



Team Cherwell Junior Triathlon July 2011

4Life juniors dominated at Team Cherwell Triathlon with twelve athletes making the podium and the others giving their all to score points for the club in the East Midlands Junior Club Championships, in which 4Life are currently leading.

This was the first year Team Cherwell organised a children's triathlon and an excellent event it was too. The bike course was staged on a tarmac school driveway, giving an advantage to the road bikers but the course definitely favoured the runners: the bike loop being shorter than suggested and the run course longer. But overall the event was well organised, there were a good supply of marshals and great spectating points. The athletes certainly lived up to the event. Chloe Goulding was the first 4Life athlete onto the course, the only trisstart girl and she finished second. Lucas Wolf Pudney was the only 4Life Trisstart boy and he finished a fantastic first! Other first-placers were Ellie White in TS2, Emma Beckwith, youth, and Olivia Mathias in TS3. Olivia has made a brilliant return to triathlon after a nasty bike crash just over a year ago and has been consistently making the podium all of this year.

Joining Chloe on the second place podium were Peta Jarvis in TS1, Will Barker in TS2, and Hannah Clay in TS3. Hannah just beat Nicole Goulding into third – in fact there were only four seconds between Olivia and Nicole, which proves how hard you have to race if you want to win! Also in third place was Emily Whitfield and Finn Moffatt in TS1 and Joseph Tuffin, TS2. This was Joseph's first ever podium position in a triathlon!

4Life then showed the quality of their athletes – even those who didn't quite make the podium. The top five places in the TS3 girls race were filled by 4Life athletes, and four out of the top five places in the TS2 boys category were earned by our athletes. There are still six events in the series to go, plus the IRC'S (Inter-regional Championships) so no athlete can afford to lose their focus . . .

Go 4life!!



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