

WINDSOR SLOUGH ETON & HOUNSLOW AC

PRESS REPORT

APEX SPORTS CHILTERN CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

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The third race in the Apex sports Chiltern Cross Country League saw WSEH athletes travelling to Culham, Oxford to race over new and unfamiliar territory. What greeted them was hilly terrain over a course previously used for Moto Cross, treacherous underfoot with muddy and heavily rutted sections. The conditions however did not seem to deter the WSEH athletes who produced some excellent team and individual results.

In the Senior Mens Race, newcomer Owain Jones continued his spectacular improvement to take second place in 31m38secs. Steve Kimber, the one WSEH athlete who had raced the course before, used his local knowledge to finish 6th in 33m23. Charlie Coleman was in close touch with his 8th place in 33m47. Ian May had his first 'top ten' placing in the series with his 9th place in 33m42, the first Under 20 athlete home. 800m international James McIlroy, set off in the lead, and had opened up a 50m gap before the hills got to him and he faded to 10th in 33m49. Tim Haughian had his customary steady run to place 17th in 34m26. Tim Hyde was on his heels with his 20th place in 34m50. Oliver Laederach made his debut for the local club in 33rd place in 35m35. First of the WSEH veteran athletes home was Roy Temple, 65th in 38m33. Another vet Bob Fuller completed the WSEH scoring team in 104th place in 41m32.

Other WSEH finishers were: 123rd Rob Briggs(V50) 43m02, 133rd Paul Ashby(V40) 44m05, 158th Wal Wesselly (V60) 47m35, 162nd Ian Marmont 48m20

Team Result: 1. Bedford 1700pts, 2. WSEH 1648pts, 3. Harrow AC 1640pts

The Under 17 Mens race saw Nathan White improve to 2nd in 23m11. Tom Barbour showed better form to finish 7th in 24m14 and Alex Tovey was 12th in 25m15. Luke Turton completed the WSEH team in 17th place in 25m56. The other WSEH finisher was Laurie Fox, 26th in 30m40.

Team Result: 1. Bedford 107pts, 2. WSEH 86pts, 3. Harrow 82pts.

Just three WSEH athletes faced the starter in the Under 15 Boys Race and first home was Lewis Sloan in 11th place in 15m52. The quietly improving Callum Calvert was 15th in 16m32 and Luke Porter was 23rd in 17m44.

Team Result: 1. Luton 122pts, 2. Harrow 91pts, 3. Chiltern 86pts, 5. WSEH 65pts

The situation was even worse in the Under 13 Boys event where WSEH could only muster 2 athletes. James Bennington was the best of the duo in 10th place in 10m33, with Ricky Harvie 21st in 11m04.

There was encouragement however in the Under 11 Boys race where Kieron Wye repeated his victory at Luton, last time out, leading the WSEH to a team win. Newcomer Ed Gumpert made a solid debut with his 8th place in 7m11. Andrew Lane was 15th in 7m25 and Henry Gunn 30th in 7m55. Another new boy Chris Smee was 31st in 7m58

Supervet Paula Fudge led the WSEH team home in the Senior Ladies Race finishing 6th in 29m51. Another WSEH vet Alison Bathie was 11th in 30m16 and it was good to see Nicky Tribe back racing again in 12th place in 30m38. Annelise Tomlinson completed the WSEH team in 16th place in 31m27.

Other WSEH finishers: 20th Pippa Callingham 32m56, 23rd Yolanda Edwards 33m05 25th Leigh James 33m12. 36th Sue Tansey 36m56

Team Result: 1. M.Keynes 163pts, 2. WSEH 155pts. 3. Chiltern 137pts.

Current League positions after 3 matches (2 matches remaining):

Bedford & County	8755pts
Milton Keynes	8166
WSEH	7680
Harrow	7308
Vale of Aylesbury	6258
Oxford City	5764
Chiltern Harriers	5447
Luton AC	5346
Headington Runners	4958
Watford Harriers	4863
Bracknell	4628
Dacorum & Tring	3970
Leighton Buzzard	3307
Bearbrook Joggers	2992

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