

The second fixture of the Notts AAA Road Race league took place over the flat and fast terrain of Holme Pierrepont National Water Sports Centre where the runners raced over an accurately measured 5 mile loop.

Chris Dale had a storming run to come home in fifth place overall, underlying the youngster's growing potential. Dale clocked 26:14 with Mark Johnson producing another solid run to finish just 24 seconds and three places behind Dale.

Ever reliable Pete Stafford was the third Harrier to finish although it was close between the 51 year old and 17 year old Daniel Winter. Experience held off at the end, Stafford finishing 20th in 27:49, Winter 21st in 27:53.

Chris Brown became the fourth senior scorer on the night with his time of 28:17 taking 25th spot and it was another 17 year old, Richie Talbot, that came through to take the fifth scoring slot with a good run of 28:37 to take 31st position.

Jonny Lowe produced one of his best races in a Mansfield vest, just dipping under 29 minutes, his time of 28:59 giving him a finishing position of 38th. Steve Davies and Rob Smith, clocking 29:24 and 29:39 respectively to take 50th and 55th spots, joined Stafford and Lowe as scorers in the Veterans team whilst Mark Jenkins completed the Senior Men's line up with his 59th place in 29:53.

After two of the five fixtures both senior and veteran men's teams are in medal positions – the vets in silver spot just 39 points behind Long Eaton and the seniors in bronze, 50 points behind Redhill.

Jackie Massey had an excellent race, finishing in thirds spot in the ladies race, just sixteen seconds behind the second place athlete, her time of 30:13 representing pace of just over six minute miling.

Kahli Johnson and Sue Day backed up Massey in a women's veteran team that finished second on the night and sit in silver medal spot overall. Johnson was 30th in 35:01 and Day 33rd in 35:35.

Sally Smith and Maddy Collinge both made the top 50 on the night, Smith finishing 41st in 36:12 and Collinge 45th in 36:22.

OTHER MANSFIELD FINISHERS: MEN – 68: Chris Day – 30:31, 75: Graeme Wilkinson – 31:04, 93: Denis Cormican – 32:00, 129: Trevor Hiscox – 33:39, 168: Dave Rose – 35:14, 176: Clive Russell – 35:55, 208: Ivan Colton – 37:44, 209: Alan Maddocks – 38:02, 210: Colin Fell – 38:08, 253: Dave Ward – 43:16, 258: Alan Smith – 45:07. LADIES – 52: Hannah Colton – 36:53, 57: Mandy Cormican – 37:42, 61: Tina Green – 37:57, 69: Claire O'Mara – 38:33, 72: Julie Grainger – 38:37, 74: Helen Scott – 38:39, 81: Chris Fell – 39:32, 90: Emma Wilkinson – 40:05, 95: Lynne Talbot – 40:45, 107: Linda Wilkinson – 42:07, 108: Angela Davies – 42:19, 114: Chris Huntington – 42:53, 128: Elaine Mayfield – 47:15.

Elsewhere on the roads Steve Grainger finished in 78th position (ninth in the VM40 age category) in a time of 35:40 at the Great Manchester 10K where a field of 36 000 runners were led home by Marathon world record holder - Ethiopia's Haile Gabreselassie.

Clare Coombes and Maddy Colinge both turned out for the Larwood 10K, Coombes finishing 50th in 46:49 and Collinge 90th in 50:41.

On the track and Danny Barkes made a guest appearance in a representative match at Loughborough University, clocking a good early season time of 1:53.73 for 800m.

On the fells Ellie Maddocks continued her form finishing as fifth female at the Cressbrook Crawl near Buxton, a race of 6.5 miles which climbs 1100 feet.