



Western Power Distribution Derby 10 Mile 2016 - Race Report

The inaugural Western Power Distribution 10 Mile which took place on Sunday 6th November sold out well before the entry deadline in October. With a very chilly start to the day, the sunshine was very welcome for a few hours and on the start line before the clouds arrived with a gentle downpour as the last of the runners crossed the finish line.

Race entries sold out well before the entry deadline and runners braved the very chilly start to the day. With 775 finishers, there was a good turnout on race morning with many completing a chip-timed 10 mile distance for the first time.

The Race Village was based in the heated East Concourse of Derby County's iPro Stadium and was buzzing on race morning as runners gathered to collect their race numbers, visit the Derby Runner stall, Annabel's Angels charity stall and have a sport massage from Helen Wright and her team of masseurs.

Toby Spencer of Coventry Godiva Harriers won the race with a time of 50:36, shortly followed by Derby AC's Luke Gunn with a time of 50:45. The first female to the finish line was Derby AC's Rachel Olivant with a time of 1:01:36, with Birchfield Harriers' Ellie Stevens second with a time of 1:02:20.

Sinfin Running Club were the winning male team with a cumulative time of 4:09:43 with the four team members Daniel Wilson, Ken Tomlinson, Chris Worthington and James Spray. The winning female team was Derby Athletic Club with a cumulative time of 3:24:41 with the three team members Rachel Olivant, Leonie Shipley and Steph Spencer.

The event has received a large number of positive comments about the organisation and the course, and is set to become a permanent fixture in the race calendar. Potential dates for 2017's event will be announced in the new year and firmed up once Derby County's fixtures are confirmed.