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A man who died in a horror head-on crash in Perthshire has been named locally as **Liam MacGillivray**.

Boyle, 40, was named as the driver of the car which crashed into the back of a truck on the A90 near to the village of Blairgowrie on Friday, August 28.

Boyle was a member of the local football club, Blairgowrie FC, and was a keen runner. He was also a member of the local rugby club, Blairgowrie RFC.

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Manager wants players to keep their heads on a nail

Land Rover driver (41)

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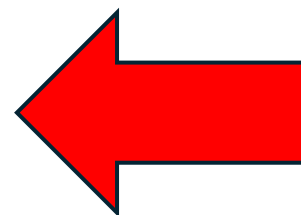


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Runners take on tough Mob Match

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The popular event is organised by Perth Road Runners (PRR) and Kinross Road Runners (KRR). First held in 2002 – the race has alternative dates each year – this trail race provides three really tough challenges, drawing out many runners to compete, in order to win glory and bragging rights.

There is no limit to how many runners may race for each side. The five most runners were named KRR with PRR then levelling the score in 2024 and 2025.

Separate matches are held for men and ladies, all men and 37 ladies lined up to race the five (very) challenging miles over two laps of Kinross Forest Wood.

A number of steep ramps and tricky turns – all topped off with the ever-unpredictable weather – awaited the runners.

Perthshire runners, all fighting for glory, gathered at the finish line to cheer home their green (PRR) or yellow-clad (KRR) teammates.

That support reflects a race format which sees later placed runners meet the same impact

as the final seven result as the first athletes home.

The last finishers crossed the line in fading sunlight. Competitors, marshals and supporters all then descended on Kinross Church Hall for tea, coffee and the much-awaited medals.

In the men's race, placing among the teams were notably men among the faster finishers. Perth took six of the first ten places.

Steve James-Walsh and Ken Mackenzie led the field home, Walsh making the decisive break for victory just over a mile from the finish. KRR's Ally Barnes and Marco Truicheau followed them home in third and fourth places respectively. KRR provided seven of the age category winners: David Colburn (under-20 men), David Scott (M40), Matt Newton (M50) and Andrew Laycock (M40). PRR's Russell Thomson won the leading M70.

KRR's Stephanie Johnson repeated her 2024 win on Perth soil, while Caroline Jones (also KRR) and first PRR secured her fourth 2nd place in the Mob Match.

From Hereford completed a yellow-clad 1-2-3, KRR's Pauline McAdam won first PRR.



Woodland Trust Scotland, Perthshire Trust, the Kinross Church community, John's House and the many marshals and volunteers who made the event possible.



Pushing on Some PRR women on the course



Celebrate PRR's Stewart Reid happy to finish



Tough incline Two PRR men battle the course's steepest climb



Final push PRR's Fiona Morrison finishes



On the move Some PRR men push through the course



You can do it These PRR ladies take on the log track

Ready to go The ladies get ready to start the race

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First held in 2022 – the race has alternative hosts each year – this trail race provokes fierce rivalry and club pride, drawing out many runners to compete, bedecked in club colours and face paint.

There is no limit to how many runners may race for each side. The first two fixtures were won by KRR with PRR then levelling the score in 2024 and 2025.

Separate matches are held for men and ladies. 60 men and 37 ladies lined up to race the five (very) undulating miles over two laps at Kinclaven Bluebell Woods.

A number of steep ramps and tricky turns – all topped off with the ever-steepening Hangman's Hill – awaited the runners.

Finished runners, still fighting for breath, gathered at the finish line to spur home their green (PRR) or yellow-vested (KRR) team mates.

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on the final team result as the first athletes home.

The last finishers crossed the line in fading sunlight. Competitors, marshals and organisers all then descended on Kinclaven Church Hall for tea, scones and the much-awaited results.

In the men's race, placings across the teams were notably even among the faster finishers. Perth took six of the first ten places.

Their James Waldie and Kerr Mackinnon led the field home, Waldie making the decisive break for victory just over a mile from the finish. KRR's Ally Barnes and Munro Strachan followed them home in third and fourth places respectively. KRR provided almost all of the age category winners: David Cuthbert (under-20 men), David Scott (M40), Matt Newton (M50) and Andrew Laycock (M60). PRR's Russell Thomson was the leading M70.

