Fantasy XC League 2017/18 – Race 2 Blog

Having caught up with my data entry I am pleased to be able to deliver this week’s FL results in a slightly more timely fashion.

Yet another TAC racers record for a Kent League with 113 finishers – 13 up on last year, with 11 FL debutants by my reckoning.

So Race 2 highlights:

Top points scorer with 176 was B Cole with a repeat of his 2015 performance at Somerhill.

Bede PK, Lucy Kingston and JT maintain their 100% record from last season with Lucy and JT still to miss a race over the whole history of FL! The 100% list for this season stands at 75 but is likely to be thinned out after the next race. The aim this year is to beat the 15/16 record of 7.

Best average for the day was debutant – T McLain- U13B, with 54 points per million and second into the Bullseye Club Lounge. Josh and he are joined by G Hopkins and T Bennett. Best Seeded Athlete Average for the day was 23ppm by J Bingham.

Best New Kid on the Block performance of the day was obviously Tim but Noemie Thomson U15G also deserves mention with 22ppm. Best performance in a new age group goes to J Bingham stepping up two age groups for 51st place in the SM race. Step up in Class prize for the day apart from those named above I would probably go for D Schofield and J Kingston U17M with 6th and 7th in a strong combined U17/U20 race; and B Heslop with 21st in U13G race. Other Mentions in Despatches: M Cunliffe (23ppm); R Kinloch (23ppm); P Pilbeam (36ppm); and B Brooks (16.8ppm).

Now to the main action – the teams. Apologies for the misprint last week ( the perils of cutting and pasting last year’s Race 1 Blog). Happily I can use last week’s blog now because the winning teams / managers / or families are repeated this week. In the A team category (6 athletes; one athlete from each age group) the best score of the day was 385 again from Tony Bennett’s Auditors A Listers team of S Slack, M Wise, D Schofield, G Fleming, J Bryant and M Heslop. In the B team category (6 athletes from any age group) the best score of the day was 397 from Sarah Schofield’s What the Hill team of F Gordon, J Kingston, D Schofield, J Bryant, D Seagrove and S Fraser. The best Player Manager was again Jamie Bryant, this time with his Second Team, also including J Keywood, A Wood, G Cole, H Gordon, S Paice with 337. And finally the best Bargain Team with 140 was again JT’s Sloggers comprising A Roeder, A Thompson, G Hopkins, J Bingham, D Brown and M Dubery. At the other end of the table Mark Hookway doubled up with another “nil” points from his Night Clubbers. A box of Hamlet cigars this week, because I can’t think of anything topical or imaginative.

But there is a change at the top; Richard Tosh’s Millionaires surge into the lead with 2508 while Brian Buckwell’s Nicki’s Choice team move backwards faster than an Italian tank.

Finally, the second nomination for the season defining, Terrible Team Names prize is Gordon Emm’s The Funky Town Monkey Pimps; makes even J Keywood’s names seem normal.