



Wirral A C Newsletter

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Boys Take Three Merseyside Relay Titles

The Merseyside Road Relay Championships, decided within the North west race at Leigh, saw the U13 Boys, U15 Boys and U17 Mens teams all winning the gold medals. For good measure the U13 and U15 Girls finished second while the Senior Men picked up the bronze.

James Taylor gave the U13 a flying start with the fastest Merseyside time of the race. Matthew Snape increased the lead by a vital few seconds, leaving Reece Magee to hold off his Liverpool Harrier pursuer to come home 8 seconds clear. In a close race, there was never more than 10 seconds between the two teams. In the U15 Boys, Matt Westby chased Matt Shirling of St Helens Sutton home as the pair produced the two fastest stages for Merseyside. Richard Evans was passed by Liverpool Harriers, but retained second place. Niall Flanagan easily closed the 6 second gap to ensure the team a comfortable victory and clock the third fastest Merseyside lap just 1 second slower than Matt – an fine run for an athlete who is in his first year in the age group. For good measure, the team took the overall silver medals, behind Warrington AC. The B team and C teams finished 6th and 7th.

Nick Jones set the U17 team up for a win with the fastest overall run of the race on stage 1. Gary Snape held off a strong challenge from Liverpool's, Jack Christie, but Harriers had no third runner and Conor Flanagan easily came home ahead of St Helens Sutton to take the Merseyside honours and 4th place overall.

Sophie Tarver opened the account for the U13 Girls, holding Liverpool's Zoe Tynan to two seconds on the opening stage with what turned out to be the 4th fastest time overall. Aileen Kearney held off St Helens Sutton while dropping a place to Liverpool B, which Beth Foster regained on the final stage to take the silver medals. The U15 Girls also took silver behind Liverpool Harriers. Third club after the opening leg from Heather Nuttall, Sydney Isaacs moved past St Helens Sutton into second, a position which Eimear Corr easily retained with the fastest Wirral run of the race.

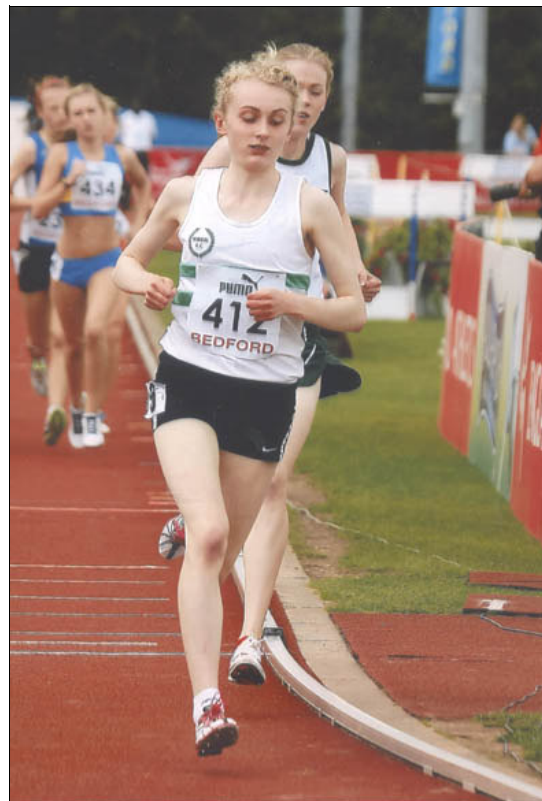
Jordan Donnelly made a welcome return to the Senior Mens team after his spell in Germany, running the fastest Wirral time on stage 1 to come home 4th Merseyside club. Shaun Egan picked off St Helens Sutton, leaving Mark Hulmston and Peter Scarratt to hold onto third behind Liverpool Harriers and Southport Waterloo. The B team were the third B team to finish in 13th place. The full results, not available on the day, are now at www.race-results.co.uk

Track and Field Round-Up

The Senior team topped Div 4W as predicted in the last Newsletter, though were edged into third on the day after being disqualified in the Mens 4x400m, along with Wrexham AC when both clubs were leading well clear of the rest.

James Williams and Sam Landsborough took maximum points in the 100m/200m, while Shaun Egan and Will Ferguson did the same in the Steeplechase. Best of the rest were B string wins for Julie Money (100m), Ellie Meehan (Discus) and Samantha Leahy (Jav).

The final Championships of the year saw Hanna Tarver producing another well judged run to take second place in the 1500m at the Aviva English U17 event at Bedford – see photo on the right. She recorded 4min 39.36s behind Jessica Judd of Chelmsford AC.



