

Tough Competition for SNHAC athletes in British Cross Challenge at Milton Keynes!

Saturday 11th November saw the 2nd round of the Results Base Chiltern Cross Country League for 2017/18 held at Teardrop Lakes in Milton Keynes. This event also incorporated the British Cross Country Challenge. 35 SNHAC athletes competed in their respective age groups completing courses increasing in distance according to the age groups.

Starting with the U11 mob matches, Abigail Manson ran another strong race, finishing in 12th (7.36) of the 77 finishers in the mob match with Annabelle Loudiyi also completing the 1.75 km course. In the U11 boys John Wiseman was 23rd with Joe Raymont 24th, both in a time of 7.16 with twin brother Jake 27th (7.17), also completing their first Cross country race for the club were Matthew Jones and Bobby Pitman.

Tyler Wannerton was disappointed with his 34th place finish of the 116 of the U13 boys in both combined league and Cross Challenge with a run of 10.17 giving him 4th in Div. 2. Team mates Isaac Whitten (9th), Dylan Thorman (24th) and Hywel Evans also completing the same 3km course. In the U13 Girls Jessica Astill was 8th (11.43), Laura Stephens and Laura Thompson (15th and 19th respectively) finished the 2.7 km course.

In the U15 girl's race Lucy Taylor completed the 3.6km course in 15.41 finishing 7th, with new comer Rhea Raju in 11th and Katie Thompson in 13th. Charlie Grayson finished 6th over the 4.4km U15 course with Harry Hatton in 8th Alex Pickard 27th.

In the U17/U20 Ladies race first home was Kate Saunders 11th (22.53) with Lizzie Raymont 17th and Lisa Barber was 5th of the U20 finishers. In the U17 Men's race Sam Wiggins was 8th covering the 5.9 km course in 21.25.



Katie Saunders in the U17 Girl's race taken by Barry Cornelius

In the Senior Women's race Chris Feely 40th run a strong race to be first of the senior women home closely followed by her daughter Sarah 64th.

In the Senior/Vets men's race first home was Mark Grayson finishing the 9.5 course in 42.33 followed by Steve Mayfield and U20 Harry Major. Also finishing the final race of the day were Paul Pickard, Tony Carolan, Steve Feely, Adil Loudiyi, Mark Pinney and Joe Rayappan.

Currently after two rounds of the League the U13 and U15 Boy's teams are in fourth place in Div. 2 and the U15 Girl's in second.

Sam Wiggins (U17) and Tyler Wannerton (U13) have been selected to run for Hertfordshire at the South of England Inter County match in December.