

Young Athletes Road Relay Championships At Leeds Met Carnegie campus

After a warm sunny Saturday for the senior event, the Y. A, championships had a cooler and cloudier day for their event. The testing course was the same as the men did the day before, only one 1 lap not two, and the Under 17 had an extra 500 M added.

Under 13 Girls; 3 legs,each 3K.

The first race of the day and as with most of the other races, the 1 st leg produced the fastest time. It was Derby's Danielle Booth in 10.42 th, but only just with Blackpool Wyre and Fylde's Molly Betmead just 1 second behind, and Chester Le Street a full 5 seconds back, with Warrington 4th. The second leg saw Warrington move from 4th to 1st, a position they were not to lose, and Blackpool remaining 2nd, Chester Le Street 3rd and Gateshead 4th. However the big movers on the leg were Salford Met, who moved up 13 places into 5th. The final leg had no change in the first two teams, but Liverpool produced the 3rd fastest time as they moved into that bronze team position, ahead of Salford Met, and Liverpool B team.

Under 15 Girls; 3 legs,each 3K

The girls also produced the fastest time in the first leg, with Hackett of Hallamshire Harriers recording 10.10, East Cheshire 2nd , and Rotherham 3rd. Vale Royal produced all the fireworks in the second leg as Jade Evans took them from 13th to 2nd, ahead of Rotherham, and Kingston upon Hull remained 4th. Hallamshire Harriers remained in the gold medal position in the final leg, but Kingston upon Hull moved ahead of Vale Royal, and into 2nd place. Vale Royal were 3rd , but only just, as the Lincoln Wellington unleashed Bo Heywood on their last leg, and she recorded the 4 th fastest time 10.29, but just could not catch that final podium position.

Under 17 Women; 3 legs,each 3.5K

East Cheshire were the early leaders winning both the first two legs, with Wakefield, then Vale Royal behind them. However the team selection of Vale Royal proved the more rewarding as Megan Huxley, bucked the trend and produced the fastest time, 11.17 to take her team into the gold medal position, ahead of East Cheshire, with Lincoln Wellington 3rd, and Preston moving into 4th place.

Under 13 Boys, 3 legs each 3k

Jack Crabtree, East Cheshire, produced the only sub 10 minutes time, to finish ahead of Warrington, followed by Sunderland. Leg 2 saw Liverpool Harriers move up three places, but the big movers were Chester Le Street, 9th to 5th and Vale Royal's Elliot Barker 10.18, pulled his team up from 10th to 2nd. Warrington held on to 1 st position, but Chester Le Street passed Vale Royal and into 2nd spot, with Preston Harriers just out of the medals in 4th place.

Under 15 Boys 3 legs each 3k.

Wirral produced the fastest time in this age group with Nick Jones being timed at 9.10, James Lanswood, Kingston upon Hull, was however only 2 seconds behind him, with St Helens 3rd. On the 2 nd leg the tactical moves of both the Sale and Trafford team manager were beginning to have their desired effect. Sale moved up to 6th and Trafford to 4th, Wirral dropped to 5th and were replaced as leaders by East Cheshire, Leon Gregory, timed at 9.36.

Leg 3 saw Sale move through the pack as Chris McGahan clocked 9.25 and into the gold medal position, quickly followed by Trafford, up from 6th to 2nd and just 4 seconds behind

their close rivals. Kingston upon Hull must have been concerned as 2 clubs went past him, but he held on for a deserved bronze medal, ahead of a fast finishing Wirral team.

Under 17 Men 3 legs each 3.5k

As Leeds City keep on winning the senior men's title, you would expect then to have a talented team in this age group, and although not winning I suspect they were pleased with their bronze medals. Another fast start and close finish with Sam Atkin of Lincoln Wellington back first in 9.27, just 4 seconds ahead of Derby's Ben Connor, and St Helens Sutton 3rd. The 2nd leg had the leading 2 teams switch places, but the major mover was Sale as they went from 14th to 3rd, with Leeds City 4th. Derby finished in the gold medal position, with Lincoln Wellington 2nd. However Leeds City edged into that last podium place as the moved up 1 place with Warrington also moving up from 8th to 4th.

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