





The road to Birmingham: runners in the Southern Area relay at Grays (above) ignore the road sign and do it the hard way. At Sutton Park in the National race (top), Richard Nerurkar and Mark Hudspith battle it out on the ninth leg

12 STEPS TO HEAVEN

leg one

Surprisingly, Phil Hogston (26:07) matched Steve Brace and Mike Hawkins to well past halfway. Although he suffered in the final mile, his fourth place was a big improvement on last year's 15th, and Blackheath were off to a good start.

1st Bridgend 25:39 4th Blackheath 26:07

LEG TWO

The Blackheath supporters had a sweepstake. The subject: on which leg would they take the lead for good? Certainly no one thought it would be this early. However, Steve Dodd (14:22) soon made up the gap ahead to go in front. The quickest (and indeed fastest of the day) was Ged Davey, who moved Sale up 20 places with a superb 13:45.

1st Blackheath 40:29 2nd Bridgend 40:36

LEG THREE

Tim Dickinson (26:32) wasn't expecting a lead, but the Loughborough student capped a great winter (he was ninth in the National Cross-Country) by increasing the lead to 18 seconds. Much further back, Medway's Barry Royden ran the quickest leg (26:04), advancing 22 places to 25th despite a recent leg injury. This time Sale were going in the opposite direction, as Roy Molyneux dropped 45 places to 51st.

1st Blackheath 1:07:01 2nd Leslie Deans RC 1:07:19

LEG FOUR

Alan Guilder (14:38) may have run Blackheath's slowest leg, but he still maintained a 100-metre lead, with Shaftesbury Barnet now taking up the chase. According to the initial results, Keiran Roebuck was quickest, but he actually set off around three minutes before his Leicester teammate arrived. So it was Kevin McKay (14:04) who pipped Nick Rose to be the fastest as Sale's yo-yo day continued.

1st Blackheath 1:21:39 2nd Shaftesbury 1:21:57

LEG FIVE

Darrell Smith (26:19) increased Blackheath's lead by a further 50 metres, despite losing a minute to Keith Anderson, who moved Bingley from a distant 11th to a challenging second with an aggressive 25:23:

1st Blackheath 1:47:58 2nd Bingley 1:48:24



LEG SIX

Simon Baines (14:23) had a lonely front run as he made his National 12-Stage debut for Blackheath. By the finish, his lead had almost doubled. Simon Fairbrother brought Boxhill into second place, sharing the quickest time of 14:09 with Julian Moorhouse of Leeds.

1st Blackheath 2:02:21 2nd Boxhill 2:03:11

LEG SEVEN

David Taylor's new club record (25:24) virtually doubled Blackheath's advantage to a whopping 500 metres. It wasn't the quickest leg though; five minutes later, Keith Cullen had advanced Chelmsford's cause by 13 places to 13th (25:04).

1st Blackheath 2:27:45 2nd Bingley 2:29:20

LEG EIGHT

Mark Steinle (14:28) opened up a few more vital yards with a solid solo run. Some way back, former Commonwealth steeplechase medallist Colin Walker pipped Glen Stewart (son of Lachie, the 1970 10,000m champion) for fastest leg by a second, with 14:07.

1st Blackheath 2:42:13 2nd Shaftesbury 2:43:58

LEG NINE

All eyes were on Richard Nerurkar in sixth as he set off half a mile and 2:24 behind leader James Harrison. He soon passed those immediately ahead of him (including his Gothenburg marathon teammate Mark Hudspith) to move into second, but he only took a minute out of Harrison (26:16), and Blackheath seemed safe. Surprisingly though, two athletes further back went even quicker. Despite suffering from a cold, Cardiff's Justin Hobbs (courtesy of a great tussle with the day's second-fastest, Coventry's Glyn Tromans) was 19 seconds faster than Nerurkar, and his 24:54 effort

