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## Second helpings for McMillan

Chris McMillan has got the 2017 club racing season off to a strong start for Weston Athletic Club with second place finishes in the club's last two championship races. The January five mile Weston prom run saw him cruise to a new personal best in 26.13, while at Sunday's Slaughterford 9 he completed the challenging off-road route in 53.58, just one second behind the race winner from Team Bath AC.

Conditions favoured the 346 runners who lined up for January's prom run. The cold crisp air and easterly breeze helped them focus on pace and technique. Kieron Summers was second for Weston in 27.20, followed by Matt Dell in 27.53.

Phil Richards 32.58 was the club's first female finisher, followed by Nia Davies in 35.17 and Niki Fulstow in 36.16.

In the junior one mile race William Fuller (year 11) was the male winner, crossing the line in 5.02 and Poppy Burton-Dickie (year 8) was the female winner in 6.16. Vaughan Clarke (year 11) was second mile finisher in 5.17, and Luke Ashurst (year 6), Olivia Simmonds (year 10) and Millie Redman (year 5) all finished within a second of each other in 6.18, 6.18 and 6.19.

Sunday's Slaughterford 9 race organised by Chippenham Harriers was a decidedly damper and dirtier affair altogether. Heavy rain in the days leading up to the race, as well as throughout the event made for tough going along muddy tracks and hilly climbs, not to mention the stretch wading along a chilly river.

Tony Hogg followed Chris to gain the club's second finisher spot in 1.11.30 followed by Stuart Diamond in 1.12.40. Helen Diamond was first club female in 1.34.12 followed by Vanessa Andrews in 1.38.29.

The next races in the 2016-17 Weston prom run series take place on Thursday February 16. The main five mile race starts on the seafront near the Tropicana at 7.30pm and is preceded by the one mile junior race at 6.45pm. Runners can enter on the night or online at [www.westonac.co.uk/promrun](http://www.westonac.co.uk/promrun).

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