

CC6 Race 5 – Boldrewood

Sunday 19th February 2012

Eastleigh attempt to spoil the party...but Totton Ladies emerge triumphant!

Ok, I blame myself. A casual observation on Facebook that all Totton had to do was beat Eastleigh in Race 5 to be sure of the **2011/12 Ladies CC6 title** and the runners in orange turned up the following morning with their game faces well and truly on.

And so the likes of Sonia Rushby and Donna Tew were found at the head of the field right from the start. Totton though refused to be pushed aside and battled resolutely through the deep mud, two ice cold streams and up that deceptively long hill. All the way along the route, our marshals nervously watched the closely fought contest, but in the end, Eastleigh made a final charge over the last mile, their runners edging into winning positions.

However, my Facebook taunt/observation had neglected to mention (because I couldn't be bothered to work it out at the time) that all Totton really had to do was to finish no further than two places behind Eastleigh in order to guarantee league victory. With Claire Dyer and Lucy Buis in 3rd and 4th respectively and Justine Jury in 7th, the ladies still produced an excellent score of 14 points, placing them comfortably in 2nd position.

Now for the maths. Because the final CC6 standings use each club's five best results, Totton's worst possible score is 6 points (1st + 1st + 1st + 1st + 2nd), whilst even if Eastleigh win the next race, the best they can manage is 8 points (2nd + 2nd + 2nd + 1st + 1st). Which I believe means that **Totton has won our first ever CC6 trophy** 😊

Ladies take a bow!

This has been a fantastic team effort by the ladies. The driving force has been strong consistent performances by Claire Dyer, Lucy Buis and Justine Jury (with Kylie Nugus as the third scoring runner in Race 1). However, they have received excellent support from Michelle Hall, Virginia Collins and Maria Metzger and it's worth looking back to Race 2 when all six finished before Eastleigh's third scoring runner.



Ladies' Team Race 5: (from left) Claire Dyer, Lucy Buis, Justine Jury, Michelle Hall & Virginia Collins

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Men pushed back, but it's not over yet

With the men's team slightly depleted due to injuries and a pressing need for marshals, holding onto 1st place in the league was always going to be challenge. Our five runners still put in strong performances but were hampered by large turnouts from other clubs. This was particularly frustrating as our nearest rivals, Southampton had also fielded a sparse team. Unfortunately, they managed to capture those valuable low scoring positions.

Regardless, this only puts them a few points ahead in the league, so we may still be able to catch them in two weeks time at Fleming Park. We will need a strong team to pull this off though, so if you're eligible to run (and are physically able), please come along and get yourself in front of a red and white vest!



Men's Team Race 5: (from left) Matt Watson, Steve Wallington, Andy Dyer, Brian Frampton & Tony Lees

And Finally...

We have received great feedback from members of the other CC6 running clubs, particularly for the friendly support and encouragement from our marshals. A huge thank you therefore to all those who made the effort to come and help make it work. I won't try and list everyone, because I'm bound to miss somebody, but we should give Sean Driscoll a pat on the back for designing what many remarked was one of the best CC6 courses this year.

CC6 Race 5 Results

Men

7th Matt Watson (S)
13th Steve Wallington (V50)
23rd Andy Dyer (V40)
25th Brian Frampton (V50)
49th Tony Lees (V50)

Ladies

3rd Claire Dyer (S)
4th Lucy Buis (V40)
7th Justine Jury (S)
10th Michelle Hall (S)
11th Virginia Collins (V50)



Our friendly tail runner, Steve Henry