

MANCHESTER AREA CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

2015/2016 SEASON

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POST-MATCH FIVE UPDATE

Many thanks to all who contributed to the League this Season. Special thanks go to the Officials and to the five Host Clubs - Stockport H & AC, St Helens Sutton AC, Salford H & AC, Manchester H & AC and Sale Harriers Manchester AC. Special thanks too to our sponsors, APTECO, the City of Manchester Athletics, Colgate-Palmolive's Dental Health Unit, The Waters Wilmslow Half Marathon and new sponsors Athlete Matters.

RESULTS FOR MATCH FIVE & CUMULATIVE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS - the provisional results produced on match day have been updated and can be found on www.race-results.co.uk. If you have any queries, please contact Brenda (*not* race-results) as soon as possible.

TEAM RESULTS FOR MATCH FIVE & CUMULATIVE TEAM RESULTS will be posted on the League's two websites by the end of the week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS - TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS - a detailed list will be posted on the League's websites soon in **THE SEASON'S ROLL OF HONOUR & THE ROLL OF HONOUR TO-DATE**.

MATCH FIVE - heavy rainfall during the weeks leading up to match day gave the host club, Sale Harriers Manchester, the unenviable task of coming up with a new course. Massive thanks to them for their efforts. The weather on the day couldn't have been better with clear skies and very little wind. It was cold – in fact very cold – especially for those officiating or on marshal duty so big thanks to them. The following chart shows competing numbers in Match Five for the last five seasons:

Season	Venue	U11	U13-U17	Women	Men	Total
Match Five 2015/16	Wythenshawe Park	79	142	194	300	715
Match Five 2014/15	Wythenshawe Park	76	149	166	284	675
Match Five 2013/14	Wythenshawe Park	86	185	163	288	722
Match Five 2012/13	Woodbank Park	105	169	117	232	623
Match Five 2011/12	Clayton Vale*	177		95	212	484

**numbers at Clayton Vale were affected by exceptionally bad weather conditions.*

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BREAKDOWN OF FINISHERS THIS SEASON (including guests):

Match	Venue	U11	U13-U17	Women	Men	Total <i>excl.U11s</i>
Match One	Woodbank Park	-	207	257	454	918
Match Two	Sherdley Park	84	224	206	339	853
Match Three	Boggart Hole Clough	68	153	175	285	681
Match Four	Heaton Park	88	151	216	328	783
Match Five	Wythenshawe Park	79	142	194	300	636

Entries total 2,200 (U11-U17 660; Women 590, Men 950).

PRESENTATIONS – the Junior awards were presented as soon as possible after each race. The **SENIOR PRESENTATIONS** took place in the Park’s Courtyard Café about 70 minutes after the last race finished. Thanks go to Nick Bishop for organising the venue and putting together a great photo display. The **MERIT AWARD** went to ***Manchester Harriers’ nominee – Debbie Beresford***. Debbie was up against stiff competition for the Award with nominations from ***Chorlton Runners for Val Brennan, Dragons RC (Sale) for Joanne Healy, Middleton Harriers AC for Peter Gilligan, and St Helens Tri for Liz Spensley***. Many thanks to all who supported the Presentations.

AWARDS NOT COLLECTED ON MATCH DAY will be given to Club Representatives at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 16th March.

HELP FROM NON-HOST CLUBS – many thanks to the Clubs who provided help at the final Match.

The **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on **Wednesday 16th March**. Comments, good or bad, about the conduct of the 2015/16 Season, should be given to Club Representatives for discussion at the meeting. Likewise, any suggestions for next Season should be given to Club Representatives. **Items for discussion at the Annual Meeting must be with the Secretary no later than 12th March.** Meeting Agenda will be sent to Club Representatives.

FEES – Club Representatives will be sent a list showing who competed this season and how much is due (*75p per race per competitor*).

ON THE DAY ENTRIES AND RE-ISSUES I gave the wrong figures for match four in the previous update. These have been corrected and I’ve added the figures for the final match.

	Entries On the Day	Re-issued Numbers
Match One	58	n/a
Match Two	40	45
Match Three	13	37
Match Four	25	58
Match Five	12	61

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LOST PROPERTY – the following items from Sherdley Park remain unclaimed: a pair of child's wellingtons, blue with coloured stars, size 2; an inhaler; a wrist watch; a peaked hat/cap in black and grey with a sparkle effect. Possible owners can contact Brenda (*contact details below*). We also have a spectacle lens from the final match.

PHOTOGRAPHS - Harry Shakeshaft has done a fantastic job covering this Season's matches. There are hundreds of photos on his website www.hsphotos.co.uk.

VIDEO You can still view the short promotional video made in 2013. It's a representation of the League and shows what happens on Match Day. *To view, google "you tube video Manchester Area Cross Country League" or use the link given on the website last Season.*

NEW WEBSITE - The new website has been up and running all season in conjunction with www.manchesterareaccl.co.uk. *We'd like your feedback on the new site – please send your comments to Nick Bishop – nick@nickbishopsolutions.co.uk.*

TWITTER the League has been sharing news and views via twitter - MACCL@ManAreaXC - search 'twitter' on google then put ManAreaXC in the twitter search box. *We'd like your feedback on this new facility – please send your comments to Julie Laverock – julie.laverock@talk21.com.*

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Brenda Bradshaw

FINAL EVENT OF THE SEASON FOR CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2016 – 7 PM

ANNUAL MEETING

Indoor Trackside Meeting Room

SPORTCITY REGIONAL ARENA

GATE 13, ROWSLEY STREET, MANCHESTER M11 3FF

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