The victorious Blackheath team. Back row, I-r: David Taylor, Bill Foster, Steve Dodd, James Harrison, Simon Baines, Spencer Newport, Phil Hogston. Front row, I-r: Darrell Smith, Tim Dickinson, Mark Steinle, Alan Guilder, Dave Lee

should translate into a great summer. 1st Blackheath 3:08:29 2nd Bingley 3:09:50

LEG TEN

Barring muscle pulls, the battle for victory was over, but that didn't slow Spencer Newport. Already the owner of Blackheath's three fastest short legs, he sped round to a new dub record of 13:55, opening a gap of over a minute on Bingley. The second-fastest was Swansea's Kevin Tobin, who moved the defending champions up to fourth place, some 39 seconds slower.

1st Blackheath 3:22:24 2nd Bingley 3:24:57

LEG ELEVEN

Bill Foster (26:19) maintained most of the team's lead, despite being only sixth-fastest. Larry Matthews of Salford (the Northern area champions) was the fastest with 25:58, but failed to move up a single place as large gaps were beginning to appear in the field. 1st Blackheath 3:48:41

LEG TWELVE

2nd Bingley 3:51:03

Just as in 1994, Dave Lee ran the quickest leg (14:23), but this year he set off with a big lead rather than back in fourth place. The margin at the finish was close to 800 metres. Bingley and Morpeth, second and third respectively, gained their first National 12-Stage medals (which is surprising, considering that both have regularly won national relay titles), with Swansea close behind.

