

Rosie Smith received a late call –up for the Senior Woman's International 6KM race in the BUPA Great Edinburgh Cross Country Meeting at Hollyrood Park on Saturday after her excellent run for Scotland in Antrim a week earlier where she finished 7th. After a steady start over the 3 lap course she worked through the field of 30 Athletes representing the USA, Europe Select, and GB. Rosie in fact got up to 9th place on the last lap and unfortunately lost 4 places in the run-in and eventually finished 13th, unlucky in the sense that she dropped back to 7th counter for the victorious GB Team, where the first 6 counted. Nevertheless, she was delighted with her performance and was only 39 seconds behind the race winner Gemma Steel (GB) with Rosie recording 21.14, a PB on this course and on her 4th GB selection.

Meanwhile, at the Durham Cathedral Cross Country Relays on the Racecourse, the Senior Mens A team finished 2nd behind the winners, Morpeth Harriers. After a very good start by Dan Garbutt who finished 2nd behind Cameron Boyek of Shildon A.C. who was in fact the fastest runner of the day recording 9.01. with Dan recording 9.12. joint 3rd fastest time for the day. As Cameron did not have anyone to hand over to, Dan Jenkin went into the lead for Durham and after a very good run recorded 9.11 which was the second fastest time of the day. On the 3rd leg Ben Douglas took over but dropped one place recording 9.38 for the Durham Team to finish 2nd in 28.01. Further Senior Men's results were as follows;

James Askew 10th in 9.54 – Alex Brown 7th in 10.04 – Johnny Wilkinson 11th in 10.30 (**overall time** 30.28)

Robin Linten 20th in 10.32 – Chris Wilkinson 23th in 11.26 – Marius Klain 19th in 10.41 (32.39)

Sam Campbell 61st in 12.16 – Joe Rawlinson 37th in 11.00 – James Watson 28th in 10.27 (33.43)

Veteran Mens Race. A Team.

Stephen Marshall (O/55) 41st in 12.15 – Alan Rowell (O/65) 52nd in 15.34 – Bob Hewitson (O/55) 48th in 12.42 (38.51)

Veteran Mens Race. B Team

Paul Donaghy (O/45) 80th in 15.24 – Simon Hackett (O/45) 78th in 14.12 – Paul Delaney (O/45) 13.24 (43.00)

In the Combined Senior and Veteran Womans Race the in-form Chloe Price had an outstanding run on the 1st Leg coming back 1st in 11.01 (2nd fastest time of the day) with, Amy Etherington holding on to first position returning 12.03 with Louisa Buttanshaw dropping to 2nd place returning 12.28 with an overall time of 35.32, 17 seconds behind Newcastle University Team. Further results a were as follows;

Helena Herrman 8th in 12.10 – Fern Freeman 19th in 13.43 – Gemma Soulsby 26th in 15.12 (41.05)

Veterans Womans Team

Alison Walker (O/45) 43rd in 13.41 – Wendy Hughes (O/40) 49th in 15.38 – Lindsay Phillips (O/40) 41ST in 13.44 (43.03)