

# ANNUAL PIER TO PIER RACE

More than two hundred runners took part in the 26th Annual Pier-to-Pier 10k race well organised once again by Colwyn Bay Athletic Club. Report by Don Hale. *Photographs by Stéphanie Durrant.*

Starting from Llandudno Pier on Saturday 13th January, the race followed an undulating route through Penrhyn Bay and Rhos on Sea to finish on the promenade just past Colwyn Bay pier - and close to the race headquarters and control centre at Eirias Park.

Held in fine but slightly breezy conditions, the overall winner was teenager Harry Jones from host club Colwyn Bay, who finished in a highly creditable time of 34 minutes and 50 seconds. In 2nd place was Trafford AC's James Bleakley in 35mins; and 3rd was last year's winner Gary Rees Williams, in 35mins 11sec, representing the Menai Track and Field club.

First home for the ladies was Lynn Wright, 38min 10sec; In 2nd place was Emma Parry, 39mins 02sec, from Wrexham AC; and 3rd was top local runner Isabel Redfern, 40mins 21sec, for Colwyn Bay AC.

Both the mens' and womens' team prizes were well won by Abergele Harriers, who had fourteen runners competing - and scooped another six individual prizes! Their first male runner home was John Earlston, 37mins 27secs, finishing in 4th place overall. He also won the MV45 prize. ■

**Below** Time to recover for the ladies. (Pictured l-r), Abergele Harriers' runners Melanie Williams (10), Pam Grant (26), and Deborah Clift (50), with Kristy Stephenson (128) from North Wales Road Runners.



**Above** The start of the Pier to Pier race on Llandudno Promenade.

**Below** • Pictured l-r. The race winner, Harry Jones, with James Bleakley and last year's winner Gary Williams.

