

Sport round-up

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ATHLETICS PERTH ROAD RUNNERS

Not always do Perth Road Runners take to the roads.

The cross-country season continues and the club produced one of its best female team results for some years at the recent East League meeting at Camperdown Park in Dundee.

The league draws together some 50 clubs from Kelso to Aberdeen.

Conditions were, in everyday terms, "terrible", but made for classic cross-country racing: heavy rain, standing water and copious mud for both the ladies' (6.4km) and men's (8km) races.

Seven Perth men raced, with David Knight the first PRR home, just ahead of teammate Elliot Collins. The team recorded 15th place overall and 12th in the Masters' (over-40) division.

The ladies' team was eight-strong (in a field of 107 runners) and found the sinking conditions much to their liking.

The team finished fifth overall and this is the strongest performance for many seasons, beaten only by some of Scotland's very finest clubs including Edinburgh AC, Falkirk Victoria and Central AC.

Within the team, the ladies Masters squad of Keri Weatherhogg, captain Fabienne Thompson and Lynn Gatherer came home in 19th, 39th and 43rd overall respectively, taking sixth, 12th and 16th in the veteran positions.

This made them – comfortably – the first team in their category and bodes very well for further glory at the Scottish Masters Championship in Forres in February.

Perth Road Runners welcomes experienced runners and newcomers alike. See www.perthroadrunners.co.uk for information on how to join in.



Muddy brilliant Lynn Gatherer and Fabienne Thompson (right) on the run for Perth Road Runners at Camperdown Park. Photos: Pete Bracegirdle