September 2005

With the Championships taking place in the South of the country for only the second time in their 18 year history, we undertook the relatively short journey to Southampton full of optimism after some excellent displays at the South-West Regional Championships. With two teams and a further two individuals in the Combined Events Championships, and four Race Walkers on show, our group was a little smaller than usual (Devon having particularly strong teams of girls this year), nevertheless, the quality of our athletes was never in doubt. We travelled by Berry's coach (sharing with Devon) on the Friday afternoon. The team accommodation was at Southampton Solent University as this proved to be the only option due to the clash of dates with the Southampton Boat Show.

The weather was warm and sunny (even hot at times) and conditions were favourable for the athletes. All events (except some high jumps) were held inside the stadium, the second (portable) pole vault site on the adjacent Astroturf hockey pitch was deemed unsuitable by some team managers and the Field Referee. Two pools of pole vault on the stadium site did not cause undue disruption or delay thanks to the athletes' cooperation and a fine group of experienced, sensitive officials. The organisation by the Hampshire Schools'AA was first class and our athletes were given every chance to perform well.

Our full results were:

Junior Boys' 3000m Walk

Ben Casey	(Westfield)	5 th	16-46.90
Alex Wright	(Brymore)	8 th	18-21.48
William Hemmings	(Brymore)	21 st	20-01.27

Junior Boys' Pentathlon

Ben Gibb	(Brymore)	1 st	3033
Simeon Wyatt	(Westfield)	19 th	2491
Luke Webber	(West Somerset)	20 th	2485
Bryan Disney-Chilcott	(Queen's College)	25 th	2415
Team Score		1 st	8009

Intermediate Boys' 5000m Walk

Ed Mace	(Brymore)	5 th	32-22.45
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Intermediate Boys' Octathlon

Ross Turner	(King's College)	9 th	4712
Hugo Turner	(King's College)	21 st	4339

Senior Boys' Decathlon

Matthew George	(Millfield)	11 th	5760
Dara Osibo	(King's College)	21 st	4708
Mark O'Grady	(Frome College)	27	3783
Andrew Holmes	(Yeovil College)		RETD
Team Score		2 nd	14251