



## **Essex Cross Country Relays – Weald Park Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Havering excelled with four team golds, a silver and three bronze medals as the Essex Cross Country relays held in heavy rain at Weald Park on Saturday.**

The **Under 17 Women** started the medals rolling in the opening race, the combined U13-U15-U17 Girls' event. Maddie Barker led on the opening leg and Hannah Yexley extended the lead before Natalie Sewell's anchor leg was the fastest in the age group. The B trio of Freya Long, Isobel O'Connor and newcomer Kizzie Leadbitter were just outside the medals in fourth. The **Under 15 Girls** added to the medal tally with bronze as Charlotte and Hannah Evans returned to action after illness, and Abigail Swan completed the trio, as the B team placed ninth. The **Under 13 Girls** were eighth thanks to legs from Scarlett Woods, Emily Quinlan and Abigail Rogers, with the B team tenth.

The second race was even more successful with two golds and two bronzes for the boys' teams. The **Under 15 Boys** came from behind for victory as Jack West's opener placed them third, Olly Taylor-Bush moved them up to joint second and Daniel Lammas' last leg sealed gold. The B team were fifth with the C & D teams seventh and ninth. The **Under 13 Boys** led all the way for victory as Findlay McLaren headed the first leg pack home handing to Shea Sweeney who extended the lead as Freddie Rowe ran the fastest leg in the age group to come home with gold. The B team of Jude Hearn, Aidan Doherty and Liam Battrum added bronze. The **Under 17 Men** also won bronze as Matthew Blacklock led off, Shane Hart put them in medal contention and Dan Peters brought them home in third, with the B team of Charlie Howell, Owen Fisher and Max Robbins one place back in fourth.

The heavens opened for final race of the afternoon, for the senior teams. The **Senior Men** won for the fourth time in succession. Alex Ford had a great run to bring the A team home in third place, James Stewart handed over to Rob Warner in the same position. Rob's fine run brought the team up to second with the leading runner in sight before Grant Twist overhauled the leader in the first 200m, powering on to clock the fastest time of the day to bring the team home in a fantastic first place. The senior men had another four teams with the B team of Kieran O'Hara, John Whitehead, Sam Atkins and Rob Trevor nearly challenging for medals, finishing seventh. The C team of Louis Berrett, Jason Crispin, Ian Anthony, and Gary Atkins were 15<sup>th</sup>, the D team of John Barker, Graham Hogan, Steve Walker and Tony Pecoraro 20<sup>th</sup> and reshuffled E team (Martin Chester, Tony Collins, Jon Hart and Gary Robbins) placed 20<sup>th</sup>.

The final medal went to the **Senior Women**. Ginte Bailey came home in second on the first leg, behind Basildon's scorching opener from Gemma Kersey. Morgan Campbell maintained the position and Lauren Deadman in her return to cross country action reduced the deficit with the second fastest leg of the day to confirm silver. Sydney Foley, Morgan Romain and Sophie Rand were a good fifth and the third team of Robyn Matson, Tracy O'Neill and Clare Rudgey were eighth of the 28 finishers.

## **RESULTS: Essex Cross Country Relays – Weald Park Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Senior Men: 1<sup>st</sup>** A Team 59:06 (Alex Ford U20 14:53; James Stewart 15:16; Rob Warner M40 14:58; Grant Twist 13:59) ; 7<sup>th</sup> B team 64:20 (Kieran O'Hara 16:01, John Whitehead 16:34, Sam Atkins 15:27, Rob Trevor 16:18) C Team 15<sup>th</sup> 71:42 (Louis Berrett U20 18:24, Jason Crispin M40 17:25; Ian Anthony M40 17:57, Gary Atkins M50 17:56), 20<sup>th</sup> D Team 75:18(John Barker 18:40, Graham Hogan 19:22, Steve Walker 19:02, Tony Pecoraro M55 18:14); 25<sup>th</sup> E Team (Martin Chester 17:22, Tony Collins M40 22:59, Jon Hart M40 21:48 Gary Robbins M45 27:46).

**Senior Women: 2<sup>nd</sup>** A Team **52:05** (Ginte Bailey W35 17:24; Morgan Campbell 17:57; Lauren Deadman W35 16:44) 5<sup>th</sup> - Team 2 60:29(Sydney Foley U20 17:55, Morgan Romain U20 22:43, Sophie Rand 19:51) 8<sup>th</sup> - Team 3 (Robyn Matson 18:41, Tracy O'Neill W55 24:41, Clare Rudgley W45 23:21),

**Under 17 Men: 3<sup>rd</sup>** A Team 31:27 (Matthew Blacklock 10:39; Shane Hart 10:32; Dan Peters 10:16); 4<sup>th</sup> B Team 32:25 (Charlie Howell 10:43, Owen Fisher 10:39, Max Robbins 11:03). Also: Finley Wolton 11:15, Charlie Burgess 11:24

**Under 17 Women: 1<sup>st</sup>** A Team 35:52 (Maddie Barker 11:46; Hannah Yexley 12:49, Natalie Sewell 11:17); 4<sup>th</sup> B Team 40:52 (Freya Long 13:13, Isobelle O'Connor 14:38, Kizzie Leadbitter 13:01).

**Under 15 Boys: 1<sup>st</sup>** A Team (Jack West 10:41, Oliver Taylor-Bush 10:42; Daniel Lammas 11:03); 5<sup>th</sup> B Team (Oscar Shearing 10:53, Ryan Carroll 11:15, Nathan Hart 11:44), 7<sup>th</sup> C Team (Toby Johnson 11:25, Joseph Gray 11:32, Sean Langan 11:24), 9<sup>th</sup> D Team 35:38 (Zach Higgins 11:56, Lochlan Dyer 11:56, Alfie Geeves 11:46). Also: Daniel Lesser 12:32

**Under 15 Girls: 3<sup>rd</sup>** A Team 37:57 (Hannah Evans 12:18, Abigail Swan 13:07, Charlotte Evans 12:32); 9<sup>th</sup> B Team 43:19 (Lucia Ward 15:06; Ruby Tillson 13:55, Maggie Smith 14:18). Also: Miriam Adebayo 15:43, Lucy Bacon 13:24

**Under 13 Boys: 1<sup>st</sup>** A Team 34:10 (Findlay McLaren 11:39, Shea Sweeney 11:37, Freddie Rowe 10:54); 3<sup>rd</sup> B Team 37:01 (Jude Hearn 12:25; Aidan Doherty 12:36, Liam Bartram 12:00); 8<sup>th</sup> C Team 39:01 (Harrison Palmer 12:18, Ethan Carroll 12:56, Sonnie Wright 13:47)

**Under 13 Girls: 8<sup>th</sup>** A Team 42:27 (Scarlett Woods 14:05, Emily Quinlan 14:14, Abigail Rogers 14:08); 10<sup>th</sup> B Team 46:00 (Jessica Page 14:41, Rose Hutcheon 16:13, Callie Ziepe 15:06). Also: Libby Ward 21:11; Isabella Taylor-Bush 14:12

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