

NSL Worcester East - 5th March 2008

The season's finale saw many of the usual NSL suspects and a couple of occasional (but still most welcome) competitors gather at the Lyppards Community Centre in the outer suburbs of Worcester.

With Jackie, Alison and Judith all unavailable, newcomer Michael Brook collected ten points for the short course. On medium, Andy Bachelor won comfortably, ahead of Paul, Colin and Robert. On the long course, with the trophy still undecided and the main contenders running, John pipped David by just 20 seconds to give a fittingly close finish to the event and the League.

Long	9.0km	
1.	John Embrey	59.40
2.	David Nevell	60.00
3.	Brian Hughes	74.50

Medium	6.3km	
1.	Andy Bachelor	55.00
2.	Paul Hammond	62.50
3.	Colin Spears	73.20
4.	Robert Vickers	76.20

Short	4.0km	
1.	Michael Brook	85.40

This part of Worcester is an excellent area to plan for. The modern housing on the eastern half of Brian Hughes' high-quality map is a warren of culs-de-sac and linking paths which provide plenty of decision points to keep competitors on their toes. A small area of Council flats and houses to the north has a fiendishly dense network of alleys to give some more technical interest on the longer courses, and the bits in between aren't too bad either.

In the lull between the last start and first finish, the planner took the opportunity to read the latest AdHoc and read that the first ever HOC Night Street Event (admittedly not part of a league) attracted 33 competitors. Dream on...