

## Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>. CROSS-COUNTRY RELAYS Jells Park

A day of mixed fortunes on the opening of the AV season! There was the usual bedlam in getting everyone organized and hoping that everyone turned up on time. Our Senior numbers were down a few on last year but our junior numbers were up with the Collingwood colours being worn by five under age teams – the most for many seasons.

Even though our teams seemed to be reasonably strong the results saw us languishing in many of the senior grades, which indicates an overall rise in the standard across the board. Last year we celebrated having three of our runners under 20 minutes. This year we had two under 19 minutes. In an unbelievable coincidence our Divvy 1 team recorded the exact same time as last year – however last year we were 7<sup>th</sup>., this year we could only finish 9<sup>th</sup>.

We welcome a number of new runners having their first run *for* the Club. **Emma Miller** and **Simon Duffy** both represented the black and white in their respective Div. 1 teams while our 50+ squad was certainly strengthened by the acquisition of **Michael Bialczak**. **Eloise Derby**, **Alex Louw**, **Miles Leyden** and **Lachie White** all debuted in our junior teams. **Anthony Klarica** was back after a couple of seasons away and his presence can only strengthen our teams.

Our **Women's 40+** (2<sup>nd</sup>.), **Men's 50+** (3<sup>rd</sup>.), and **Men's U/14** (2<sup>nd</sup>.) all finished in the placings. The U/18 boys finished in 4<sup>th</sup>. place in a performance (along with the two U/14 teams) that shows a lot of promise for the future. We had a Women's U/18 team for the first time ever and although they finished down the line, it was great to see and can only be good for the years ahead. Special mention must go to **Rob Barnes**, who filled a spot in a team despite having a leg full of stitches. It's this sort of commitment that has kept the *Collingwood Harriers* such a vibrant organization for so long.

Although our officials will get a mention at the conclusion of this report, it would be remiss if the athletes who took time to collect results before or after their particular leg didn't get an acknowledgement. Nearly everyone did a bit but **Paul Willmot** deserves a medal for waiting until dark(!) for his team to finish to complete the sheet (although he did have time for a three course meal between laps). It was great to see newcomer **Michael Grech** again help out by turning up to help with timing despite again being unable to run because of injury. We anxiously await Michael's first opportunity to have a run for us.

### WOMEN'S RESULTS

#### Division 1 4 x 6k

Emma Miller	23:42
Alison Chapman	26:14
Frances Willmot	27:06
Shanyl Payne	28:26
Finished 11 <sup>th</sup> out of 12	1hr 45m 18s
Winner: Knox	1:25:32

#### 40+ 3 x 6k

Janette Chapman	28:30
Carmel Pardy	27:15
Sofie Fabre	26:35
Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> .out of 5	1hr 22m 20s
Winner: Box Hill	1:19:53

### Under 18 3 X 3k

Eloise Derby	15:38
Rachel Barnes	15:39
Ailsa Buckle	14:18

Finished: 9<sup>th</sup>. out of 9      44m 45s  
Winner: Essendon      33:12

### MEN'S RESULTS

#### Division 1 6 x 6k

Patrick O'Keeffe	18:32
Simon Bevege	18:52
Malcolm Campbell	20:29
Anthony Mithen	20:07
Simon Duffy	20:44
Magnus Michelsson	21:18

Finished: 9<sup>th</sup>. out of 12      2hr 00m 03s  
Winner: Glenhuntly      1:49:11

#### Division 2 6 x 6k

Paul Munro	20:51
Mick Woods	22:55
Anthony Klarica	21:24
Eric Louw	22:37
Julian Warhurst	24:18
Anthony Weiland	21:05

Finished: 13<sup>th</sup>. out of 13      2hr 12m 40s  
Winner: Waverley      1:55:24

#### Division 3 5 x 6k

Simon Blyth	22:01
Tom Avram	22:19
Andrew Evans	20:20
Chris Waldron	23:50
Tony Hally	22:55

Finished: 11<sup>th</sup>. out of 14      1hr 53m 25s  
Winner: Sth. Melbourne      1:39:03

#### Division 4 5 x 6k

Danny Hecker	23:17
Anthony Downey	24:08
Paul Viney	23:32
Troy Kameme	22:38
Cameron Kealy	23:09

Finished: 8<sup>th</sup>. out of 16      1hr 56m 44s  
Winner: Ringwood      1:41:34

#### Division 5 4 x 6k

Josh Debinski	25:11
Chris Boylen	26:50
Shane Derby	25:11
Craig Servinis	27:28

Finished: 9<sup>th</sup>. out of 14      1hr 44m 04s  
Winner: Frankston      1:28:28

#### Division 6 4 x 6k

Paul Willmot	28:18
Jane Kanizay	31:57
Robert Barnes	31:37
Steve Griffiths	41:33

Finished: 10<sup>th</sup>. out of 11      2hr 12m 25s  
Winner: Essendon      1:35:26

### 50 + 3 x 6k

Michael Bialczak	20:14
Ken Duxbury	23:43
Jim Hopkins	26:33

Finished: 3<sup>rd</sup>. out of 9 70:28  
Winner: APS 67:15

### Under 18 3 X 3k

Will Sheils	9:47
Mason Barnes	10:07
Alex Louw	11:31

Finished: 4<sup>th</sup>. out of 11 31m 25s  
Winner: Knox 29:05

### Under 16 3 X 3k

Jacob Barnes	12:52
Hannah Garganis	17:48
Andre Chambers	13:49

Finished: 16<sup>th</sup>. out of 16 43m 59s  
Winner: Eureka 28:44

### Under 14 Team 1 3 x 3k

Jordan Minter	10:38
Lachie White	10:43
Adam Garganis	11:07

Finished: 2<sup>nd</sup>. out of 9 32m 31s  
Winner: Mornington 32:18

### Under 14 Team 2 3 x 3k

Ben Cox	11:29
Miles Leyden	11:10
Lachlan Derby	15:01

Finished: 7<sup>th</sup>. out of 9 37m 31s

**Officials:** Thanks to **Lyn Humphris, Kevin Wigmore** and **Tony Williams** for representing the Club in the all important duties allotted by A.V.

As mentioned earlier, thanks to all the runners who helped record times during the day. Thanks too, to parents, **David Sheils, Ian Minter, Kevin Leyden** (in his first day at a Club event) and **Clare Garganis** for manning a clipboard.

**Afternoon tea:** Thanks this week to **Janette** and **Alison Chapman** for their efforts in feeding the hoards. Clare Garganis, although not on the roster, thankfully helped out too. **Future volunteers be warned that the increasing number of juniors may(!!!!!!!) increase the quantities required.**

Thanks also to all those who helped with the tent – it was much appreciated, particularly at the finish when rigormortis had set in after the run.