1st Blackheath 4:03:04 2nd Bingley 4:05:56

Results

1 Blackheath Harriers 4:03:04 (P Hogston 26:07; S Dodd 14:22; T Dickinson 26:32; A Guilder 14:38; D Smith 26:19; S Baines 14:23; D Taylor 25:24; M Steinle Harries n4.25, D laylot 25:24; M Steinle 14:28; J Harrison 26:16; S Newport 13:55; B Foster 26:17; D Lee 14:23); **2 Bingley** Harriers 4:05:56 (M Hawkins 25:41; S MacDonald 15:27; A Peace 27:13; I Holmes 14:40; K Anderson 25:23; A Atkinson 14:57; S Green 25:59; S Johnson 15:17; R Nerurkar 25:13; S Winstanley 15:07; C Moore 26:06; S Binns 14:53); 3 Morpeth Harriers 4:06:10 (T Wall 26:27; T West 14:49; S Platts 26:20; C McBurney 14:32; A Shepherd 26:35; A Teasdale 15:05; I Hudspith 25:48; G Woods 14:55; M Hudspith 25:44; L Atkinson 15:01; J Lisiewicz 26:11; D Beris 14:42); **4 Swansea Harriers 4:06:17** (M Rees 26:30; A Eynon 14:12; J Hall 26:41; P Richards 14:37; S Tobin 27:08; J Lewis 14:25; I Manners 26:29; G Hill 14:23; M Morgan 26:33; K Tobin 14:34; K Palmer 26:00; M Kinnane 14:45); 5 Shaftesbury Barnet 4:06:54 (M Hula 26:24; M Williams 14:21; P Simons 26:40; M Moughton 14:32; T Jackson 27:01; J Kilkelly 14:41; D Bannister 25:46; M Quinn 14:33; I Cornford 27:10; C Barley 14:48; J Sherban 26:02; I Thompson 14:56); 6 Coventry Godiva 4:06:58 (D Ramsden 26:38; V Clisham 15:02; S White 26:38; C McGuire 14:57; D Moorcroft 27:08; J McKeown 14:45; G Deacon 26:33; A Hart 14:45; G Tromans 25:00; R Taylor 14:43; T Redman 26:15; R Scanlon 14:34); **7 Boxhill 4:07:44** (M Howard 26:42; N Hopkins 13:58; P Haywood 27:17; K Howard 14:42; S Harris 26:23; S Fairbrother 14:09; P Mathews 26:43; S Wilson 15:05; J Pugsley 25:47; M Gregory 14:57; P Rowe 27:22; P Davies 14:39); 8 Tipton Harriers 4:08:10 (A Wilton 26:23: K Lamb 14:31: M Haga 26:53; J Hartigan 15:08; S Hope 26:18; B Milis 14:47; D Payne 25:45; I Pierce 14:39; B Westwood 27:18; J Parker 15;16; L Woolridge 26:24; T Milovsorov 14:48); 9 Leslie Deans Racing Club 4:08:15 (K Chapman 26:21; F McGowan 14:20; S Cohen 26:38; A Robson 15:11; A Hutton 27:12; I Brown 14:23; J Robson 26:52; G Stewart 14:08; D Ross 26;28; S Cairns 14:50; B Kirkwood 27:04; I Veitch 14:48); 10 Cardiff 4:08:18 (R Gardiner 26:48; P Lewis 15:23; S Knight 26:30; R Simon 14:37; P Wheeler 26:38; D Fowles 14:59; N Commerford 25:50; G Harold 15:43; J Hobbs 24:54; S Mosley 15:14; K Blake 26:46; N Lane 14:56); 11 Salford Harriers 4:09:06 (N Wilkinson 27:09; K McGee 14:59; D Mason 26:20; A Walpole 14:43; M Higginbottom 27:34; G Crowther 14:45; M Cox 26:18; M Delahunty 14:58; M Peters 26:16; M Shackcloth 15:10; M Matthews 25:58; E Crowther 14:56); 12 Gateshead Harriers 4:12:13 (G Wade 27:50; A Buckley 15:02; M Thompson 27:19; J Greenhaugh 14:41; S Wright 27:16; N Day 15:22; D Miles 26:05; C Walker 14:07; M Smith 26:51; G Hargreaves 15:20; R Smedley 27:39; T Mate 14:41); 13 Chelmsford 4:12:35 (P Barr 26:41; M Gibbs 15;17; A Mussett 26:50; D Tullett 14:54; R Campbell 28:16; S Vines 15;30; K Cullen 25:04; J Freeman 15:05; D Laughlin 26:20; M Gormley 15:05; M Whelan 28:38; G Lillywhite 14:55); **14 Border Harriers 4:14:05** (M Amor 27:07; P Hackley 14:43; S Murdoch 27:50; E Simpson 15:00; E Conley 26:32; P Butler 15:30; B Thompson 27:35; J Kenny 16:02; D Farrell 26:55; M Scott 16:01; A Russell 26;17; D MacLachan 14:33); **15** Leeds City 4:14:10 (P Atkinson 27:24; D Rowbotham 14:51; M Roscoe 27:08; M Benson 14:30; T Gill 27:30; J Moorhouse 14:09; C Saint 27:02; J Wilkinson 15:35; M Flanagan 28:05; P Darkins 14:57; J Convery 27:52; D Throup 15:07); 16 Shettleston Harriers 4:15:02 (D Cameron 26:23; D Connelly 15:03; K Mackay 26:42; D Gilmour 15:48; A Little 27:41; D McMorran 15:38; A Callan 26:03; G McKie 16:49; W Coyle 26:59; J Duffy 15:30; G Wight 26:41; G Kirk 15:45); **17 Borough of Hounslow 4:15:33** (M Simpson 26:12; J O'Shea 14:45; H Brasher 26:51; R Henderson 15:02; 14.43, Fi Brasher 26:51; R Henderson 15:1 N Anderson 27:13; J Lamont 15:15; I Hobdell 27:59; D Madams 15:36; K Usher 27:16; D Botting 15:40; T Booth 28:04; B Whitby 15:40); **18 Bristol 4:15:40** (W Buxton 26:11; C Slowley 14:39; D Wilson-Evans 27:30; N Rose 14:07; K Butler 27:10;

