

## Essex Cross Country League – Round 1 – One Tree Hill Sat 14th October

There were three individual wins as the first of the five Essex Cross Country League fixtures started in bright but chilly conditions at One Tree Hill on Saturday.

The **Senior Men** had an impressive 24 athletes among over 250 finishers. James Connor joined a select band of Havering AC runners by winning an Essex League race, coming home a minute clear of the field. His first place finish was supported by James Stewart in a good 11<sup>th</sup>, just in front of Kieran O'Hara 14<sup>th</sup> and Sam Atkins 15<sup>th</sup> with Ian Anthony 46<sup>th</sup> and Luke Chester 51<sup>st</sup> completed the scoring team who had to settle for second place. Will Kirk 56<sup>th</sup> led home a group with Rob Trevor 57<sup>th</sup>, Louis Berrett 63<sup>rd</sup>, Dan Meredith 71<sup>st</sup> and Alfie Waithaka 77<sup>th</sup>. Under 20 Max Robins 84<sup>th</sup> on his debut in the senior race was closely followed by Steve Rand in 86<sup>th</sup> and Martin Chester 91<sup>st</sup>, with John Whitehead just outside of the top hundred in 101<sup>st</sup>. Gary Atkins 114<sup>th</sup>, Tony Pecoraro 127<sup>th</sup>, Steve Walker 136<sup>th</sup>, Graham Hogan 139<sup>th</sup>, Matt Bland 148<sup>th</sup> all made the top 150. Michael O'Callaghan 157<sup>th</sup>, Paul Berrett 174<sup>th</sup> Roy James 188<sup>th</sup> and Tony Collins 225<sup>th</sup> completed the Havering contingent. Havering were second in the Veterans rankings thanks to James Connor, Ian Anthony, Will Kirk and Rob Trevor.

The **Senior Women** started their season with a fourth place as Morgan Campbell was first home in seventh, Ginte Bailey in 13<sup>th</sup>, Robyn Matson was 21<sup>st</sup> and Clare Davies in 33<sup>rd</sup> place completed the scoring four with Stephanie Phillips (57<sup>th</sup>), Clare Rudgley (87<sup>th</sup>) and Tracy O'Neill in 131<sup>st</sup> also competing.

In the **Under 13 Girls** race Summer Smith added another Essex League win to her tally and she was supported by Skye Eastman, Alexandria Field and Siobhan Etemadi who all made their league debuts in the fourth placed team.

Freddie Rowe took his first steps towards defending his league title with victory in the **Under 15 Boys** race as Findlay McLaren was a fine third and Shea Sweeney (12<sup>th</sup>) and Liam Battrum (15<sup>th</sup>) completed the scoring four, who placed second. Aidan Doherty (27<sup>th</sup>) and Sean Mugagga (28<sup>th</sup>) completed the line up.

The **Under 17 Women** trio of sixth placed Hannah Evans; Rosie Warner (11<sup>th</sup>) and Charlotte Evans (14<sup>th</sup>) placed third and the **Under 15 Girls** and the **Under 13 Boys** teams both placed fourth. Jasmine Asmal's eight place led home the Under 15 girls with Poppy Vines 11<sup>th</sup>, Ruby Beasley 18<sup>th</sup> and Abi Rogers 27<sup>th</sup>, the scorers with Grace Tilson 29<sup>th</sup>. Joseph Sewell was first home for the Under 13 Boys in seventh with George Burgess and Callum Millard-Jennings 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and Max Sillett 31<sup>st</sup>. The **Under 17 Men** were led by Toby Johnson in 19<sup>th</sup> with Sean Langan 22<sup>nd</sup> and Joseph Gray was 36<sup>th</sup>.

Round Two is hosted by Basildon AC at Gloucester Park on 28th October.

