Hi all

Oxford was the venue for this winters South of England Inter County Cross Country Championships and BBHAC had 17 young athletes and one senior lady running and competing for Kent.

The weather was bright sunshine but very cold, the ground was icy and very hard but as the races got under way the going under foot soon became very muddy.

Two U13 girls making their Kent debuts and both having great runs were Emilie Penlington 26th and Jessica Neal 43rd. The Kent team were 5th

We also had two U13 boys running and Peter Guy racing in typical determined fashion finished a terrific 8th place with Joseph Georgiadis finishing strong in 22nd. The Kent team were 4th.

Henry Cowie started the U15 boys but in the bustle of the start lost his spike and lost too much ground on the whole field and unfortunately pulled out.

Four BBHAC girls competed in the U15 race in which Kent won the team silver. Naomi Kingston was a great 6th , Yasmin Austridge 10th, Kelsi Cornish 26th and Genny Allen 42nd.

The U17 girls also had four BB athletes in the Kent team that finished 6th. Jess Keene had a fantastic run coming a strong 3rd. Georgina Taylor was 50th, Charlotte Rhule 57th and Shannon Riskey 67th.

The only Kent team victory of the day involving BB was the U17 boys and a great run from Joss Barber in 17th helped to secure this win.

The U20 girls team were third and we had Anna Myers 35th, Sam Leighton 36th and Sonia Woolhouse in 44th.

Carole Penlington completed BB's contribution with a great run in the senior ladies, (despite being eligible to run in the masters age group) her 19th place helped Kent win the team bronze.

The next Championship race is the Kents at Hythe on Saturday 3rd January 2015.

Regards

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