G Eagle 14:59; S Risa 27:55: D Westlake 15:14; E Richards 27:18; P King 15:30; T Byrne 29:02; A Rawnsley 16:05); **19 Notts 4:15:47** (R Ironmonger 26:22; C Emery 14:59; D Suter 27:11; R Hollingsworth 14;15; G Elsmore 27:14; P Fox 15;19; R Collier 27:15; I Muxlow 15:31; P Gebbett 28:32; J Picksley 15:21; C Allan 28:55; P Jackson 14:53); 20 Derby & County 4:16:13 (N Lees 27:14; A Tatham 15:26; K Gunn 27:24; K Farrow 14:30; M Jubb 26:56; S Hilton 15:01: J Ward 27:25: P Hilton 14:54; C Toplass 27:57; G Mallon 15:43; J Wainwright 28:14; M Berntsson 15:29); 21 Birchfield Harriers 4:16:35 (S Edmonds 27:21; N Lawrence 14:53; D Lem 28:22; P Jacksor 15:16; P Black 27:33; M Shevyn 14:27; M Bouldstridge 26:40; R Foster 14:47; T Werrett 28:22; A Russell 15:39; J Carter 27:49; P Lavell 15:26); 22 Woodford Green 4:17:13 (I Benisty 26:41; L Mangleshot 14:35; S Sear 27:36; J Goldring 15:30; J Sear 28:00; S Maxwell 15:01; I Campbell 27:53; P Chase 15:23; K Murphy 27:50; D Barrett 15:20; C Brogan 27:41; Pamphilon 15:43); **23 Omega Racing Club 4:17:47** (P Rowland 27:28; C Robison 14:15; G Neely 27:26; I Carter 15:21; C Poulter 27:30; P Yeomans 15:50; R Birchall 26:38; C Sabion 15:45; M Ludlam 28:48; J Pike 15:59; N Bishop 27:13; K Sean 15:34); 24 Aldershot Farnham & District 4:18:07 (J Kendall 27:02; K Nash 15:01; R Hudson 27:41; A Stopher 15:38; Jackson 26:27; P Burnett 14:34; A Moffatt 28:41; M Rezin 15:12; E Robinson 27:32; F Adams 15:46; S Barnshaw 28:52; S Bone 15:41); 25 Liverpool Harriers 4:18:43 (S McKevitt 26:44; P McGuinness 15:49; F Cadwallader 26:38; J Woods 15:23; T O'Brien 26:56; I Ellington 15:35; I O'Neill 27:50; M Booker 15:35; S Watson 28:23; G Rawlinson 16:14; M Keeley 27:35; G Grov 16:01): 26 Sunderland Harriers 4:19:24 (A Kelly 27;47; G Lancaster 15:03; D Mullen 26:48; B Bewick 15:10; B Rushworth 25:47; D Grover 15:16; G Forster 27:59; G Laws 15:02; P Rodgers 28:23; R Mulley 16:36; A Lilliendale 28:20; T Field 17:13); **27** Bridgend 4:19:38 (S Brace 25:39; C Table 14:19:38 (S Brade 28:39; C Cable 14:57; B Rollins 28:03; G Newhams 15:30; G Davies 26:52; D