



East Midlands Grand Prix 4 - 5 Miles
East Carlton Park
23rd May 2007



Veteran Gordon Lee continued his success in the Corby 5 mile road race when he repeated his victory of last year over the tough, hilly course at East Carlton Park. The Harborough-based runner, who has recorded three wins and one second place in the last four years, was content to run in a group of four in the early stages along with his Owls club colleague Steve Platts, Matt Almond (Rugby & Northampton AC) and Phill Melling of Wootton Road Runners.

However, once he set out on his own inside the last couple of miles the outcome was never in doubt as he pulled away on the toughest part of the course. He finished in a time of 26.08 (one second faster than last year) with Platts 10 seconds adrift in second place, Almond taking third in 26.40 and Melling fourth in 27.10.

Melling did however have some consolation when his club won the team contest ahead of R&N and Silson Joggers.

Also running well for Wootton was seventh placed Craig Mattocks (27.50) while performing well for Kettering Town Harriers was Phil West (17th in 29.55). Terry Egan came out on top in the veteran-45 age group while Jeff Haynes (Silson Joggers) won the veteran-50 category.

Other local veteran wins came from Harborough's Alan Hawkes, who beat Daventry Road Runner Keith Moreman to take the veteran-55 section and Walgrave's Bob Emmerson, who clocked 41.25 for first in the veteran-70s.

Hinckley's Beth Eburne defeated former winner of the race, Nicki Nealon (Huncote), to finish top female in 28.43. Nealon clocked 29.30 while third place in 30.13 went to Kirsty Whigham, who fronted the Wootton squad which lifted top team honours ahead of Bedford Harriers and Wellingborough & District AC.

Wellingborough went one place better when they finished runners-up to Bedford Harriers in the veteran section. Leading them home was Yvonne Scarrott whose excellent run when clocking 33.39 clinched top spot in the veteran-40 age group with Harborough's Henrietta Streicher third in 35.06 and her club colleague Timea Latinovics running well to take fourth in 35.52.

Showing excellent improvement in the ladies race for the host club was Hayley Veasey, who came 22nd in 36.51.

