

Hewitt Cup 2008 - Round 3 - 17.6.2008

Great race walking conditions over the 2km. course at Humberstone Park resulted in nine personal best performances being broken. As the individual standings are based on a handicapping system which encourages all competitors to try to improve their best times during this 3 race Hewitt Race Walking Cup series these performances produced the closest of finishes in its history.

Fiona McGorum (University of Wales, Cardiff) took her record in the girl's event to eighteen victories. Using this race as part of a training walk, she encouraged Jasmine Nicholls (Leysland), Emma Achurch (Blaby Stokes) and Gwenan Jones (Blaby Stokes) to carve chunks off their personal bests.

However it was Samantha Vesty (Hall Orchard) who had another enormous personal best that catapulted her to the top of the girl's league a solitary point ahead of Jones and Stokes team-mate, Kezia Brown.

The boys league was another close "walked" affair. Fergus Jeffs improved by almost 45 seconds to take top boy's handicap spot on the night. But it was Christopher Vesty (Rawlins College), registering another personal best with a well paced walk, that took the title for an unprecedented fifth time. With brother and sister topping the final tables for the first time another record was set in this long established Leicester Walking club series.

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Girls League

1. Samantha Vesty (Hall Orchard) - 10 points
- =2. Kezia Brown (Blaby Stokes) - 11 points
- =2. . Gwenan Jones - 11 points
- =4. Emma Achurch (Blaby Stokes) - 12 points
- =4. Laura Jo Bazylinski (Blaby Stokes) - 12 points

Boys League

1. Christopher Vesty (Rawlins) - 4 points
2. Fergus Jeffs (Blaby Stokes) - 6 points
3. Dominic Bishop (Blaby Stokes) - 10 points

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GIRLS

| | Name | School | Time |
|----|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Fiona McGorum | University of Wales Institute Cardiff | 11:10 |
| 2 | Jasmine Nicholls | Leysland High School | 11:11 |
| 3 | Emma Achurch | Blaby Stokes, Leics | 11:40 |
| 4 | Gwenan Jones | Blaby Stokes, Leics | 13:54 |
| 5 | Fiona Brown | Blaby Stokes, Leics | 14:21 |
| 6 | Nikita Bazylinski | Blaby Stokes, Leics | 14:56 |
| 7 | Laura Jo Bazylinski | Blaby Stokes, Leics | 15:19 |
| 8 | Samantha Vesty | Hall Orchard, Leics | 15:23 |
| 9 | Kezia Brown | Blaby Stokes, Leics | 16:13 |
| 10 | Ellie Birch | Blaby Stokes, Leics | 17:02 |

BOYS

| | Name | School | Time |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 | Christopher Vesty | Rawlins College | 10:25 |
| 2 | Fergus Jeffs | Blaby Stokes, Leics | 13:53 |
| 3 | Dominic Bishop | Blaby Stokes, Leics | 13:55 |
| 4 | Harry Birch | Blaby Stokes, Leics | 15:20 |

Future Dates for your Diaries

Look out for the Chris Smith league fixtures at Saffron Lane Stadium - check the web site in September.