

LINCOLNSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE.

Sixteen Boston and District A.C. representatives were amongst a hardy group of runners who competed in the second match in this season's Lincolnshire Cross Country League series organised by the club at Skegness. Sunday morning's strong wind and driving rain made the conditions very, very difficult for the runners competing on the foreshore course with a number finding the weather too daunting and choosing to give the event a miss.

The "Gold Tops" returned from the second Lincs. League encounter with one individual victory. In the last race on the programme the 5548m. race for Under 17 Men Aidan McClure achieved a splendid win. After his fifth place in the first league event at Cranwell last week Aidan set off well from the start holding a position in the top four positions for the first half of the race. Although the rain had stopped and the strong wind reduced to the level of a stiff breeze at this stage in the programme conditions underfoot were still demanding and over the final 2000m Aidan overtook all of runners ahead to romp home with a comfortable lead. Behind Aidan Jeremy Baily was fifth and Luke Chester eighth completing a good Under 17 Mens team result. Conditions were at their worst for the Junior/Senior/Veteran Mens race over a four lap 9,390 metres with the sand being whipped up into the faces of the runners adding to the hazard of the heavy rain and strong wind they had to contend with. Jose` Ferriera found the going hard but produced a determined performance to hold on to tenth place at the finish line. Twelfth in the first League match last week Chris. Rainbow claimed the same position at Skegness and brother Dennis moved forward one place to enter the funnell in twenty ninth place to complete the "A" team scorers. Tony Tomlin advanced from eighty ninth at Cranwell to fifty fourth at Skegness with Peter Flint (74th) and Bob Shaw (79th) also finishing in higher positions for the "B" team. In the Under 17 Womens event over 4084m. Louise Rutt and Chelsea Brockett filled the same two positions they claimed in the first match in the 2009 series. This time it was Louise in fourth place with Chelsea following her into the finish funnel in fifth position. Looking stronger with each outing Emma Penniston came in eighth on Sunday to complete the team scorers. A determined run by Tammy Rainbow in the Senior/Junior/ Veteran Womens contest earned her an encouraging twenty fifth position. Under 15 Alice Flint moved up from seventh at Cranwell to sixth at Skegness finishing strongly and Charlotte Banks completed the 3136m. course in twelfth place. Luke McLeod was eleventh in the Under 13 Boys 2299m. challenge.