



Run Away Success

On Sunday 9th May 2010, nineteen Air Cadets from 134 (Bedford) Squadron competed in the annual Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing Athletics Competition, held this year at the Cambridge University sports ground. Twenty eight squadrons, from across the Wing attended which meant that every event was going to be hotly contested. Last year the team achieved an extremely respectable haul of 7 Gold and 5 Silver medals as well as the Junior Boys Cup.

The day consisted of various track and field events and the success started early with the Junior Boys 4 X 100 metres relay team winning their heat and qualifying for the final.

The success continued throughout the day with wins including Bronze medals for Cadet Henry Atkinson for Javelin, Cadet Danielle Pickering for Discus and Cadet Luc Flowers in the 800 metres. The haul continued with Silver Medals for Corporal Tiffany Cotton in the 800 meters and Cadet Pickering for the Shot.

The outstanding performances of the day were from Cadet Luke Denham, with Gold in the Shot, Gold in the relay, Silver for the 100 metres and Silver in the Long Jump and Corporal Wesley Bradley who won Gold in every event he entered, four in all; including the Discus, 400 metres, 4 x 100 metres and the High Jump achieving a new wing record in this event.

The final event of the day was the 4 X 100 meters relay finals. The Junior Boys team consisted of Cadet Denham, Cadet Hilton, Cadet Atkinson and Corporal Bradley who entered the event hopefully following their success in the heat. Their baton handovers were slick leading to victory with a massive 20 metre winning margin over the second place team.

The final tally was 8 Gold, 4 Silver and 3 Bronze medals. The boys retained the Junior Category Overall Cup for the second year and added to the silverware with the Overall Boys Athletics Shield. The triumph of the day came with the final announcement that Bedford had won the much coveted top prize of the Overall Combined Wing Champions Cup. This is the first time, since its

introduction in 1989, that the squadron has won this Cup. Every cadet contributed to the overall points tally. This tremendous achievement is down to the hard work, determination and team work, demonstrated by all the cadets on the day.

Wing Commander Paul Bower said following the presentation
“Congratulations to 134 Sqn on their success at the Wing Athletics Championships. To be crowned Overall Winners against a very strong field of 29 other units, shows great effort and a strength in depth. The results showed a very close competition throughout and the 134 squadron cadets should be very pleased with their individual and collective performances. Well done!”
