



Essex Cross Country League – Round 2 – Basildon Sat 28th October

There was a stronger all-round performance from club teams at the second Essex Cross Country League fixtures took place at a hilly Gloucester Park, Basildon course on Saturday.

James Connor kept up his great start to the season with another dominant win in the **Senior Men's** race, pulling clear of the pack and going on to win by over 30 seconds. He was followed home by Ben Davis with another strong run to take fourth as Rob Warner had a good run to come home in tenth, as James Stewart 14th, Sam Atkins 26th and Kieran O'Hara 30th made up the scoring team who again placed second.

Will Kirk was next home in 51st with James Blogg 54th, Alfie Waithaka 55th and Ian Anthony 59th while Rob Trevor 72nd, Louis Berrett 80th, Luke Chester 83rd and Charlie Burgess 84th all made the top one hundred. Owen Fisher 118th and Tony Pecoraro 125th led home a group of Havering runners with Graham Hogan 144th, Matt Bland 145th, Michael O'Callaghan 146th, Steve Walker in 151st. Graham Pritchard 159th, Paul Berrett 186th and Roy James 195th rounded off the 23-strong Havering contingent.

The **Senior Women** finished third as Laureen Reed was fourth across the line, Morgan Campbell was 11th as Ginte Bailey and Robyn Matson finished 18th and 19th to complete the scoring four, as Clare Davies (37th) Rebecca O'Rourke (76th) and Clare Rudgley (87th) completed the line up.

Summer Smith once again dominated the **Under 13 Girls** race finishing just two seconds behind the boys' winner in the joint race and over a minute ahead of the other girls. Debutant Mia Wilson, Skye Eastman and Orlaith McLaren all finished between 23rd and 26th as the team again placed fourth.

The **Under 13 Boys** team had a much better performance as they finished second. Oliver West was fourth with Callum Millard-Jennings a much improved ninth as George Bangs (16th) and Logan Hunt (28th) made the scoring four on their league debuts. George Burgess and Michael Lesser were 32nd and 33rd, with Max Sillett 37th, Zach Binge 39th and William Millard 48th to complete the nine-strong squad.

Findlay McLaren was again third for the **Under 15 Boys** race with Shea Sweeney one place back in fourth. Liam Battrum (14th) and Ethan Carroll in 19th completed the scoring team, who placed second. Aidan Doherty was 20th but first round winner Freddie Rowe dropped out after the first lap with a knee problem.

The **Under 15 Girls** were fourth as Orla Friel placed fifth and Poppy Vines in 12th, Ruby Beasley (17th) and Abi Rogers in 23rd were the scorers. Scarlett Woods in 29th and Grace Tilson in 31st also competed.

The **Under 17 Women** again placed third as Hannah Evans led them home in fifth, as Madison Heil in seventh and Abigail Swan (13th) were the other scorers. Rosie Warner was 16th but Charlotte Evans dropped out with sore shins on the hilly course.

Jack West in 12th place was first home for the **Under 17 Men** followed by Ryan Carroll in 18th and Toby Johnson in 21st, with Daniel Lesser in 25th and Nathan Hart 28th.

Twins Elsie and Edie Smith were 13th and 21st in the **Under 11s** race held before the league programme.

League action follows thick and fast as Havering host round three at Writtle University on Saturday 4th November.

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Senior Men: 1st James Connor M40 29:45; 4th Ben Davis 30:31; 10th Rob Warner M40 30:49; 14th James Stewart 31:20; 26th Sam Atkins 32:29; 30th Kieran O'Hara 32:53; (**Team 2nd – 85 points**); 51st Will Kirk M45 34:37; 54th James Blogg M40 34:55; 55th Alfie Waitaha M40 35:11; 59th Ian Anthony M40 35:17; 72nd Rob Trevor M40 35:46; 80th Louis Berrett 36:06; 83rd Luke Chester 36:13; 84th Charlie Burgess U20 36:15; 118th Owen Fisher U20 38:51; 125th Tony Pecoraro M60 39:33; 136th Graham Hogan M45 40:08; 137th Matt Bland M55 40:11; 138th Michael O'Callaghan 40:13; 143rd Steve Walker M50 40:31; 151st Graham Pritchard M45 41:01; 178th Paul Berrett M60 43:09; 187th Roy James M50 43:37; **Teams:** 1st Southend 70; 2nd Havering 85; 3rd Orion 157. **League:** 1st Southend 2; 2nd Havering 4; 3rd Thurrock 7.

