

Relay - Beverley AC v City of Hull AC
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Report by Kay Farrow of Beverley Athletic Club



Members of Beverley AC are celebrating after beating rivals City of Hull AC in the annual relay competition on Beverley Westwood.

Mixed ability teams of 4 runners from the two clubs competed round a 1.3 mile course on a hot and humid evening last week.

Beverley had the advantage of home territory and eight teams while City of Hull could only muster 3 full teams and one joint team. The aggregate times for the first 3 teams from each club, as well as the joint team, were 122.16 minutes for Beverley and 125.16 minutes for City of Hull giving Beverley the victory by 3 minutes.

Brothers Ross and Patrick Armstrong formed the winning team with Mike Abbott and Jed Holden. Ross was Beverley's fastest runner and completed the course in 7.13 minutes. City of Hull's Stuart Carmichael recorded the fastest individual time (7.04 minutes) but his team's result was affected by Stuart Thomson who missed the markers and ran off the designated route. His detour added minutes onto his time and possibly cost City the race.

The friendly rivalry between the two clubs will continue in December when City of Hull will host a 50-a-side race either across the Humber Bridge or along Hessle Foreshore.



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