

WSEH PRESS REPORT

APEX CHILTERN CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

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It was a mixed bag of results for WSEH in the second of the Apex Sports Chiltern League Div 1 match at Luton on Saturday, with some good individual and team results countered by a shortage of athletes in some of the races due to fixture clashes.

Senior Mens Race

Former Junior Cross Country International led the charge for WSEH, coming home third in 27m48. Newcomer Owain Jones showed what an asset he will become by racing into 5th place in 28m07. Tim Haughian had his best run to date to finish 19th overhauling a flagging Ian May in the last half mile, May finishing a highly creditable 25th (6th in the U20 age group) in 30m18. There was a big gap before the next flurry of WSEH athletes appeared. Veteran athletes were to the fore. Roy Temple was 84th in 33m52, Dave Huck 101st in 34m50, Ian Marmont 103rd in 34m52, Bob Fuller 106th in 34m56. James Cotton, another U20 athlete making his comeback, was 110th in 35m02 and another veteran Mick Hill completed the team in 125th place in 35m38.

Other WSEH finishers were: Sean Franks 138th/36m24, Rob Briggs 142nd/36m31 and Tim Martin 180th/39m08.

Team Result: 1. Bedford & County 2125, 2.M.Keynes 1939, 3. Harrow 1913
6. WSEH 1609

Senior Ladies Race

Best of the WSEH Senior Ladies was former England cross country international Carolyn Dickie, having her best run for a while, in 4th place in 22m34. Super vet Paula Fudge kept up the pressure in 8th place in 23m17, whilst another vet Alison Bathie looked to be coming back to form with her 12th place in 23m54. Annelise Tomlinson completed the scoring team in 19th place in 24m45.

Other WSEH finishers were: Leigh James 26th/25m28, Yolanda Edwards 29th/25m47, Pippa Callingham 37th/26m53, Sue Tansey 42nd/27m16, Lucy Roe 44th/27m41, Pauline Siddons 65th/30m49

Team Result: 1. M.Keynes 279, 2.WSEH 265, 3. Headington Runners 259.

Under 17 Men

Nathan White is gradually getting back to his best form, finishing 4th in 19m33. Alex Tovey was close on his heels for 6th in 19m47. Tom Barbour is going through a bad patch at present and was back in 18th spot in 21m20, just holding off Luke Turton who was 20th in 21m44. The other WSEH finisher was Cameron Smart, 30th in 22m32.

Team Result: 1. Harrow 129, 2. Bedford 122, 3. M.Keynes 109, 4th WSEH 106

Under 17 Ladies

Close packing by the WSEH U17 Ladies still could not prevent a team win by Bedford & County AC who had the 1st and second individuals home. WSEH were led in by Melissa Bennington, 6th in 19m00. Rachel Stedman, 8th in 19m17 and Andea Fox, 10th in 19m29 were close at hand.

Other WSEH finishers were: Faith – Louise Smith 20th/20m29, Jessica Ferrett 28th/21m15, Leanne Fuller 31st/21m25 and Louise Sams 42nd/26m46

Team Result: 1. Bedford 121, 2.WSEH 106, 3. Dacorum & Tring 101.

Under 15 Boys

A fixture clash with a schools race reduced the WSEH team to just two runners. Matt Mooney was 28th in 19m22 and Luke Porter 32nd in 19m49.

Team Result: 1. M.Keynes 153, 2. Luton 127, 3. Bedford 131. 10. WSEH 32.

Under 15 Girls

Some good running from the WSEH U15 Girls made up for the disappointing showing from the Boys. Katie Trehwella maintained her pole position in the squad with her 7th place in 14m45. Laura Burke was next to appear in 8th place in 14m56, chased by Melissa Hack, 10th in 14m58 and Emily Barrett had perhaps her best run to date to close the winning team in 16th place in 15m09.

Other WSEH finishers: Sophie McKenna 29th/15m41, Emma Castle 34th/16m13, Sophie Purkis 46th/17m28, Danielle Kerby 49th/18m01, Sarah Phelps 53rd /18m42

Team Result: 1. WSEH 175, 2. Bedford 175, 3. Oxford 145.

Under 13 Boys

A disappointing turn out saw the U13 WSEH Boys squad short of a team. Best of the duo was Ricky Harvey 14th in 11m06 with Tom Statters 40th in 12m45.

Team Result: 1.M.Keynes 179, 2. Bedford 162, 3. Bracknell 160, 9. WSEH 52.

Under 13 Girls

In contrast the U13 Girls was better supported by WSEH athletes. First home was Naomi Barbour in 10th place in 11m55. She was followed home by Christina Hall, 26th in 12m40, with Verity Kyley in touch in 31st place in 12m55. and Tiffany Jones 32nd in 12m57.

Other WSEH finishers: Kerry Gorman 63rd/15m13, Alice Smallworth 64th/15m18.

Team Result: 1. Oxford 229, 2. Bracknell 223, 3. M.Keynes 212, 6. WSEH 189

Under 11 Boys

The race was a triumph for Kieran Wye, scoring his first victory in the series, with a time of 6m49. Andrew Lane was 18th in 7m31 and Harry Reynolds 26th in 7m36.

Team Result: 1. Linton School 170, 2, Wycombe Phoenix 160, 3. WSEH 159.

Under 11 Girls

Chloe Allen was by far the best of the WSEH trio with her 4th place in 7m17. Newcomers C.Sidhu and S. Clitheroe were 56th and 67th respectively.

Team Result: 1. Chiltern Harriers 224, 2. M.Keynes 217, 3. Shaftesbury Barnet 211, 12. WSEH 131.

Next Saturday WSEH are in action in the Berks Bucks & Oxon Cross Country Champs at The Berks Agricultural College, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead.