

HSBC Jersey Spartan A.C. 10km Road Race held on 21st September 2008 at Gorey

Race Report

Tom Brown and Jo Gorrod were the respective mens and ladies race winners in the HSBC Private Bank 10km road race from Gorey Village via Archirondel to Longbeach Car Park on Sunday.

In bright sunshine but a strong easterly wind 127 winners set out but without anyone willing to lead, the runners at the front played a cagey waiting game. This was reflected on the slow times which resulted in a mad dash to the finish for the first 3 as the pace hotted up in the last kilometre. Tom Brown managed to just outsprint Dave Ibbotson (34.39 to 34.48) with 3rd placed Toby Edwards only 4 seconds adrift ahead of first vet. Phil Ahier (35.17) followed home by pre-race favourite Dan Halksworth who's race didn't go to plan today.

Jo Gorrod won the Ladies race unchallenged in 38.15. Her participation had been delayed until the eleventh hour however, as she had injured her foot after falling over on a night out 48 hours before, "Its not a serious blow and I'll be 100% fit in 2 weeks time when I make my Marathon debut" said a victorious Gorrod. Second home in 40.22 was Sarah Corcoran who surged away from third placed Amanda Brown 40.38, with 3km to go. Fourth place went to Sarah Bruce in 41.01, just ahead of fifth placed Carol Knight 41.17, who was pleased to be back running after suffering a period of time on the sidelines recently with Achilles tendonitis.

The prizes were presented at the end of the race by **HSBC Private Bank MD Stuart Taylor** who completed the course in 51.55, and was delighted with his performance and the turnout.

Perpetual trophies were awarded to:

Men

Senior - **Tom Brown,**
Veteran - **Phil Ahier,**
Super Vet **Jack Johnson-Deeley**

Ladies

Senior - **Jo Gorrod,**
Veteran - **Sarah Corcoran,**
Super Vet - **Carol Knight.**