

**WINDSOR SLOUGH ETON & HOUNSLOW AC**  
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**SOUTH OF ENGLAND ROAD RELAYS**  
**RUSHMOOR ARENA ALDERSHOT**

With Hayley Yelling contesting the Great North Run ( 5<sup>th</sup> placed – 2<sup>nd</sup> UK athlete home after Paula Radcliffe), WSEH had a somewhat makeshift team comprising 2 Senior athletes and 2 veterans for the Senior Womens 4 stage Road Relay at Rushmoor Arena on Sunday. Sophie Morris led the local club off in style, coming home with a 200m lead on the first leg with a time of 12m20, the second fastest of the day. Super vet Paulas Fudge battled hard to hold her position but had to give ground, finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place in 15m00. Jane Clarke moved the club back into medal contention on the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg with her 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 14m10. Veteran Dee Smale ran with spirit but had to let the medal chance slip away, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in 15m02.

The WSEH B team of Lucy Stone (15m15), Mary Edwards (15m05), Yolanda Edwards (16m21) and Shelayna Oskan (15m40) finished in 25<sup>th</sup> spot, the 5<sup>th</sup> placed B team. There was an incomplete C team with Lucy Roe clocking 16m14 and mother Ed Roe 18m52.

The Senior Mens Team, contested the 6 stage Road Relay the previous day, and had similar problems in fielding their best team. As it was a squad of 5 Juniors and just one Senior faced the starter. Nathan White led off coming home in 22<sup>nd</sup> place in 19m01. Tim Haughian slipped 5 places on Leg 2 with his 20m23, Gary Taylor made his first winter debut after a couple of years absence and handed over in 33<sup>rd</sup> place in 21m18. WSEH were now out of the reckoning to qualify for the National Road Relay later this month but with strong runners to come, hopes were still high at making the cut. It was not to be as Ian May had a recurrence of his mystery problem, unable to move his arms, though he did hold 33<sup>rd</sup> position with his 20m36 clocking. The problems were compounded on the next leg when Alex Tovey suffered severe stomach cramps that slowed him to 21m44, but slipping just one place. Vince Bangs on the last leg held his place in 34<sup>th</sup> in a time of 20m52. There was an incomplete B Team, Luke Turton clocking 22m05 and Rodger Hughes 22m07.

The WSEH Under 17 Girls squad looked medal contenders in their race when Rachel Stedman brought the team home in 5<sup>th</sup> place on the opening leg with 11m14,. Louise Lingley held her position on the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg with 11m42 but Lauren Murtagh, thrust into the A team at late notice, not surprisingly slipped to 15<sup>th</sup> in 13m22. There were two WSEH runners in an incomplete b team, Danielle Kerby clocking 13m35 and Sophie Purkis 13m27.

In contrast the Under 17 Boys team were never in the medal hunt but there was some consistent running from the quartet. Nick Lingley faced the starter and clocked 13.39 on the opening leg for 29<sup>th</sup> place. Jonathan Naish moved up 6 places to 23<sup>rd</sup> with his time of 13m27. Luke Porter lost some ground to 26<sup>th</sup> with his 14m38 but Cameron Smart clawed back the lost ground to retake 23<sup>rd</sup> spot on the final leg with his 13m30. John Newton was the lone B team runner, clocking 16m45.

The Under 15 Girls were out in force with three complete teams but again were never medal contestants. Bex Myers led the A team off with her 11m44 for 24<sup>th</sup> place. Laura Burke raised hopes with a good run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, pulling up to 12<sup>th</sup> in 11m38, The final leg saw the gains slip away, Emily Barrett clocking 12m28 for 20<sup>th</sup> place.

The B team were the 4<sup>th</sup> placed B team, finishing the race in 27<sup>th</sup> place. The trio were Lois Bond (11m58), Naomi Barbour (12m08) and Sophie McKenna(12m35).. The C team were the third placed C team, finishing in 45<sup>th</sup> place. Sophie Daniels clocked 12m54, Jo-Ling Chew 14m01 and Verity Kyley 13m47. There was one lone D team runner, Kerry Gorman clocking 14m17.

In contrast to the good turn out by the U15 Girls, The Under 15 Boys found themselves with an incomplete team. James Bennington led off with 10m45, George Gunn clocked 11m13 and Lewis Sloan 10m02.

The Under 13 Girls were also out in force with 3 teams facing the gun. Christina Hall was away first for the A team, coming home in 26<sup>th</sup> place in 9m21. Chloe Allen moved up 5 places with her time of 9m28 and Emma Croft proved the fastest of the trio with her clocking of 9m02 for 15<sup>th</sup> place. For the B team, Rosie Adams clocked 9m41, Tiffany Jones 10m25, and Chantal Jones 10m37 for 36<sup>th</sup> place. The C team were 44<sup>th</sup>, Kirstie Butler on 10m38, Lottie Smith 11m33 and Maddie Mellish 10m21

Medal hopes for the strong Under 13 Boys team were dashed when their top runner withdrew. Sam Jago had a super run on the opening leg to hand over in 8<sup>th</sup> place with 11m08. David De Vlliers also impressed with his 11m41 to hold the place. Harry Reynolds gave ground however to 10<sup>th</sup> in 12m11 regained by Ricky Harvey with his 11m09 on the final leg The B team were 25<sup>th</sup>, James Porter timed at 12m26, Andrew Lane 12m25, Jay Brickell 12m46 and Michael Lane 13m18.

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