

## **Northern Athletics Young Athletes Road Relays Championships 2010**

### **Under 13 Girls 3 x 2800 Metres.**

With a prompt 11-30 start the under 13 girls lined up on the track with an impressive 40 teams. As they started the Autumn road relays, with a flat and fast course the leaders were expected to be under 11 minutes, and sure enough Elizabeth Greenwood of Blackburn finished in 10,21 minutes. Behind her by 10 seconds was Sophie Tanver, Wirral, with Zoe Tynan, Liverpool, a further 10 seconds back, and Warrington close behind.

#### Leg 2

Blackburn moved off the pace, set by Anna Rowe, Liverpool, but Warrington were just about hanging on as they were pulled through by the Liverpool athlete. Moston were the biggest movers close to the front with Sophie Hill pulling up 7 places to 4th, whilst gains of 14 places by Kingston and 12 places by Preston, only placed them in the top 10.

Fastest time of the leg Anna Rowe, Liverpool 11.12

#### Leg 3

Liverpool had a 17 second lead over Warrington at the start of leg 3, and this was slowly stretched by Sophia Brennan on leg 3. Warrington remained safe in the silver position but behind these two Moston and Stockport were battling for that final podium position. Moston had pulled up one place, but Stockport were on a real charge pulling up 4 places, but could not catch the red Moston vest, for 3rd place

Fastest Time of the leg Sophia Brennan 10.31

Fastest time overall Elizabeth Greenwood Blackburn 10.21 minutes.

1st team Liverpool Harriers 32.24 2nd team Warrington A.C. 33:00 3rd Moston & District 34.06

**Under 13 Boys 3 x 2800 M.** Starting just 5 minutes after the girls the boys was a much closer finish with just 16 seconds covering the first 6 athletes. First back was Daniel Evans of Warrington, one of only 2 boys to get under 10 minutes, with Derby, Sale, Vale Royal, Preston and Wakefield all close.

#### Leg 2

Sale and Vale Royal had established first and second place, but behind them Wakefield had Ben Read gaining 3 places into 3rd place. Further back there were big moves for the Sale B team with Charles Dowell moving up 7 places to 6th, whilst Derby and Warrington each dropped 3 places.

Fastest time of the leg Bradley Yates Sale 10.17 minutes

#### Leg 3

Christy O'Brian was away for Sale with a 12 second advantage , and he was never troubled. finishing with a 25 second advantage,. Behind him the pack were being shaken up by Devon Stead of Rotherham who pulled up 5 places by 5 seconds from Vale Royal. It was a grandstand finish for the lower places , Vale Royal given 3rd place by just 1 second, from Warrington, with Holmfirth just 2 seconds behind after moving up 6 places with a late charge. from Lewis Byram produced the fastest time of the day, 9 :50.

1st Team Sale Harriers 31.01 2nd Rotherham 3:1.28 3rd Vale Royal 31:31

Fastest time overall Lewis Byram Holmfirth 9 50 minutes.

### **Under 15 Girls 3 x 2800 M**

Another high turn out with 46 teams on the start line. It was a tight front group out on the course and just 3 seconds dividing the top 3 finishers at the line. Derby were 1st, quickly followed by Liverpool, and then Bury's Katie Buckley, turning in an outstanding performance, for 3rd place . Winning time was 10.21 minutes.

#### **Leg 2**

Plenty of changes on this leg, by the time they returned to the track.. Vale Royal were the new leaders after gaining 3 places, but Kingston and Stockport had both moved up 7 places each. Further back a great run from Wakefield's Stephanie Rodgers moved then up 15 places, but they were unable to catch the front group

Fastest time of the leg Chelsea Jarvis, Stockport, 10.33.

