

NATIONAL CHAMPS MEDAL HAUL

The team of athletes who went up to Auckland for the national champs last weekend bought back an unprecedented haul of medals.

Coach Mark Harris said not in their wildest dreams did they expect that amount of success.

“For a group of athletes from the Wairarapa, this would have to rate as one of the greatest medal hauls that our athletes have ever made”, he says.

Three golds, six silvers, and three bronzes was the tally and Harris says even those who did not get a medal performed extremely well.

“The chances of this happening again are probably reasonably slim” he says.

Masterton runner Ellen Shaef picked up two golds by winning the W-19 400m and as part of the Wellington Centre Team won the 4x400m relay. She posted a personal best time of 57.46s. She also picked up a bronze in the W-19 4x100m as part of the Wellington Centre relay team.

Courtney Fafeita smashed the opposition with her 39.65m discus throw to win the gold in the W-16. The throw was not a personal best but was enough to trounce the rest of the field by over five metres.

The star male sprinter of the squad, Michael Wilson, won three silver medals and a bronze. He will be racing in the seniors next time he goes to the Nationals.

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