



Essex Cross Country League – Round 1 – Hockley Sat 25th September

Havering teams started their cross country season with four wins and three second places after the Essex Cross Country League resumed after it's COVID enforced layoff at Hockley on Saturday.

Havering **Senior Men** carried on their great form as they were led home by a superb run from Grant Twist in second, with four athletes in the top eleven - Rob Warner was very good 5th with James Stewart following not far behind in an excellent 8th and one of the stars of the race was Under 20 Alex Ford in his first senior race finishing in 11th. Kieran O'Hara 15th and John Whitehead 25th both ran well to complete the scoring six.

The squad had a great turn out with sixteen runners toeing the line. Rob Trevor 27th had a good run with Steve Rand 39th and Jason Crispin 45th not far behind. Tom Keevil 56th, Gary Atkins 62nd, John Barker 88th, Roy James 92nd and Tony Collins 110th completed the winning Havering contingent. The **veteran men** (Rob Warner, Rob Trevor, Steve Rand & Jason Crispin) also got their campaign off to a winning start.

The **Under 17 & Under 20 Women** also got their season off to a winning start as Maddie Barker, Sydney Foley and Natalie Sewell packed well in fourth, fifth and sixth and Hannah Yexley's ninth place ensured victory. The **Under 15 Boys** edged out Southend for victory. Daniel Lammas and Oliver Taylor-Bush were fourth and fifth, and Nathan Hart in 14th and Michael Tesi, one place back, kept the team in front as Finley Wolton and Charlie Burgess were 17th & 18th. Six more boys competed as Toby Johnson and Joseph Gray were 21st and 22nd, Sean Langan 26th and brothers Waleed and Wael Kabuye 30th & 31st.

The **Senior women** started their title defence with runners up spot. Ginte Bailey was an impressive third and Morgan Campbell a good seventh. Emily James, in her first senior race, and Clare Rudgley completed the scorers in 41st and 52nd with debutant Charlie Yexley n 53rd, Tracy O'Neil in 55th and team manager Jane Hallam completing the line up in 63rd. The **Under 17 Men** also started the season well in second as Matthew Blacklock (5th), Charlie Howell 10th, Shane Hart (11th) and 14th placed Max Robbins were the scorers, with Finley Wolton and Charlie Burgess in 17th & 18th also in action. Freddie Rowe led from start to finish for the second placed **Under 13 Boys** squad. Jude Hearn (12th), William Tilson (13th) and Ethan Carroll (15th) just edged out Southend for second placed.

Both the **Under 13 Girls** and **Under 15 Girls** squads were lacking a scoring four. Abi Swan flew the flag for the Under 15s in 13th and Abi Rogers, Isabella Taylor-Bush and Jessica Page finished between 16th and 23rd for the Under 13s, with both squads hoping that more of their colleagues will join them in later fixtures.





Essex Cross Country League – Round 1 – Results

Senior Men: 2nd Grant Twist; 5th Rob Warner M40; 8th James Stewart; 11th Alex Ford (U20); 15th – Kieran O’Hara; 25th – John Whitehead (**Team 1st – 66 points**); 27th – Rob Trevor M40; 39th Steve Rand M45; 45th Jason Crispin M40; 56th – Tom Keevil; 62nd Gary Atkins M50, 72nd – Steve Walker M50; 88th – John Barker M55; 92nd – Roy James M50; 110th – Tony Collins M40. **Teams:** 1st Havering – 66; 2. Southend 115; 3rd: Orion 237.
Veterans Teams (four to score): 1st Havering – 116; 2. Ilford 156; 3rd: Orion 218.

Senior Women: 3rd Ginte Bailey; 7th Morgan Campbell; 41st Emily James; 52nd Clare Rudgley W45 (**Team 2nd – 103 points**); 53rd Charlie Yexley W45; 55th Tracy O’Neill; 63rd – Jane Hallam W50. **Div 1 Teams:** 1st. Southend 37; 2nd Havering – 103; 3rd: Billericay 138. **Veterans Teams (three to score):** 8th Havering – 168

Under 17 Men: 5th – Matthew Blacklock; 10th Charlie Howell; 11th Shane Hart; 14th Max Robbins; (**Team 2nd – 40 points**); 17th – Finley Wolton; 18th – Charlie Burgess. **Teams:** 1st. Chelmsford 21; 2nd Havering – 40; 3rd: Southend 35 (3 runners).

Under 17 / Under 20 Women: 4th – Maddie Barker; 5th Sydney Foley U20; 6th Natalie Sewell; 9th – Hannah Yexley; (**Team 1st – 24 points**). **Teams:** 1st. Havering 24; 2nd Chelmsford 32; 3rd: Southend 51.

Under 15 Boys: 4th Daniel Lammas; 5th Oliver Taylor-Bush; 14th Nathan Hart; 15th Michael Tesi; (**Team 1st – 38 points**); 17th Finley Wolton; 18th Charlie Burgess; 21st Toby Johnson; 22nd Joseph Gray; 26th Sean Langan; 30th Waleed Kabuye; 31st Wael Kabuye **Teams:** 1st. Havering – 38; 2nd Southend 40; 3rd Chelmsford 59

Under 15 Girls: 13th – Abigail Swan (**Team 9th**);

Under 13 Boys: 1st – Freddie Rowe; 12th Jude Hearn; 13th William Tilson; 15th Ethan Carroll; (**Team 2nd – 41 points**); 17th – Finley Wolton; 18th – Charlie Burgess. **Teams:** 1st. Chelmsford 19; 2nd Havering – 41; 3rd: Southend 41).

Under 13 Girls: 16th – Abigail Rogers; 20th Isabella Taylor-Bush; 23rd – Jessica Page. (**Team 6th**)



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