

Durham City Harrier, GB xc athlete Rosie Smith has made a fantastic start to 2014 whilst competing for Scotland in the Antrim Cross Country International by producing a brilliant performance against top African athletes including Bahraains World Cross Champion Mimi Belete who actually just beat her team-mate Maryam Jamal, the double world 1500m gold medallist , by 1sec recording 18.07 and 18.08 respectively, with Belgiums Almensh Belete 3rd in 18.21. Top Irish xc athlete Fionnuala Britton was 4th in 18.23, followed by Britains Charlotte Purdue who was 3rd in last months European xc u/23 Race , 5th in 18.28, Gemma Steel who was 2nd in the Senior Race , 6th in 18.43, and not far behind in 7th place was Rosie, newly crowned NE xc Champion, finishing in an excellent time of 18.59. Rosie has since been selected again for her 4th GB vest in the Bupa Great Edinburgh xc this Saturday, coverage of which will be on BBC.

In the Yorkshire xc Championships at North Stainley, Dan Jenkin had a very good run finishing 5th in 42.02., whilst James Askew finished 2nd in the Annual Saltwell 10k Road Race recording 33.37, with Chris Walker 35th in 38.59, and Brian Brown v/65 259th in 52.05.

Chloe Price u/20 scored a fine victory in the Old Monks Multi-Terrain Race in Hartlepool(5.5m), she finished 1st Lady recording 33.18, finishing 15th overall, other City athletes to finish were; Bob Hewitson v/55 59th in 37.53, David Coxon v/40 78th in 39.00, Allison Walker v/45 106th in 41.23, Lynne Carruthers v/50 190th in 50.19, and Joe Harker v/70 223rd in 55.59.