Hanna Tarver on the way to 2nd place in the English U17 1500m

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Cheshire League

The final round of the Cheshire League at Ashton-u-Lyne saw the U11s finish 3rd, while the combined Men and Womens team came 5th, with both teams ending up 13th overall.

Wirral results were dominated by contributions from the Kearney and Nuttall families, who provided nine athletes between them. Ieuan and Arran Kearney led the U11 600m race home, while Sarah Kearney finished 2nd in the Womens 3000m. Best of the rest was second place in the 800m for Beth Foster (U13) and Rob Owen (U15) The full league result can be found on the Cheshire County web-site: www.cheshireaa.com.

Multi-Terrain League

The popularity of the autumn series around Wirral continues to grow with nearly 250 runners in the main race. Wirral men easily won 2 of the first 3 fixtures and look set to win the overall title. The Ladies are currently fourth Nick Jones goes into the last race with a good chance of winning the overall individual title.

Wirral youngsters dominated the young athletes races with Niall Flanagan, Nathan Schofield and Will Patterson leading the Boys and Emily Kearney, Sydney Isaacs and Millie Powell the Girls.

By the time this Newsletter is available the final results should be available on www.stevesaunders.co.uk

Forthcoming Events – Help Needed

We have three events to organise before Christmas. Our Schools Cross Country Races are in Arrowe Park on Saturday, Oct 16th. Nick Lindesay is the Clerk of Course and is currently recruiting marshalls. Work on the course will start at 8.45am to be ready for the first race at 10.30am. Contact Nick at nicklindesay@msn.com or 625 1124 if you can help – even part of the morning would be appreciated.

On Oct 30th we will be hosting a Liverpool&District League match in Arrowe starting at 2pm. Course set-up will begin at noon and marshalls will be needed from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. This year is our turn to host a Borders League. The date is Sunday Dec12th and we will again be using that venue of balmy breezes, Hoylake. Your editor will be twisting arms for both these events, so why not surprise him by volunteering.

Stop Press

A Christmas party is being organised on Saturday, December 4th at the Bebington Liberal club with live music, a disco and buffet from 7pm to late. Tickets cost £7.50. Contact Jeanette Fox to reserve your place jeanette_elder@hotmail.co.uk

Coming soon.....

Oct 1	Wirral AC AGM	Oval 7.30
Oct 2	Northern Road Relays 12/6 stage and YA	Wythenshawe
Oct 6	English Schools Cup	Arrowe Park
Oct 7	Track 3000m	Oval 7.45pm
Oct 9	Merseyside Schools	Croxteth
Oct 16	Wirral AC Schools CC National 4/6 Stage Relays	Arrowe Pk 10.30 Sutton Park
Oct 17	National YA Road Relays	Sutton Park
Oct 24	Borders Road League	Carnarfon
Oct 30	L&D CC League	Arrowe Pk 2pm
Nov 6	ECCA CC Relays	Mansfield
Nov 13	English Schools Cup (NW)	Blackburn
Nov 20	Merseyside Schools	Arrowe Park
Nov 21	Borders Road League	Capenhurst
Nov 27	L&D and Euro Trial	Sefton Park 2pm
Dec 11	L&D CC League Merseyside Schools	Beacon Park 2pm Stadt Moers
Dec 12	Borders Road League	Hoylake
Dec 26	Chester Walls	Chester 11am
Jan 8	County CC Champs	Stadt Moers Pk

Athletic Shorts....

- ◆ Graham Ratcliffe won the British Masters 10k Road M55 title in Wolverhampton recording 35min 46secs to win by 9 seconds.
- ◆ Mark Hulmston was first up in the annual 5 miles in Sefton Park organised by Mossley Hill AC, finishing 8th in 28.06. Graham Ratcliffe (11th) and Tony McDevitt (19th) were the leading M55s. Elsewhere on the road circuit, Phil Peerless was 13th in the Manchester 5k Sizzler in 16.37, while Simon Fox clocked 63.37 in the Sale 10mile.
- ◆ John Hunt was 7th in the O40 age group of the British Fell Running Championship decided on a number of events over the season. He is currently 7th in the English Championship with one event to go
- ◆ An informal 5000m on the Oval track in August attracted an entry of 18, including 5 guests from Wallasey AC. Less than 10 seconds covered the first 3 as Mark Hulmston won from Alan Woods and Richard Farrar. In an effort to tempt more endurance men onto the track there will be a 3000m on Thursday Oct 7th starting at 7.45pm.

Club Vests

The official stockists of club vests are:

Runners Sport & Leisurewear

66, Bebington Road, New Ferry.

Vests : £13 ; Green shorts : £10.

They will deal by mail – 0151 644 8384