



Essex Cross Country League – Round 1 – Hylands Park Sat 10th October

There were great turnouts as over 60 club athletes tackled the first of the five Essex Cross Country League fixtures in bright but windy conditions at a hilly Hylands Park, Chelmsford course on Saturday. There were team wins for both senior squads as Kate O'Neill led the women home and James Stewart was third for the senior men.

The **Senior Women** got off to a brilliant start in defending their league title with a fine win and individual victory for Kate O'Neill who came home over a minute in front of the field. Robyn Matson's eighth place was her highest in the league for a few years and Morgan Campbell in 16th and Under 20 Rosie Warner completed the scoring four in 36th. Another Under 20 Grace Tilson was 50th and Clare Rudgley (104th) and Tracy O'Neill (122nd) also saw action.

The **Senior Men** also made a great start, edging out league champions Southend for team victory. James Stewart's excellent third place set the scene while Kieran O'Hara had another great run in sixth place and Under 20 Sam Horsley's senior league debut saw him finish seventh. Rob Warner and Chander Dhillon were 16th and 17th and Byron Cipa made the top 30 in 28th to make up the scoring six. There were eight more finishers as Graham Pritchard was 36th, with Barry Smith in 46th and James Blogg 51st. Jason Crispin (68th), Matt Bland (86th) and John Barker (95th) all made the top 100 with Will Kirk in 111th and 120th placed Gary Atkins completing the club line up.

The **Under 18 Men** built on their Essex Relays silver medal with a third place finish. Aidan Doherty was first club finisher in seventh and Sean Mugagga in 13th and 17th placed Joe Sewell made up the scoring trio with Oliver Rushworth (18th), Aidan Fairfax (28th) and Liam Battrum (33rd) in support

The **Under 16 Boys** were also third and had an impressive 13 competitors. Callum Millard Jennings and Cruz Carvell were 14th and 15th, and Thomas Swan and Harrison Sewell were 25th and 26th made up the scorers with George Smith one place back in 27th. Luke Brewington and George Biggane were 41st and 43rd with Archie Bright, Cameron Smith and Jack Rushworth placing 56th to 58th, James Campbell, Alexander Hutchinson and Ethan Mugagga placing between 62nd and 68th.

The **Under 14 Girls** were fourth, led by Darcy Davies in ninth, with Molly Jenkinson Smith in 14th and Florence White (21st) and Charlotte Adams (38th) the other scorers with Abigail Ridley-Moy (39th), Violetta Campbell (41st) and Ina Johnson in 53rd also in action. The **Under 18 Women** were fifth with Poppy Vines in third, Annabelle Kirk and Ruby Beasley 22nd and 23rd, with Evie Green 28th.

The nine-strong **Under 14 Boys** placed eighth as Parker Swaisland was 17th, James Fenn (29th) and 32nd placed Joseph Legg and Finley Brennan 1st the scorers. Joseph Wakeling was 46th with Samuel Herrera, Alexander Ivanov and Albie Cossey-Atkins between 61st and 67th and Arjun Midha 74th.

The **Under 16 Girls** were one short of a scoring four with Isobel Harding and Esther Oyemike 32nd and 34th and Lucy Jenkinson-Smith in 50th.

There's a quick turnaround to the second fixture which is at One Tree Hill on Saturday 24th October.

For young athlete team photos see Havering AC Facebook Group (members only)

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Senior Men: 3rd James Stewart 31:20; 6th Kieran O'Hara 31:56; 7th Sam Horsley U20 32:14; 16th Rob Warner M45 33:26; 17th Chander Dhillon 33:45; 28th Byron Cipa 34:25; (**Team 1st – 77 points**); 36th Graham Pritchard M50 35:16; 46th Barry Smith M45 36:10; 51st James Blogg M45 36:25; 68th Jason Crispin M45 37:40; 86th Matt Bland M55 39:00; 95th John Barker M60 39:38; 111th Will Kirk M50 40:20; 120th Gary Atkins M55 41:28. **Teams:** 1st Havering 77; 2nd Southend 85; 3rd Colchester H 172. **Veterans Teams (four to score):** TBC.

Senior Women: 1st Kate O'Neill 22:11; 8th Robyn Matson W35 25:15; 16th Morgan Campbell W35 27:10; 36th Rosie Warner U20 29:37; (**Team 1st – 61 points**); 50th Grace Tilson U20 30:32; 104th Clare Rudgley W50 35:06; 122nd Tracy O'Neill W60 37:17; **Div. 1 Teams:** 1st Havering 61; 2nd Leigh on Sea 82; 3rd Colchester H 103
[Note: Basildon 22 points – Div 2]

Under 18 Men: 7th Aidan Doherty 22:47; 13th Sean Mugagga 23:21; 17th Joe Sewell 23:40; (**Team 3rd 37 points**); 18th Oliver Rushworth 23:43; 28th Aidan Fairfax 24:35; 33rd Liam Battrum 25:11; **Teams:** 1st Basildon 15; 2nd Colchester & T 27; 3rd Havering 37

Under 18 Women: 3rd Poppy Vines 26:45; 22nd Annabelle Kirk 30:40; 23rd Ruby Beasley 30:45; (**Team 5th – 48 points**) 28th Evie Green 35:37 **Teams:** 1st SS Athletics 16; 2nd Brentwood Beagles 29; 3rd Basildon 41 ... 5th Havering 48

Under 16 Boys: 14th Callum Millard Jennings 16:32; 15th Cruz Carvell 16:36; 25th Thomas Swan 17:10; 26th Harrison Sewell 17:14; (**Team 3rd - 80 points**); 27th George Smith 17:16; 41st Luke Brewington 18:12; 43rd George Biggane 18:17; 56th Archie Bright 19:34; 57th Cameron Smith 19:34; 58th Jack Rushworth 19:45; 62nd James Campbell 20:42; 63rd Alexander Hutchinson 20:46; 68th Ethan Mugagga 27:35 **Teams:** 1st Basildon 24; 2nd Chelmsford 53; 3rd Havering 80.

Under 16 Girls: 32nd Isobel Harding 21:24; 34th Esther Oyemike 21:35; 50th Lucy Jenkinson-Smith 27:45 ; (**Team 7th – 116 (3) points**) **Teams:** 1st Brentwood Beagles 35; 2nd Colchester H 48; 3rd Basildon 53; ... Havering 116 (3).

Under 14 Boys: 17th Parker Swaisland 11:47; 29th James Fenn 12:04; 32nd Joseph Legg 12:05; 41st Finley Brennan 12:38; (**Team 8th – 119 points**) 46th Joseph Wakeling 12:53; 61st Samuel Herrera 13:44; 65th Alexander Ivanov 13:52; 67th Albie Cossey-Atkins 14:03; 74th Arjun Midha 15:43; **Teams:** 1st SS Athletics 42; 2nd Colchester & Tendring 54; 3rd Southend 55 ... 8th Havering 119.

Under 14 Girls: 9th Darcy Davies 12:34; 14th Molly Jenkinson Smith 13:03; 21st Florence White 13:30; 38th Charlotte Adams 14:38 (**Team 4th – 82 points**). 39th Abigail Ridley-Moy 14:41; 41st Violetta Campbell 14:48; 53rd Ina Johnson 15:27; **Teams:** 1st Brentwood Beagles 22; 2nd SS Athletics 29; 3rd Chelmsford 70; 4th Havering 82;