#### **Leg 3**

Another fastest time from a Stockport Harrier and they had the gold medal position. M. Williams built on the performance in leg 2 to move up 3 places and hit the front, winning from Vale Royal by 20 seconds. Third place was taken by Lincoln's Bo Haywood, who gained 2 places but was chased in hard by Lyndia Turner, Birtley, who pulled up an amazing 9 places and almost got on the podium.

1st team Stockport Harriers 32:01 2nd Vale Royal 32:26, 3rd Lincoln Wellington 32.39.

### **Under 15 Boys 3 x 2800 M.**

The under 15 boys remained on the 2800 metres course and there were 45 teams eager to race away from the starters gun The leaders were soon coming into the track with the St Helens vest of Matthew Sherling at the from, followed some 12 seconds back by Jack Crabtree, Oldham & Royton, and 3 rd was James Hall, Wharfedale 9.23 minutes. Also up there were Warrington and Wirral/

#### **Leg 2 .**

Could Brian Schofield's Oldham lads keep up the pace, well not only could they keep up the pace they took it on. Matthew Shaughnessy overtook St Helens to return to the stadium in pole position and 8 seconds ahead of Warrington, with Wirral just a little further back. The

big movers of this leg were Preston gaining 10 places and Sale a huge 15 places, but both remained over a minute behind the leaders.

Fastest time on this leg Liam Burthem Warrington 9:26 seconds

Leg 3

There was a look of determination way about Adam Howard, Oldham & Royton as he started off on the final leg, and it proved correct. Adam was never headed and as he crossed the line he had increased the lead to over 50 seconds. In fact this was the only last leg where there were no changes in the top 3 positions during the leg.

Fastest time overall was Adam Howard 8:47 minutes.

1st Oldham & Royton 27:34 2nd Warrington 28:25 3rd Wirral 28:43

Under 17 Women 3 x 3600 M

A slightly longer course for this age group, with plenty of competition. and another tight finish to the leg. East Cheshire 's Emma Peters crossing the line first, but only 4 seconds ahead of Liverpool, Hallamshire, and Kingston close behind.

Leg 2

No change in the top 4 for this leg, but the biggest mover was Vale Royal, up 5 places to 5th position. East Cheshire did manage to increase their lead, although Liverpool and Hallamshire remained locked together.

Fastest time of the leg Sally Radcliffe East Cheshire 13.50 minutes.

Leg 3

The Vale Royal charge continued, as they moved up another 3 places into second place, but East Cheshire were away and gone at the front, and won by over 30 seconds. Liverpool dropped a place but despite the best efforts of Leigh, up 4 places, Liverpool were comfortable in bronze place

Fastest time on this leg Megan Huxley Vale Royal 12:48 minutes

1ST Team East Cheshire 40:16 2nd Vale Royal 40:49 3rd Liverpool 41.53.

**Under 17 MEN 3 x 3600 M.** The Leeds city team would not count in this championship, but any disappointment they had was not shown in their performance. From starters gun to tape they applied themselves extremely professionally, and in a way that shows where the future strength of their club will be. Gordon Benson produced the fastest time of the day on that first leg, 10.56 minutes, and he set the team up so well. 2nd was Halifax, then Holmfirth, with Wirral, Leigh and Wakefield following.

Leg 2,

Elliot Todd maintained pole position for Leeds, but changes were happening behind the leader. Warrington moved up 8 places to 3rd and Gateshead up 15 to 9th, so what would happen on the last leg for third position.

Fastest time on this leg Elliot Todd 11:35 minutes

Leg 3

Harry Foster must of made the two mother who transported the Leeds under 17 team very delighted and proud of their performance, as he won the race, knowing that they would not get the gold medal their outstanding performances deserved. In second place Warrington had to work hard to maintain 2nd position, with Wakefield moving up 2 places into 3rd place and the Gateshead charge went on as they pulled up another 5 places for 4th place

Fastest overall time Gordon Benson Leeds City 10.56 minutes

1st Warrington 35.26 2nd Wakefield 35.31 3rd Gateshead 35.39

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Results

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