

**Birmingham Cross Country League Fixture 4.
Plock Court, Gloucester – Saturday 14th February 2009
Senior mens report written by Tom Kenderdine of HA&CC**

It has dawned upon us at last. The final x/c league race, the venue Plock court!!

This course is renowned for being water logged, very flat, and favours the sprinters amongst us chosen few.

A quick look around the mini lakes, seeing what racing lines to take if any!!

A good turnout again for the club, about 12+runners, and team support members.

As expected a rather spritely start saw me get engulfed into the masses. I managed to latch on to Kesterton, after battling with Mickey Hager(*Tipton) after 1st lap.

Still 2 large laps to go I didn't want to get too excited and pay the price later on. I know Billy Nock is coming back onto form, Dom could also be a very real threat too.

Dave began to pull away, he's very strong at the moment. Also couldn't quite hang on to Mickey Hager, and saw them disappear into the horizon.

Dave dipped in at 20th(Brilliant performance)

Myself dipped in at 37th(Highest placing of the season)

A close run by the looks of things between Bill & Turner finishing 49th & 54th

Dom 68th, not his finest, but with the summer months ahead should see some fine performances from him on the road & track

Mark Hadley 77th (a superb season from Mark, showing signs of great improvement)

Our 7th scorer was Sam Cruchley, who was made active again, after been decommissioned for over a year now. A very solid encouraging performance by the young boy!!

Missing in action was Nick Hazlewood, who after a solid run in the Midlands x/c has been struck down with the same virus as earlier. He was gleaming with glee though after watching his boys battle well.

We got 7th team on the day, & 10th team overall. A great performance by all.

My thanks to the Barry Griffiths, Ray Bunn and all the others that put in the hard work of collecting numbers putting up tents etc, etc.

Regards

Tommy k