Hiscox 15:29; S Rhind 27:36; P Owen 16:02; H Roberts 28:27; E Locke 16:59; P Smith 28:43; P Jenkins 15:21); 28 Westbury Harriers 4:20:16 (B Chinnick 26:21; M Shore 15:07; T Artus 28:09; N Smart 14:39; C Buckley 27:24; J Hunter 14:53; M Hamis 27:32; P Morton 16:19; M Vile 28:19; D Thornton 17:36; D Adams 27:14; N Sheppard 16:43); 29 Thames Hare & Hounds 4:20:29 (D Hill 27:10; C Hughes 15:25; W Oxborough 26:46; M Bryant 15:15; A Weir 27:30; M Farmery 15:57; J Watson 27:34; A Kennis 15:23; M Goatley 28:59; M Gilbertson 16:03; T Richardson 28:12; D Harrison 16:15); 30 Sheffield 4:20:45 (M Ridgway 26:40; S Jackson 15:17; R Hough 28:06; J Ward 14:46; D Cooney 26:05; N Allinson 15:32; M Connolly 28:12; N Duggan 15:55; M Thompson 26:53; C Cope 16:41; C Scaife 30:33; M Plint 16:05); **31 Thames Valley** Harriers 4:21:53 (B Pfeiffer 27:44; S Saxby 15:19; C Nelligan 27:38; L Benjamin 15:13; A Fooks 27:10; I Bussell 15:40; G Reid 27:40; R Hooley 15:51; N Panchen 27:25; B Walters 15:57; I Matheson 29:34; J Husbands 16:42); 32 Medway 4:22:19 (C Palmer 27:18; D Jorden 16:05; B Royden 26:04; G Williams 15:29; Mark Linbourne 26:27; A Brody 16:19; Matthew Linbourne 28:09; M Lee 16:11; P Curran 27:46; S Nice 16:27; A Allison 28:45; S Mitchell 17:19); 33 Stourport 4:22:31 (A Vaux-Harvey 28:59; S Westhead 16:25; D Hale 28:22; T Rudd 14:45; M Vaux-Harvey 27:15; N Williams 15:21; A Jackson 26:38; M Walker 15:37; S Poulton 28:30; T St Leger 16:38; C Penny 27:13; C Pickering 16:48); **34 Swindon 4:23:19** (J Osborn 27:17; Pete Molloy 15:13; M Bowdering 29:03; Pete Molloy 15:35; M O'Dowd 26:38; G O'Brien 16:13; C Sykes 27:47; G Rogers 16:25; N Perry 27:54; P Neighbour 16:54; E Grimes 27:56; J Hughes 16:24); **35 Wolverhampton & Bilston 4:23:36** (M Cooper 26:54; D Smith 15:38; N Share 27:41; M Edwards 15:17; M Farnell 28:23; P Fletcher 16:36; A Bottomley 29:51; J Abbiss 15:58; C Eden 28:30; D Rowley 16:03; P Gladwin 26:39; S Green 16:06); **36 Bideford 4:24:15** (M Rush 28:53; S Stacey 15:19; P Clemens 26:39; K Brosnan 15:48; M Spencer 28:11; J Parkinson 16:05; W O'Donnell 28:42; M