Senior Women: 4th Lauren Reed 29:24; 11th Morgan Campbell 30:47; 18th Ginte Bailey 31:52; 19th Robyn Matson 32:32; (**Team 3rd – 52 points**); 37th Clare Davies 34:30; 76th Rebecca O'Rourke U20 39:02; 87th Clare Rudgley W45 40:49; **Div. 1 Teams:** 1st Colchester H 38; 2nd Chelmsford 49; 3rd Havering 52 **League:** =1st Colchester H & Chelmsford 3; 3rd Havering 6

Under 17 Men: 12th Jack West 25:35; 18th Ryan Carroll 26:47; 21st Toby Johnson 27:23; (**Team 4th – 51 points**); 25th Daniel Lesser 27:46; 28th Nathan Hart 28:42. **Teams:** 1st Chelmsford 18; 2nd Basildon 21; 3rd Southend 28; 4th Havering 51 **League:** 1st Chelmsford 2; =2nd Basildon & Southend 5; =4th Havering & Ilford 11

Under 17 Women: 5th Hannah Evans 30:52; 7th Madison Heil 31:26; 13th Abigail Swan 33:04; (**Team 3rd – 25 points**). 16th Rosie Warner 34:36; --- Charlotte Evans DNF. **Teams:** 1st Southend 6; 2nd Colchester & Tendring 22; 3rd Havering 25. **League:** 1st Southend 2; 2nd Colchester & Tendring 4; 3rd Havering 6.

Under 15 Boys: 3rd Findlay McLaren 15:51; 4th Shea Sweeney 16:13; 14th Liam Battrum 17:17; 19th Ethan Carroll 18:39; (**Team 2nd - 40 points**); 20th Aidan Doherty 18:53; -- Freddie Rowe DNF. **Teams:** 1st Chelmsford 31; 2nd Havering 40; 3rd Ilford 65; **League** 1st Chelmsford 2; 2nd Havering 4; =3rd Harlow, Ilford & Southend 8

Under 15 Girls: 5th Orla Friel 17:37; 12th Poppy Vines 20:05; 17th Ruby Beasley 21:30; 23rd Abi Rogers 22:40; (**Team 4th – 57 points**) 29th Scarlett Woods 24:09; 31st Grace Tilson 24:35; **Teams:** 1st Brentwood Beagles 15; 2nd Basildon 49; 4th Havering 57; **League:** 1st Brentwood Beagle 2; 2nd Basildon 5; 3rd Southend 6; 4th Havering 7

Under 13 Boys: 4th Oliver West 12:20; 9th Callum Millard-Jennings 12:40; 16th George Bangs 13:06; 28th Logan Hunt 13:55 (**Team 2nd – 57 points**) 32nd George Burgess 13:59; 33rd Michael Lesser 14:00; 37th Max Sillett 14:31; 39th Zachary Binge 14:59; 48th William Millard 18:36. **Teams:** 1st Basildon 16; 2nd Havering 57; 3rd SS Athletics 83. **League:** 1st Basildon 2; 2nd Havering 6; 3rd Colchester & T 7

Under 13 Girls: 1st Summer Smith 11:45; 23rd Mia Wilson 15:42; 24th Skye Eastman 16:15; 26th Orlaith McLaren 16:52; (**Team 4th – 74 points**). **Teams:** 1st Chelmsford 14; 3rd Basildon 67; 3rd Brentwood Beagles 73; 4th Havering 82 ; **League:** 1st Chelmsford 2; =2nd Basildon & Brentwood Beagles 5; 4th Havering 8

Under 11 Girls: 13th Elsie Smith 8:13; 21st Edie Smith 9:05

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