



Essex Cross Country League – R5 – Apex Corner Hockley Sat 8th Jan 2025

Second place on the day confirmed that the senior women were crowned as Essex Cross Country League champions team after three wins and two second places as the five-race series came to a close on a tough and very muddy Hockley course on Saturday.

The **Senior Women** were led home by Bath University student Maddie Barker whose second place was her highest to date while Lydia Smith was seventh on her third league appearance this winter. Robyn Matson again made the top ten with Ginte Bailey returning to action in 11th to complete the scoring four who had to concede victory to Chelmsford by a single point. Morgan Campbell placed 13th with Rebecca O'Rourke in 38th, Clare Rudgley 77th and team manager Jane Hallam in 100th.

James Stewart backed up his first Essex League win in the last round with another great run in third in the **Senior Men's** race to place second in the overall standings. Kieran O'Hara equalled his best position in fifth to place third in the individual stakes and Rob Warner's tenth place comfortably won him the Vet 40 individual league title. Sam Atkins was next home in 14th place with Luke Chester 42nd and Ryan Carroll 45th completing the scoring six. Ryan placed second in the individual table to Charlie Burgess whose results in the first four rounds were enough for him to take the title. Will Kirk in 46th and Alfie Waithaka in 48th both made the top 50, and 60th placed Rob Trevor, Ian Anthony in 63rd and 91st placed John Barkler all made the top 100. The line-up was completed by Gary Atkins (114th), Graham Hogan (118th), Graham Pritchard 119th, Steve Walker in 125th and 192nd placed Tony Collins. Southend finished the season unbeaten to lift the team prize and Havering were clear runners up. The Veterans team were second on the day and over the season, with Will Kirk third in the M45 standings.

The **Under 13 Boys** were third on the day and third in the final table. Callum Millard Jennings was ninth and Harrison Sewell close behind in tenth with Cruz Carvell and Austin Broadhurst in 24th and 25th and Archie Bright 35th. Millie Cooke was eighth for the **Under 13 Girls** and Isla Herera 22nd and Isla Green 27th as their fourth place finish saw the team share third place in the table.

Poppy Vines achieved her highest league placing with third for the **Under 15 Girls** to earn third in the overall standings. Ruby Beasley was tenth, Jasmine Asmal 13th and Jessie Lynes completed the scorers as the team placed third, and fourth in the final table. The **Under 15 Boys** were one short of a scoring four. Joe Sewell was 13th with Liam Battrum 26th and Ethan Carroll 35th. Grace Tilson was the only club **Under 17** competing, finishing a respectable 15th. Darcy Davies was fifth in her club debut in the **Under 11 Girls** event.

On Saturday Kate O'Neill, representing the South of England team, was tenth in the senior women's race at the UK Cross Country Challenge race. The Leeds meeting incorporated a home countries international and inter area competition, and Kate was the first of the four South of England representatives.

Essex Cross Country League – Round 5 – Results

Senior Men (six to score): 3rd James Stewart 30:11; 5th Kieran O'Hara 30:50; 10th Rob Warner M40 31:14; 14th Sam Atkins 31:56; 42nd Luke Chester 34:28; 45th Ryan Carroll U20 34:44; (**Team 2nd – 113 points**); 46th Will Kirk M45 34:49; 48th Alfie Waithaka M45 34:55; 60th Rob Trevor M45 35:29; 63rd Ian Anthony M45 35:52; 91st John Barker M55 38:09; 114th Gary Atkins M55 40:23; 118th Graham Hogan M50 40:36; 119th Graham Pritchard M45 40:40; 125th Steve Walker M55 41:35; 192nd Tony Collins 53:02 **Teams:** 1st Southend 45; 2nd Havering 119; 3rd Colchester H 161. **League:** 1st Southend 4; 2nd Havering 8; 3rd Colchester H 13.

Veterans Teams (four to score): 1st Orion 128; 2nd Havering 164; 3rd Leigh-on-Sea 180 **League:** 1st Orion 6; 2nd Havering 8; 3rd Leigh-on-Sea 14.

Senior Women: 2nd Maddie Barker U20 26:54; 7th Lydia Smith 28:23; 10th Robyn Matson W35 28:30; 11th Ginte Bailey W35 28:52; (**Team 1st – 30 points**); 13th Morgan Campbell W35 29:33; 38th Rebecca O'Rourke 32:51; 77th Clare Rudgley W50 38:15; 100th Jane Hallam W55 41:40; **Div. 1 Teams:** 1st Chelmsford 29; 2nd Havering 30; 3rd Leigh-on-Sea 95; **League:** 1st Havering 5; 2nd Chelmsford 6; 3rd Colchester H 14

Under 17 Men: None

Under 17 Women: 15th Grace Tilson 25:31.

Under 15 Boys: 13th Joe Sewell 16:27; 26th Liam Battrum 17:29; 35th Ethan Carroll (**Team 8th – 74 (3) points**); **Teams:** 1st Chelmsford 23; 2nd Southend 53; 3rd Basildon 68 ... 8th Havering 74 (3); **League:** =1st Basildon & Chelmsford 6; 3rd Southend 12; 4th Brentwood Beagles 16; =5th Havering & Colchester H 19.

Under 15 Girls: 3rd Poppy Vines 17:32; 10th Ruby Beasley 18:50; 13th Jasmine Asmal 19:06; 28th Jessie Lynes 20:46; (**Team 3rd – 54 points**)

Teams: 1st Brentwood B 21; 2nd Basildon 43; 3rd Havering 54. **League:** 1st Brentwood B 6; =2nd Chelmsford & Basildon 10; 4th Havering 11.

Under 13 Boys: 9th Callum Millard Jennings 12:13; 10th Harrison Sewell 12:15; 24th Cruz Carvell 13:09; 25th Austin Broadhurst 13:10 (**Team 3rd – 68 points**) 35th Archie Bright 13:35 **Teams:** 1st SS Athletics 19; 2nd Chelmsford 35; 3rd Havering 68. **League:** 1st SS Athletics 5; 2nd Chelmsford 7; 3rd Havering 13.

Under 13 Girls: 8th Millie Cook 13:27; 22nd Isla Herrera 16:02; 27th Isla Green 17:09; Inari Rawle DNF (**Team 4th – 57 points (3)**). **Teams:** 1st SS Athletics 21; 2nd Colchester & T 27 (3); 3rd Chelmsford 32 (3); 4th Havering 57 (3) **League:** 1st SS Athletics 6; 2nd Chelmsford 8; =3rd Havering, Brentwood B & Colchester & T 15.

Under 11 Girls: 5th Darcy Davies 5:57





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