Justin Hobbs ran the day's fastest long leg

Baddick 15:49; P Sturtridge 28:11; P Hockin 15:53; S Luton 28:58; K Hodgkins 15:47); **37** Colchester 4:24:36 (P Spowage 28:02; R Gaine 15:31; S Thomas 28:56; P Bryan 15:37; P Langworthy 28:40; K Marley 15:26; H Emerton 28:29; S Raw 16:09; T Bartrum 28:28; D Robinson 15:37; P McHugh 27:54; M Bond 15:47); 38 Wakefield & District **4:25:00** (D Gratton 26:51; C Jenkins 14:38; A Slack 28:40; M Harper 15:44; A Cooper 28:51; D Spawforth 14:11; A Johnson 28:09; D Needham 15:57; R Young 29:43; A Rivett 16:08; S McLoughlin 29:43; M Batley 16:25); 39 Exeter Harriers 4:25:33 (M Feighan 27:16; M Eveleigh 15:51; R Williams 28:20; S Wadey 15:42; D Wilkinson 27:13; A Amraoui 15:10; G Webster 30:04; J Zaple 15:46; G Seward 28:11; M Cox 16:37; D Darby 29:17; A Libby 16:06); **40 Wirral 4:25:34** (A Woods 27:19; C Yates 14:30; L McKevitt 27:57; B Reece 14:39; B Beecroft 29:05; M Griffiths 14:43; P Kilgallon 28:38; M Baylis 15:52; D Barnes 31:08; T McDevitt 16:00; A Beckett 29:46; M Morris 15:57); 41 Bedford & County 4:25:42 (G Spring 26:29; A Cross 15:04; P Sibbett 27:40; P O'Dell 15:37; J McMahon 28:05; A Wray 15:46; P Swinburne 29:00; L Thomas 16:03; R Payne 29:24; P Carpenter 16:08; P Gooding 30:36; D Laynes 15:50); **42 Sale** Harriers 4:26:14 (N Peach 26:58; G Davey 13:45; R Molyneux 31:22; K McKay 14:04; D Carrington 28:46; P McCartney 14:41; R Waters 29:01; S Jones 15:16; B Fox 30:00; I Weatherall 15:31; C Ireland 31:21; F Douglass 15:29); 43 Stockport Harriers 4:27:06 (E Williams 27:40; D Canning 15:07; A Pead 30:03; D Turnbull 15:23; H Morris 27:42; J Loxam 16:00; B Gregory 29:48; S Bund 15:40; D Loxam 29:57; D Gibbons 14:55; W Birchall 29:57; J Fitzsimmons 14:54); **44 Mandale** Harriers 4:27:18 (K Harker 27:58; M Scaife 15:20; R Bergstrand 27:50; M Raw 16:20; J Dixon 28:34; M Lamb 15:55; A Davison 28:33; D Fielden 16:09; K Brown 27:45; V Rutland 16:51; P Jenkins 29:20; M Vickers 16:43); **45 Hillingdon 4:27:30** (S Tompsett 27:47; D Clark 15:02; N Oddy 29:17; K Kay 15:44; P Martin 27:13; M Smith 15:25; R Goodwin 30:26; T Jones 15:54; S Sharp 28:15; J Harvey 16:37; R Jenkin 30:00; K Falvey 15:50); **46 Telford 4:27:39** (S Jones 29:35; C Davies 15:01; J Cooper 29:05; P Gardner 14:28; C Lancaster 30:15; M Hill 14:50; P Cross 30:02; B Lloyd 16:21; D Mansbridge 28:13; C Ball 15:31; V New 28:13; D Jackson