The senior team at One Tree Hill were without Club stalwart Rob Warner who again sealed his England Masters selection by coming home a very good third in the M40 trial race at Markeaton Park, Derby to earn his call up for in the home countries international in Glasgow on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## Essex Cross Country League – Round 1– Results

Senior Men: 1st James Connor M40 26:00; 11th James Stewart 27:37; 14th Kieran O'Hara 27:52; 15th Sam Atkins 28:04; 48th Ian Anthony M40 30:52; 51st Luke Chester 31:11; (Team 2nd – 140 points); 56th Will Kirk M45 31:25; 57th Rob Trevor M40 31:26; 63rd Louis Berrett 31:58; 71st Dan Meredith M50 32:24; 77th Alfie Waithaka M40 32:25; 84th Max Robbins U20 32:54; 85th Steve Rand M50 32:56; 91st Martin Chester M50 33:15; 101st John Whitehead 33:39; 114th Gary Atkins M55 34:11; 127th Tony Pecoraro 34:44; 136th Steve Walker M50 35:21; 139th Graham Hogan 35:24; 148th Matt Bland M55 36:00; 157th Michael O'Callaghan 36:41; 174th Paul Berrett M60 37:48; 188th Roy James M50 38:36; 225th Tony Collins M45 41:54. Teams: 1st Southend 88; 2nd Havering 140; 3rd Thurrock 155. Veterans Teams (four to score): 1st Orion 141; 2nd Havering 162; 3rd Southend 167.

**Senior Women:** 7<sup>th</sup> Morgan Campbell 26:26; 13<sup>th</sup> Ginte Bailey 27:02; 21<sup>st</sup> Robyn Matson 27:55; 33<sup>rd</sup> Clare Davies 29:12; (**Team 4<sup>th</sup> – 74 points**); 57<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Phillips 31:15; 87<sup>th</sup> Clare Rudgley W45 34:37; 131<sup>st</sup> Tracy O'Neill W55 41:08; 137<sup>th</sup> Haleema Asmal W45 43:30 **Div. 1 Teams**: 1<sup>st</sup> Chelmsford 44; 2<sup>nd</sup> Southend 56; 3<sup>rd</sup> Colchester H 67; 4<sup>th</sup> Havering 74

**Under 17 Men:** 19<sup>th</sup> Toby Johnson 23:38; 22<sup>nd</sup> Sean Langan 23:56; 36<sup>th</sup> Joseph Gray 27:40 (**Team 7<sup>th</sup> – 77 points**); **Teams**: 1st Chelmsford 8; 2nd Southend 25; 3rd Basildon 32; ...7<sup>th</sup> Havering 77

**Under 17 Women:** 6<sup>th</sup> Hannah Evans 26:32; 11<sup>th</sup> Rosie Warner 27:14; 14<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Evans 27:35 (**Team 3<sup>rd</sup> – 34 points**). **Teams**: 1<sup>st</sup> Southend 11; 2<sup>nd</sup> Colchester & Tendring 23; 3<sup>rd</sup> Havering 34.

**Under 15 Boys:** 1st Freddie Rowe 12:53; 3rd Findlay McLaren 13:36; 12th Shea Sweeney 14:49; 15th Liam Battrum 15:33; (**Team 2**nd - **31 points**); 27th Aidan Doherty 16:36; 28th Sean Mugagga 16:37 **Teams**: 1st Chelmsford 29; 2nd Havering 31; 3rd Harlow 71

**Under 15 Girls**: 8<sup>th</sup> Jasmine Asmal 16:40; 11<sup>th</sup> Poppy Vines 16:49; 18<sup>th</sup> Ruby Beasley 18:31; 27<sup>th</sup> Abi Rogers 18:53; (**Team 4<sup>th</sup> – 64 points**) 29<sup>th</sup> Grace Tilson 20:15; **Teams**: 1<sup>st</sup> Brentwood Beagles 16; 2<sup>nd</sup> Southend 37; 3<sup>rd</sup> Basildon 57; 4<sup>th</sup> Havering 64;

**Under 13 Boys:** 7<sup>th</sup> Joseph Sewell 12:19; 21<sup>st</sup> George Burgess 13:19; 22<sup>nd</sup> Callum Millard-Jennings 13:25; 31<sup>st</sup> Max Sillett 14:57 (**Team 4<sup>th</sup> – 81 points**) **Teams**: 1<sup>st</sup> Basildon 38; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chelmsford 41; 3rd Colchester & T 67; 4<sup>th</sup> Havering 81

**Under 13 Girls: 1<sup>st</sup>** Summer Smith 12:13; 24<sup>th</sup> Skye Eastman 16:16; 28<sup>th</sup> Alexandria Field 16:36; 29<sup>th</sup> Siobhan Etemadi 19:00; (**Team 4<sup>th</sup> – 82 points**). **Teams**: 1<sup>st</sup> Chelmsford 14; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brentwood Beagle 45; 3<sup>rd</sup> Basildon 67; 4<sup>th</sup> Havering 82

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