
2013 Parlauf Finals Night - Report

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Parlauf Finals 2013.

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What a difference a week makes in the English summer, the heats on the 28th of May took place after very heavy lane with water laying on the course but on finals night on the 4th of June the sun was out, the grass dry and had been cut and the underfoot conditions were much faster.

This was reflected by the fact that 6 of the teams ran further than the furthest distance in the heats and the winners 250yards more than they achieved in their first effort.

Eleven pairs took to the start line with all the pairs looking anxious and nervous as the whistle sounded for the start of the race.

The early pace setters were Lavelle Pierre and Katie Smith but experienced Parlauf watchers could see some of the other setting off at a steadier pace, saving energy for the long ten minutes ahead.

As the race settled down three pairs began to dominate at the head of affairs and at one time it looked as though Eddie Hichcliffe and Kiara Horsfall would be fighting out the finish with Sophie Spencer and Sam Brown in a repeat of their heat.

However at half way they were joined by the pairing of Alex Harrower and Genevieve Durrans, plus George Orton and Daniel Tinson at the head of affairs and this quartet of teams swapped and tussled for the lead for the next couple of minutes before with two minutes remaining Alex and Genevieve put in some very strong laps and built up an advantage that they were able to hold onto despite Sophie, George and Eddie's best efforts when the last minute whistle went to close the gap.

The final was watch buy a large crowd as a number of the club members had made the effort to arrive back or finish training early to support all the teams. The crowd gave raucous support throughout the final and the competitors responded by giving their all and providing a fitting spectacle.

Congratulations to Alex and Genevieve on their success but also to every pair who made it through to the final and also to all who took part in the heats to make the one event where the young and old of the club come together to compete with and against each other a success.

Result:

1st Alex Harrower & Genevieve Durrans

2nd Eddie Hichcliffe & Kiara Horsfall

3rd George Orton & Daniel Tinson

4th Sophie Spencer & Sam Brown

