

Northern Athletics Women's 4 Stage Road Relay Championship 2013

An entry of 75 teams highlighted the attraction of a Saturday afternoon Championship road relay in September at Stanley Park, Blackpool. As the women lined up on the start line the sun started to shine on what was turned out to be a sunny afternoon.

The first leg is always fast, and this was no different with 2 of the 3 fastest times of the day.

Rosie Smith, Durham City, was setting a fast pace but with such a class athlete as Jenny Meadows, behind her she knew there would be a fast finish from the international athlete.. In fact Rosie finished in a time of 17.30, with Jenny Meadows some 10 seconds behind, these were the 2nd and 3rd fastest times of the day. Liverpool were 3rd and Leeds City back in 7th.

Leg 2 Durham City retained the lead, with Amy Etherington, but her time was some 100 seconds slower than her team mate on that first leg. Behind her there were ominous changes with Liverpool moving into 2nd place and Leed City 3rd, in the shape of Alex Gosling moved up some 4 places with the fastest time on the 2nd leg of 19.10. Other major moves were Joe Galvin's Leigh team up 6 places to 6th, just behind Holmfirth and Vale Royal, who both moved up 4 places.

Leg 3 Hannah Whiteside moved Liverpool up again and into the lead but it was Laura Riches who dictated the leg with the fastest time of 18.26, and Leigh were up 4 places into 2nd. Vale Royal also moved up 2 places into 3rd place. with Leeds City apparently out of the running as they dropped 2 places to 5th.

Leg 4 The glory leg as it is known, and it certainly was for Susan Partridge, the Leed City athlete. She produced the fastest time of the day 16.38, some 58 seconds faster than the next fastest, as she charged through the leading group to go from 5th to 1st and finished over a minute clear. Leigh's Donna Allen held on to 2nd place despite the best efforts of Vale Royal's Tessa McCorrick who reduced the deficit from 33 seconds to just 14. Rotherham finished 4th and Durham City 5th.

1st Leeds City 1.14.06
2nd Leigh 1.15.11
3rd Vale Royal 1.15.25

Fastest Times	Susan Partridge Leeds City	16.38
	Rosie Smith Durhan City	17.30
	Jenny Meadows Wigan	17.40

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