

## Essex Cross Country League – Round 2 – Basildon Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> as her twin Holly was 39<sup>th</sup> and Amelie Madlin was 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> as Robyn Matson was two places back in 15<sup>th</sup> to complete the scorers. Hannah Evans was 22<sup>nd</sup>, with Rebecca O'Rourke 53<sup>rd</sup>, Charlotte Evans 56<sup>th</sup> and Clare Rudgley in 85<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup>, just ahead of Ben Davis in 13<sup>th</sup> as Sam Atkins completed the scoring six in 35<sup>th</sup>.

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 173<sup>rd</sup>, Roy James 189<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> with Cruz Carvell not far back in 15<sup>th</sup> and Reuben McDermott the fourth scorer in 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cameron Smith, Jack Rowlandson, Archie Bright and James Campbell finished between 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> as Olivia Wheeler, Lucy Tregidgo and Eliza Mesher packed well in 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with Megan Murphy in 28<sup>th</sup>. The team are currently runners up in the table.

The **Under 15 Boys** also placed fourth led home by Aidan Doherty in 12<sup>th</sup>, with Ethan Carroll in 22<sup>nd</sup> and Oliver Spence (32<sup>nd</sup>) and George Wright (38<sup>th</sup>) 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 11<sup>th</sup>,

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

## Essex Cross Country League – Round 2 – Results

**Senior Men** (six to score): 4<sup>th</sup> James Connor M40 27:16; 8<sup>th</sup> James Stewart 28:43; 9<sup>th</sup> Kieran O'Hara 29:16; 12<sup>th</sup> Rob Warner M40 29:21; 13<sup>th</sup> Ben Davis 29:29; 35<sup>th</sup> Sam Atkins 30:50; (**Team 2<sup>nd</sup> – 81 points**); 43<sup>rd</sup> Charlie Burgess U20 31:33; 45<sup>th</sup> Sam Mahoney 31:40; 47<sup>th</sup> Alfie Waithaka M45 31:45; 62<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Carroll U20 32:40; 71<sup>st</sup> Ian Anthony M45 33:20; 76<sup>th</sup> Luke Chester 33:33; 77<sup>th</sup> Rob Trevor M40 33:35; 95<sup>th</sup> John Whitehead 34:34; 104<sup>th</sup> Matt Bland M5 35:02; 130<sup>th</sup> Tony Pecoraro M60 36:34; 147<sup>th</sup> Nathan Hart U20 37:35; 149<sup>th</sup> Toby Johnson U20 37:50; 151<sup>st</sup> Dan Meredith M50 37:56; 155<sup>th</sup> Gary Atkins M55 38:16; 173<sup>rd</sup> Steve Walker M55 39:32; 189<sup>th</sup> Roy James M50 40:43; 234<sup>th</sup> Tony Collins M45 45:11 **Teams**: 1<sup>st</sup> Southend 60; 2<sup>nd</sup> Havering 81; 3<sup>rd</sup> Colchester H 125. League: 1<sup>st</sup> Southend 2; 2<sup>nd</sup> Havering 4; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Kate O'Neill 27:05; 12<sup>th</sup> Morgan Campbell 23:13; 13<sup>th</sup> Ginte Bailey 30:35; 15<sup>th</sup> Robyn Matson 30:55; (Team 1<sup>st</sup> – 41 points); 22<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Evans U20 32:01; 53<sup>rd</sup> Rebecca O'Rourke 36:00; 56<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Evans U20 36:32; 85<sup>th</sup> Clare Rudgley W50 40:05; **Div. 1 Teams**: 1<sup>st</sup> Havering 41; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chelmsford 56; 3<sup>rd</sup> Colchester H 73; League: =1<sup>st</sup> Havering & Chelmsford 3; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 12<sup>th</sup> Aidan Doherty 16:06; 22<sup>nd</sup> Ethan Carroll 17:11; 32<sup>nd</sup> Oliver Spence 18:26; 38<sup>th</sup> George Wright 19:07; (**Team 4<sup>th</sup> - 104 points**); **Teams**: 1<sup>st</sup> Basildon 51; 2<sup>nd</sup> Colchester H 63; 3<sup>rd</sup> Brentwood Beagles 73; 4<sup>th</sup> Havering 104; **League**: 1<sup>st</sup> Brentwood Beagles 4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Basildon 5; 3<sup>rd</sup> Havering 7

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

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

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





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