



# Match Report

## Hampshire League Cross Country, Aldershot, 4 December 2021

### Women's Team Report, Isobel Jenkin

Reading AC showed up in full force for the second round of the Hampshire Cross Country League. A team of 16 athletes took on 5.9km at Wellesley Woods in Aldershot. With sunny, dry conditions over the undulating woodland course, show a fast pace from the gun.

Leading the pack, was Naomi Mitchell, showing her marathon strength in a close battle with Aldershot Farnham District AC to take the win. Training partners Anna Boniface and Mia Waldmann (U20) worked together to complete the scoring trio in 6th and 7th, securing the senior women's team victory of the match.

Laurie Marlow was next home (15th) continuing her consistency, closely followed by Sophie Crumly (16th) with a great run on her way back from injury. Captain, Sarah Holmes had a fantastic run with progression on the previous match with a solid 28th.

Under 20, Lara Tolson battled well in 44th with Hayleigh Wood closely behind in 45th, another consistent run. Leanne James made an excellent debut in the Reading AC vest placing 66th in a close battle with Lucy Daniels (V40) storming through the line in 68th. Lee Fellows brought her usual energy with another fantastic performance in 77th. Chair, Julie Rayfield (V50) represented her club with 86th, Kathryn Tolson (V50) finished in 92nd, closely followed by Alana Rayfield in 96th. Millie Dainton (V40) came home in 101st and completing the team was Katie Hartgrove in 104th for her first race of the season.

The Hampshire League breaks for Christmas, and returns on Saturday 15th January, where home advantage at Prospect Park hopes to see more success.

### Men's Team report, Ray Stevens

The 2nd Hampshire League match was held at Wellesley Woods Aldershot. There was a small turn out of senior and junior men than usual for a league match but those who did turn out all ran very well for the club to finish in a fine 2nd place in the team race.

Leading the team home was Dan Thorne who is slowly working his way back to full fitness after injury; Dan finished 13th (32.11). Close behind was Mark Booth who went out hard and held on well to have one of his best runs for a while in 14th (32.25), and Isaac Farnworth was not quite at his best but still ran well to finish 16th (32.33).

0/40 Vet Richard Price who has joined the club this year is proving to be a great addition and he was the first vet to finish in 18th overall (32.38). The final scorer was Luc Jolly, who had not been well all week, having a fine run in 19th (32.42).

Still playing a vital part were our non scorers; 2nd claim member Sarab Dhillon who was just 2 places down on his run at Bournemouth in 32nd (33.53), Tom Nike who is in his first year as a senior finished 9 places higher than in the first match in 68th (36.21) and 0/50 Vet Neil Walker was 191st (44.10). There were 247 runners who finished.

Well done all!