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BERKS BUCKS & OXON CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEWBURY RACECOURSE – SAT NOV 17th

There were medals galore for the relatively few WSEH athletes that contested the Berks Bucks & Oxon Cross Country Championships at Newbury Racecourse on Saturday. The race itself is the oldest event of its kind in the winter calendar first being staged in 1911.

Just two WSEH athletes faced the starter in the Senior Mens Race but quality told and they emerged with gold and silver medals. Steve Kimber led the way over the 5 mile course, winning in 30m59 secs from Alex Tovey who clocked 31m08. Tovey also claimed a gold award as the first Under 20 athlete to finish.

The combined Senior/U20/U17 ladies race was better supported by WSEH athletes. Best of the bunch proved to be 16 year old Rachel Steadman who finished in 7th place, taking gold as the first U17 athlete to cross the line, ahead of her coach, supervet Paula Fudge who was 12th with another 16 year old Louise Lingley in 14th place to also claim the bronze team medals. Fudge also was awarded the bronze medal for the 3rd vet athlete home. Other finishers were Kvuta Kroulikova making her club debut in 17th place, Melissa Hack 37th and vet Ruth Lingley 50th.

There were gold awards for the WSEH Under 17 Mens team. Nick Lingley took an individual silver with his time of 21m42. Jonathan Naish was 7th in 22m38 and Cameron Smart completed the team scoring in 11th spot. Other WSEH finishers were 14th Luke Porter and 18th John Newton

There were just two WSEH athletes in the Under 15 Boys event. Lewis Sloan was 5th in 14m01 and James Bennington 8th in 14m44.

Bex Myers took her first title in winning the Under 15 girls race in 14m02. Emily Barrett was 7th in 14m44 and Naomi Barbour secured silver team medals with her 12th place in 15m14. Other WSEH finishers were: 20th Verity Kyley, 21st Sophie McKenna, 26th Katie Trevatt and 27th Kerry Gorman.

WSEH also took the bronze team medals in the Under 13 Boys race. Jay Fieldmartin led the way with his 6th place in 13m58, with Ricky Harvie on his heels in 7th in 14m02. Michael Lane completed the team in 14th place. Other WSEH scorers were 17th James Porter, 18th Harry Reynolds and 23rd Rhys Bunker.

There were more bronze team medals in the Under 13 Girls Race where Emma Croft led the WSEH team home taking the individual bronze medal. Christina Hall was 8th and Rosie Adams 15th. Other WSEH finishers were 17th Ellie Wallis, 20th Kirsty Butler, and 27th Katie Calvert.

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