16:05); 47 Rotherham 4:27:46 (A Roberts 28:08; K O'Mara 15:29; P Bennett 28:21; M Thomson 15:50; L Collingwood 28:06; M Ruddlestone 15:47; C Beighton 28:12; J Comrie 16:01; P Neal 29:43; A Gregory 16:34; D Morris 29:31; P Roberts 16:04); 48 Potteries Marathon 4:28:32 (D Pearsall 28:27; D Hollins 15:47; M Roberts 26:35: A Austin 16:37: D Allen 29:04; B Smith 15:54; A Thompson 29:04; P Swann 16:04; A Simpson 29:36; M Walker 16:09; C Meir 28:59; M Cotton 16:16); 49 Horwich RMI 4:29:03 (P Dugdale 27:38; V Skelly 16:06; M Bell 27:46; P Boyd 16:41; R Jackson 29:03; S Cuishaw 15:59; I Hamer 28:41; C Matthews 16:22; R Smith 29:26; C Leigh 16:37; T Leigh 29:19; R Hope 15:2 50 Spenborough & District 4:29:13 (L Warburton 27:00; G Damiani 15:36; D Hanson 27:38; M Chandler 16:17; B Legge 28:15; K Bentley 16:11; M Sykes 28:40; R Lee 17:37; A Wolfenden 29:19; F Reddington 16:53; P Dobson 28:19; S Moss 17:29); 51 Cheltenham 4:29:26 (A Gore 28:26; G Brookhouse 15:25; N Hoyle 27:49; M Gardew 16:45; R Knight 29:32; R Rogan 16:13; S Robinson 26:54; I Giles 16:46; G Bagnall 29:20; D Randall 16:21; S Brown 29:22; G Munro 16:33); **52 Wallsend Harriers 4:30:13** (P Saint 27:44; J Renney 16:09; L Morgan 27:28; C Atkinson 15:25; P Morgan 29:01; D West 16:17; J Lucas 28:12; T Weatherson 16:24; C Law 29:42; C Robson 16:30; T McPhail 30:03; J Turnbull 17:18); 53 Rowheath Harriers 4:30:56 (S Hewitt 27:27; R Gray 15:43; N Price 27:29; A Hardinge 15:57; A Kenchington 28:16; S Leslie 16:29; E McGrath 28:31; H Fowler 16:37; C Cartland 32:10; P Crawford 16:48; T Craddock 28:57; G Waite 16:32); 54 Dudley & Stourbridge 4:32:49 (I Furness 27:34; G Cartwright 14:41; W Beazley 29:04; R Brown 15:45; S Lees 29:33; G Beard 15:38; P Rothin 29:50; A Butler 16:05; E Fletcher 30:38; A Cartwright 17:04; K Wadeley 30:26; F Homer 16:31); **55** Bromsgrove & Redditch 4:33:09 (G Corbett 28:16; J Dineen 16:39; R Malin 27:40; C Bagshaw 16:07; S Clews 29:18; D Kesterton 15:53; A Ward 29:22; M Hanson 16:44; M Parker 30:13; C Brown 16:31; S Radcliffe 29:43; G Jones 16:43); **56 Royal Sutton Coldfield 4:33:26** (C Riley 28:00; S Evans 15:41; M Evans 28:51; S Mason 17:21; R Mullaney 30:15; P James 16:01; K Swadkins 29:08; A Thake 15:36; P Parker 29:31; D Hyde 17:08; P Kenny 29:23; A Finch 16:31); **57 Halesowen 4:36:32** (K Bright 28:30; A Nock 16:40; L Heathcock 30:53; R Mallard 16:24; A Grant 30:24; N 30:55; H Mallard 16:24; A Grant 30:24; N Price 16:53; W Nock 28:08; R Cudworth 16:31; P Clarke 29:24; M Edwards 16:16; P Allen 30:08; M Hadley 16:21); **58 Redhill Road Runners 4:37:28** (P Newton 29:18; W Thorpe 15:10; A Stewart 28:33; M McHale 17:02; J Davis 30:28; K Brown 17:18; D Gibbons 29:55; N Lever 16:47; N Swinscoe 30:06; D Tatley 17:48; P Warden 37:48; C 30:05; D Tetley 17:43; P Warden 27:42; G Brown 17:27); **59 Neath Harriers 4:37:43** (G Thomas 30:26; D Richards 15:51; D Orrels 29:58; S Jones 17:26; J Rees 29:44; K Lewis 16:38; S Evans 28:56; H Carpenter 17:01; N Grinnell 28:16; G Jones 16:17; T Harries 30:28; D Davies 16:42); 60 Les Croupiers 4:38:41 (M McGeogh 28:05; D Williams 16:38; R Bullen 28:39; S Nurse 16:54; P Smith 28:19; K Morgan 16:58; P Coker 30:47; M Pinnell 16:32; P Gwilym 30:37; R Evans 16:19; P Widdison 30:47: J Dimond 18:06) Incomplete: Cannock & Stafford (C Warren 25:55; M Wortley 16:22; P Lucas 26:26; B Peacock 16:22; M Allen 29:10; P Liester 15:34); Brighton & Hove (M Law 31:28; K Newton 15:09)

Disqualified: Leicester Coritanian (P Makepeace 26:19; J Masterson 15:37; S Needs 29:59*; K Roebuck 13:34*; J Grindley 28:43; M Necak 16:14; R Mason 27:34; N

Fastest stages:

Long stage (5M 706yds): Hobbs 24:54; Tromans 25:00; Cullen 25:04; Nerurkar 25:13; Anderson 25:23; Taylor 25:24; Brace 25:39; Hawkins 25:41; M Hudspith 25:44; Payne 25:45.

Francis 16:17; R Sheen 28:02; A Hart 15:40)

Incorrect times as Roebuck set off before

Needs finished, leading to disqualification.

Short stage (3M 8yds): Davey 13:34; Newport 13:55; Hopkins 13:58; McKay 14:04; Rose (M40)/Walker 14:07; Stewart 14:08; Fairbrother/Moorhouse 14:09; Spawforth 14:11.