

LINCOLNSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE III AT GRIMSTHORPE.

Nineteen "Gold Tops" travelled to Grimsthorpe on Sunday for the third of this season's Lincolnshire Cross Country League matches. The nine race programme was completed within a window of predominantly dry weather with runners enjoying the challenge afforded by the parkland course around Grimsthorpe Castle a new venue for Lincolnshire League events in recent years.

Members of the the two Boston and District A.C. Under 17 squads produced the best team performances on the day with representatives in both age group events "packing" well into the finish funnel. In the Under 17 Mens race over 5925 metres Aidan McClure once again led the B.A.D.A.C. runners over the line claiming a good third place. As in the two previous league matches it was Jeremy Baily eighth and Luke Chester tenth who completed the team scorers for a total of 21 points. After their second team place in the first match at Cranwell followed by first team position in League II at Skegness Aidan, Jeremy and Luke will be hoping to consolidate their ranking at the top of the table after the third round competition. Haden Brittain was the "Insurance man" providing back up for the trio of counters and finishing in fourteenth place. The four runners in the Under 17 Womens 5145m. race closed ranks and produced a good team outcome. Like their male counterparts the three counters scored a total of twenty one points and will hope to hang on to their second league position having achieved runners up places at both Cranwell and Skegness. Working well together for the team Chelsea Brockett fifth and Louise Rutt sixth gave the "Gold Tops" a good start and improving with each outing over the country Emma Penniston produced a confident performance to claim an excellent tenth position. Providing good team support on this occasion was Wednesday Pyworawiw who finished strongly in fifteenth place.

Over a hundred and ten runners completed the 9865m. Under 20, Senior & Veteran Mens contest with Boston's Jose` Ferreira inside the first score of finishers on Sunday. Jose` maintained a good rhythm over the undulating parkland terrain and ran into the funnel in fifteenth place. Second counter with an improved performance was Dennis Rainbow in thirtieth position with Owen Msimango scoring for the "A" team with his seventy fifth place. After finishing sixth team in the first two league matches the "Gold Tops" will be hard pressed to keep their "A" squad in the top six places after the third fixture. Tony Tomlin led in the B.A.D.A.C. "B" team claiming eighty fourth place ahead of Peter Flint ninety eighth and Scott Forman who having raised his fitness level came home well ahead of the back marker on this occasion to complete the team scorers in one hundred and fourth position.

At Under 15 level Alice Flint claimed eighth place running strongly at the end of the 3945m. event and gaining good experience and also making progress Charlotte Banks achieved eighteenth position. In his contest over the same distance Sam Johnson coped well with the only sharp rain squall that occurred during the two and a half hour race programme to enter the finish funnel in thirteenth place. Under 13 competitors Luke McLeod fifteenth and Thomas Vanplew nineteenth both produced determined performances.