

Essex Cross Country League – Round 2 – Basildon Sat 26th October

It was a good day at the races as club teams won three age group competitions and were second in two others, and there was an individual win and two other top three places for club athletes at the second round of the Essex Cross Country League at Basildon's Gloucester Park.

The **Under 15 Girls** were comfortable winners as all four scorers placed in the top 11. Orla Friel ran strongly on the hilly course to come home in third, with Poppy Vines and Jasmine Asmal sixth and seventh and Ruby Beasley completing the scoring four in eleventh. Olivia Bradbury was 29th as her twin Holly was 39th and Amelie Madlin was 43rd on her club debut.

The **Senior Women** also had a good win as Kate O'Neill led the way coming home over 200m clear of the field in her first Essex League race for six years. There was strong support from Morgan Campbell and Ginte Bailey who finished close up in 12th and 13th as Robyn Matson was two places back in 15th to complete the scorers. Hannah Evans was 22nd, with Rebecca O'Rourke 53rd, Charlotte Evans 56th and Clare Rudgley in 85th. The team are joint top of the table with Chelmsford, after two of the five fixtures.

The **Senior Men** had to settle for second again behind the very strong Southend squad, despite having five athletes in the top 13. James Connor was a good fourth place, with James Stewart in eighth just in front of Kieran O'Hara in ninth. Rob Warner was next home in 12th, just ahead of Ben Davis in 13th as Sam Atkins completed the scoring six in 35th.

Charlie Burgess 43rd, Sam Mahoney 45th and Alfie Waithaka in 47th all made the top fifty, with Ryan Carroll 62nd, Ian Anthony 71st, Luke Chester 76th, Rob Trevor 77th and John Whitehead 95th all ducking under the one hundred mark. Matt Bland 104th, Tony Pecoraro 130th, Nathan Hart 147th, and Toby Johnson 149th made the top one fifty. Dan Meredith 151st, Gary Atkins 155th, Steve Walker 173rd, Roy James 189th and Tony Collins in 234th completed the 23 strong Havering finishers.

James Connor and Rob Warner combined with Alfie Waithaka and Ian Anthony to win the veterans competition, and sit joint top of the table with Orion, who were runners up after winning the first round

The **Under 13 Boys** were again second as Callum Millard-Jennings led them home in seventh with Jack Cook in 13th with Cruz Carvell not far back in 15th and Reuben McDermott the fourth scorer in 22nd. Cameron Smith, Jack Rowlandson, Archie Bright and James Campbell finished between 32nd and 42nd. The squad are second in the league standings behind the dominant Southend-based SS Athletics.

The **Under 13 Girls** were fourth thanks to the efforts of Millie Cook in 17th as Olivia Wheeler, Lucy Tregidgo and Eliza Mesher packed well in 24th, 25th and 26th with Megan Murphy in 28th. The team are currently runners up in the table.

The **Under 15 Boys** also placed fourth led home by Aidan Doherty in 12th, with Ethan Carroll in 22nd and Oliver Spence (32nd) and George Wright (38th) ensuring a scoring four as the team are third in the league standings.

There was just one club runner for each of the **Under 17** teams as Sam Horsley was a fine third in his first club appearance in the league while Grace Tilson flew the flag for the girls in 11th,

Round Three is hosted by Colchester at Hilly Fields on 16th November, which clashes with the London Youth Games and London Championships, which will have an impact on club teams.

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Senior Men (six to score): 4th James Connor M40 27:16; 8th James Stewart 28:43; 9th Kieran O'Hara 29:16; 12th Rob Warner M40 29:21; 13th Ben Davis 29:29; 35th Sam Atkins 30:50; (**Team 2nd – 81 points**); 43rd Charlie Burgess U20 31:33; 45th Sam Mahoney 31:40; 47th Alfie Waithaka M45 31:45; 62nd Ryan Carroll U20 32:40; 71st Ian Anthony M45 33:20; 76th Luke Chester 33:33; 77th Rob Trevor M40 33:35; 95th John Whitehead 34:34; 104th Matt Bland M5 35:02; 130th Tony Pecoraro M60 36:34; 147th Nathan Hart U20 37:35; 149th Toby Johnson U20 37:50; 151st Dan Meredith M50 37:56; 155th Gary Atkins M55 38:16; 173rd Steve Walker M55 39:32; 189th Roy James M50 40:43; 234th Tony Collins M45 45:11 **Teams**: 1st Southend 60; 2nd Havering 81; 3rd Colchester H 125. League: 1st Southend 2; 2nd Havering 4; 3rd Orion 7.

Veterans Teams (four to score): 1st Havering 134; 2nd Orion 145; 3rd Colchester H 205; League: =1st Havering & Orion 3; 3rd Leigh on Sea 7.

Senior Women: 1st Kate O'Neill 27:05; 12th Morgan Campbell 23:13; 13th Ginte Bailey 30:35; 15th Robyn Matson 30:55; (Team 1st – 41 points); 22nd Hannah Evans U20 32:01; 53rd Rebecca O'Rourke 36:00; 56th Charlotte Evans U20 36:32; 85th Clare Rudgley W50 40:05; **Div. 1 Teams**: 1st Havering 41; 2nd Chelmsford 56; 3rd Colchester H 73; League: =1st Havering & Chelmsford 3; 3rd Colchester H 9

Under 17 Men: 3rd Sam Horsley 19:17 (Team 7th); Teams: 1st Basildon 19; ...7th Havering

Under 17 Women: 11th Grace Tilson 27:07; (Team 6th). Teams: 1st Chelmsford 8; ...6th Havering

Under 15 Boys: 12th Aidan Doherty 16:06; 22nd Ethan Carroll 17:11; 32nd Oliver Spence 18:26; 38th George Wright 19:07; (**Team 4th - 104 points**); **Teams**: 1st Basildon 51; 2nd Colchester H 63; 3rd Brentwood Beagles 73; 4th Havering 104; **League**: 1st Brentwood Beagles 4; 2nd Basildon 5; 3rd Havering 7

Under 15 Girls: **3**rd Orla Friel 16:37; 6th Poppy Vines 17:56; 7th Jasmine Asmal 18:33; 11th Ruby Beasley 18:51; (**Team 1**st – **27 points**) 29th Olivia Bradbury 21:15; 39th Holly Bradbury 23:28; 43rd Amelie Madlin 26:28. **Teams**: **1**st Havering 27; 2nd Brentwood Beagles 46; 3rd Basildon 66. **League**: 1st Brentwood Beagles 3; 2nd Havering 4; 3rd Basildon 7

Under 13 Boys: 7th Callum Millard-Jennings 11:51; 13th Jack Cook 12:22; 15th Cruz Carvell 12:29; 22nd Reuben McDermott 12:46; (**Team 2nd – 57 points**) 32nd Cameron Smith 13:26; 37th Jack Rowlandson 13:58; 38th Archie Bright 14:00; **Teams**: 1st SS Athletics 18; 2nd Havering 57; 3rd Chelmsford 66; **League**: 1st SS Athletics 2; 2nd Havering 4; 3rd Chelmsford 6

Under 13 Girls: 17th Millie Cook 14:21; 24th Olivia Wheeler 14:42; 25th Lucy Tregidgo 14:47; 26th Eliza Mesher 14:50; **Team 4th – 92 points**). 28th Megan Murphy 14:55; **Teams**: 1st Chelmsford 35; 2nd SS Athletics 38; 3rd Brentwood B 42; 4th Havering 92; **League**: 1st SS Athletics 3; 2nd Havering 6; 3rd Brentwood B 8





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