KRR's Stephanie Johnson repeated her 2024 win on Perth soil, while Caroline Jones (also KRR and first F40) secured her fourth 2nd place in five Mob Matches.

Fiona Horsfield completed a yellow-vested 1-2-3. KRR's Pauline McAdam was first F70,

Christine Myerscough (KRR) the first F60 and Liz Johnston (PRR) first F50.

Repeating their home victory of 2024 – and safely dodging the nail-biting results calculations that characterised the 2025 race – Perth RR emerged victorious in both team contests. PRR's men won a very close contest 571-606 (a lower score wins) while their ladies overturned KRR's individual victors – by dint of their mid-field 'green wall' – to triumph emphatically 156-269.

The Peter Rabbit trophy will now see his smart jacket remain in PRR green paint, at least until the race returns to Kinross-shire in 2027.

Huge thanks are due to Woodland Trust Scotland, Meikleour Trust, the Kinclaven Church community, John's Scone Mad and the many marshals and volunteers who made the event possible.

Perth Road Runners welcomes experienced runners and newcomers alike, meeting on Tuesday evenings at Bells Sports Centre, and on alternate Wednesday and Thursday evenings for track and hill training. Full details can be found at www.perthroadrunners.co.uk.

• Pictures by Mark Crawford/Perth Road Runners.



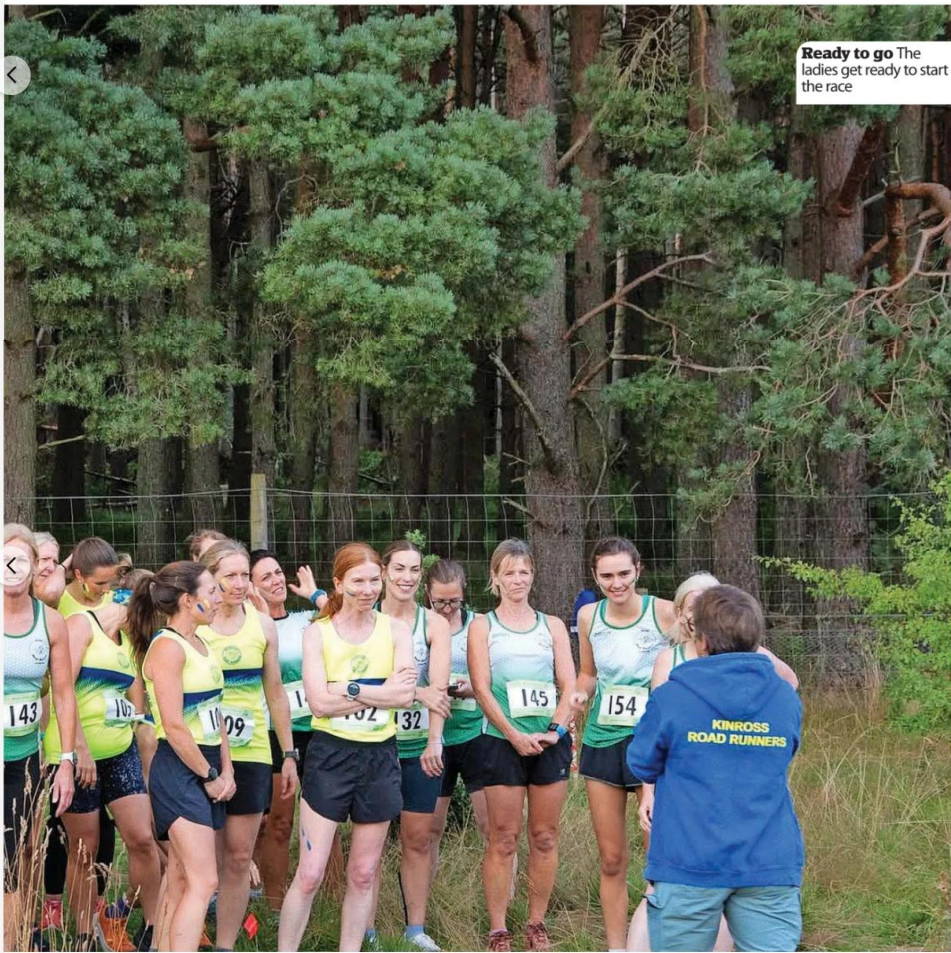
Winner's spoils PRR's chair holds the Peter Rabbit Trophy aloft



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