

Essex Cross Country League – Round 5 – Hainault Forest Sat 10th February

The five match Essex Cross Country League series concluded at a very muddy Hainault Forest course on Saturday with two team and one individual victories. The Veteran men won the league shield and three club athletes won individual titles.

The **Senior Men's** hopes of regaining the league title slipped away in the mud of Hainault as a second-place finish meant that they fell just short of the win that they needed to beat Southend ending up runners up spot. James Connor led them home in fourth place to confirm his individual victory in the league M40 standings, with Ben Davis close behind in fifth to place him third in the individual senior placings for the season. James Stewart in seventh and Sam Atkins in ninth meant that Havering had four in the top 10 and Kieran O'Hara in 23rd and Alfie Waithaka in 35th completed the scoring six. Rob Warner, returning from injury, lost his shoe 11 times in the muddy terrain to finish 43rd and place third in the individual M40 league stakes. Rob Trevor was next home in 65th and Matt Bland (74th) and Martin Chester (90th) made the top 100. Graham Hogan 109th, Michael O'Callaghan 113th, Tony Pecoraro 125th, Steve Walker 134th and Roy James 176th completed the Havering contingent. The **Veteran Men's** scoring quartet of James Connor, Alfie Waithaka, Rob Warner and Rob Trevor ensured a fourth consecutive win to easily lift the Veterans team title.

The **Senior Women** were second for the third successive race but had to settle for third in the team stakes. Ginte Bailey was first home in fourth, with Robyn Matson and Morgan Campbell close behind in fifth and sixth as Rebecca O'Rourke (39th) completed the scorers and Haleema Asmal was 107th. Morgan Campbell was the overall league winner, with Ginte Bailey placing third, and Rebecca O'Rourke was Under 20 runner up.

The **Under 15 Girls**' first win of the season moved the team into the top three in the table. Orla Friel's fine form continued as she placed fifth with Emmie Lole, Jasmine Asmal and Poppy Vines in seventh, eighth and ninth confirming that all four scorers made the top 10 with Ruby Beasley 17th and Grace Tilson 23rd. Freddie Rowe's fourth win in his four finishes for the **Under 15 Boys** saw him defend his league title. Findlay McLaren (sixth), Shea Sweeney (12th) and Liam Battrum in 19th were the other scorers as the team maintained their run of second places, to finish league runners up. Ethan Carroll and Sean Mugagga were 24th and 29th.

The **Under 13 Boys** team recorded their third runners up spot of the season to earn joint second in the league standings. Joe Sewell led the squad home in fifth with George Burgess (13th), Callum Millard Jennings (17th) and 21st placed George Bangs making up the scoring four with Logan Hunt, debutant Cruz Carvell and Max Sillett finishing between 32nd and 37th.

Both **Under 17** squads were short of a scoring team. Hannah Evans and Rosie Warner were seventh and eighth for the women and Ryan Carroll and Toby Johnson 15th and 17th for the men.





Essex Cross Country League – Round 4 Results

Senior Men: 4th James Connor 27:55; 5th Ben Davis 27:59; 7th James Stewart 28:26; 9th Sam Atkins 28:43; 23rd Kieran O'Hara 30:26; 35th Alfie Waithaka M45 31:12; (**Team 2nd – 83 points**); 43rd Rob Warner M40 31:33; 65th Rob Trevor M45 33:58; 74th Matt Bland M55 34:35; 90th Martin Chester M50 35:20; 109th Graham Hogan M45 36:31; 113th Michael O'Callaghan 36:54; 125th Tony Pecoraro M60 37:25; 134th Steve Walker M55 38:30; 176th Roy James M50 42:26; **Teams**: 1st Southend 70; 2nd Havering 83; 3rd Braintree 138; **League**: 1st Southend 5; 2nd Havering 7; 3rd Colchester Harriers 14.

Vets Team: 1st Havering 147; 2nd Springfield 166; 3rd Orion 188. **Vets League**: 1st Havering 4; 2nd Orion 10' 3rd Southend 13.

Senior Women: 4th Ginte Bailey 25:11; 5th Robyn Matson 25:14; 6th Morgan Campbell 25:34 39th Rebecca O'Rourke U20 30:21; (**Team 2nd – 54 points**); 102nd Haleema Asmal W45 44:48; **Div. 1 Teams**: 1st Chelmsford 43; 2nd Havering 56; 3rd Grange Farm 66. **League**: 1st Colchester H 5; 2nd Chelmsford 7; 3rd Havering 9.

Under 17 Men: 15th Ryan Carroll 21:56; 17th Toby Johnson 22:25; (**Team 6th – 70 points**); **Teams**: 1st Basildon 15; 2nd Chelmsford 16; 3rd Southend 29; ...5th Havering 32 (2) **League**: 1st Chelmsford 5; 2nd Basildon 7; 3rd Southend 9; 4th Havering 18

Under 17 Women: 7th Hannah Evans 25:02; 8th Rosie Warner 25:30; (**Team 4th – 15 (2) points**). **Teams**: 1st Southend 5 (2); 2nd Chelmsford 7 (2) 3rd Colchester & T 12 (2); 4th Havering 15 (2). **League**: 1st Southend 4; 2nd Colchester & Tendring 9; 3rd Havering 12.

Under 15 Boys: 1st Freddie Rowe 13:40; 6th Findlay McLaren 14:45; 12th Shea Sweeney 15:16; 19th Liam Battrum 16:10; (**Team 2nd - 38 points**); 24th Ethan Carroll 17:19; 29th Sean Mugagga 18:29; **Teams**: 1st Chelmsford 35; 2nd Havering 38; 3rd Ilford 73. **League** 1st Chelmsford 4; 2nd Havering 8; 3rd Southend 16

Under 15 Girls: 5th Orla Friel 16:39; 7th Emmie Lole 17:15; 8th Jasmine Asmal 17:34; 9th Poppy Vines 17:42 (**Team 1st – 29 points**) 17th Ruby Beasley 19:27; 23rd Grace Tilson 21:13 **Teams**: 1st Havering 29; 2nd Brentwood Beagles 31; 3rd Southend 44; **League**: 1st Brentwood Beagles 5; 2nd Basildon 9; =3rd Southend & Havering 11

Under 13 Boys: 5th Joe Sewell 12:14; 13th George Burgess 12:56; 17th Callum Millard-Jennings 13:05; 21st George Bangs 13:28 (**Team 2nd – 56 points**) 32nd Logan Hunt 14:45; 34th Cruz Carvell 14:55; 37th Max Sillett 15:46; **Teams**: 1st Basildon 33; 2nd Havering 56; 3rd Chelmsford 69. **League**: 1st Basildon 4; =2nd Havering & Chelmsford 10