



Essex Cross Country League – Round 2 – Epping Forest Sat 12th September

Essex Cross Country League Victory for the Senior Women's team and a runners up spot for the Senior Men were backed up with a win for the Under 13 Girls but some other young athlete teams were badly affected by the clash with the Schools Cup Regional round.

The **Senior Women** went one better than their runners up spot in the first round as they were led by home by Molly Sweetman in her first Essex League appearance since 2017. Ever-reliable Ginte Bailey was next home in tenth, with Morgan Campbell 15th and Jade Edwards completing the scorers in 36th with Clare Rudgley 84th and Tracy O'Neill in 110th.

The **Senior Men** are still on their way to defending their Essex League title after a second-place finish. After his runners up finish in Round 1 Ben Davis went one better to keep up his fantastic start to the season by taking first place. He was followed home with another great run by James Stewart with another third place, not far in front of Sam Atkins who had another good run to take fifth. Kieran O'Hara 17th led a contingent of younger runners with Luke Chester 25th and Charlie Howell 32nd all running well to complete the scoring team. Barry Smith 45th and Louis Berrett in 67th, were home in front of a group of Vets with Matt Bland 78th Gary Atkins 90th and Rob Trevor 94th all ducking under the one hundred mark. The line-up was completed by Tony Pecoraro 136th. Graham Hogan 148th, Steve Walker 158th, Roy James 172nd, Darren Priestley 182nd and Tony Collins 230th who all ran well for the club.

The **Under 13 Girls** had as comfortable win despite missing Round 1 winner Summer Smith and third placed Emmie Lole. Jasmine Asmal rose to the occasion brilliantly to earn second place and Essex selection for the Southern Inter Counties next month. Great runs from Poppy Vines in sixth, Bella Taylor-Bush in eighth and Callie Ziepe in 13th gave the team a comfortable win with Jessica Latham in 19th.

The **Under 13 Boys** were able to field a full complement and again placed third as Liam Battrum repeated his third place from Round 1, Fabio Reina was eighth, Fraser Wolton 14th and Jayden Wilkinson completing the scorers in 22nd. Ethan Carroll was 24th and George Rogers 45th.

The other young athlete teams were badly affected as key regulars were in schools' action for the Coopers, Champion, Hall Mead and St Martins teams competing in the Schools Cup regional final at Felsted.

Round 1 winner Maddie Barker was second this time for the **Under 17 & Under 20 Women** with Madi Heil 19th in her cross-country debut and Rebecca O'Rourke one place back in 20th as the incomplete team were fourth. The short-handed **Under 17 Men** were also fourth thanks to Ryan Carroll (13th), Finley Wolton in 15th and Joseph Gray in 20th.

There were just two **Under 15 Girls** as Rosie Warner was eight and Abi Rogers 26th to gain place fifth. The **Under 15 Boys** were the first round winners but all team members were competing at their schools at Felsted.

Round Three at Writtle College on 26th November should see a much-improved turn out for the young athlete teams.

Round Up

Rob Warner wore the vest of England with pride as he placed eighth to lead home the England M40 team to team bronze in the British and Irish Masters Championships and international in Dublin. He was due to be joined by James Connor who had been selected for the England M35 team but had to withdraw after catching COVID.

Essex Cross Country League – Round 2 – Results

Senior Men: 1st Ben Davis 27:32; 3rd James Stewart 27:51; 5th Sam Atkins 28:17; 17th Kieran O'Hara 29:34; 25th Luke Chester U20 30:32; 32nd Charlie Howell U20 30:51 (**Team 2nd – 83 points**); 45th Barry Smith M40 31:37; 67th Louis Berrett 32:29; 78th Matt Bland M55 33:20; 90th Gary Atkins M50 33:42; 94th Rob Trevor M40 34:01; 136th Tony Pecoraro M55 36:18; 148th Graham Hogan M45 37:02; 158th Steve Walker M50 37:23; 179th Roy James M50 39:01; 182nd Darren Priestley M55 39:10; 230th Tony Collins M40 43:54.

Teams: 1st Southend 62; 2nd Havering 83; 3rd Orion 116. **Veterans Teams (four to score):** 3rd Havering 307
League: =1st Southend & Havering 3; 3rd Chelmsford 7. **Veterans League:** 3rd Havering 7

Senior Women: 6th Molly Sweetman 24:37; 10th Ginte Bailey 25:18; 15th Morgan Campbell 25:57; 36th Jade Edwards 28:54 (**Team 1st – 67 points**); 84th Clare Rudgley W45 34:38; 110th Tracy O'Neill 37:50.

Div. 1 Teams: 1st Havering 67; 2nd Colchester H 75; 3rd Orion 84
League: =1st Havering & Colchester H 3; 3rd Southend 7

Under 17 Men: 13th Ryan Carroll 24:59; 15th Finley Wolton 25:18; 20th Joseph Gray 27:17 (**Team 4th – 48 (3) points**); **Teams:** 1st Chelmsford 32; 2nd Southend 73; 3rd Colchester & T 14 (3); 4th Havering 48 (3)

League: 1st Chelmsford 2; 2nd Southend 4; =3rd Havering & Colchester & T 7

Under 17 / Under 20 Women: 2nd Maddie Barker U20W 19:12; 19th Madi Heil U17W 22:49; 20th Rebecca O'Rourke U20W 22:56 (**Team 4th – 41 (3) points**).

Teams: 1st Chelmsford 31; 2nd Cambridge & Coleridge 40; 3rd Colchester & T 32 (3) 4th Havering 41 (3).
League: 1st Chelmsford 2; 2nd Havering 6; 3rd Colchester & T 7

Under 15 Boys: None; **Teams:** 1st Chelmsford 20; 2nd Harlow 89; 3rd Orion 105 **League:** 1st Chelmsford 4; 2nd Southend 5; 3rd Harlow 7 ... 11th Havering 22

Under 15 Girls: 8th Rosie Warner 17:04; 26th Abi Rogers 21:41 (**Team 5th – 34 (2) points**)

Teams: 1st Harlow 88; 2nd Brentwood Beagles 18 (3); 3rd Chelmsford 24 (3) .. 5th Havering 34 (2);
League: 1st Brentwood Beagles 5; 2nd Chelmsford 7; 3rd Harlow 9; 4th Havering 10;

Under 13 Boys: 3rd Liam Battrum 8:49; 8th Fabio Reina 9:13; 14th Fraser Wolton 9:41; 22nd Jayden Wilkinson 10:11; (**Team 3rd – 47 points**) 24th Ethan Carroll 10:19; 45th George Rogers 11:57.

Teams: 1st Colchester & T 40; 2nd Basildon 46; 3rd Havering 47
League: 1st Colchester & T 2; =2nd Southend, Basildon, & Havering 6

Under 13 Girls: 2nd Jasmine Asmal 9:27; 6th Poppy Vines 10:55; 8th Isabella Taylor-Bush 11:29; 13th Callie Ziepe 12:04 (**Team 1st – 29 points**) 19th Jessica Latham 12:37.

Teams: 1st Havering 29; 2nd Basildon 56; 3rd Orion 67. **League:** 1st Havering 3; =2nd Chelmsford & Basildon 5.

For action & team photos see Havering AC Facebook Group (members only)