

REDMAN VICTORY BUT BIRCHFIELD RACE TO TITLE

JIM REDMAN (Coventry Godiva) gave a superb display of front running as he led from the start in the fourth and final Birmingham League first division cross country race at Solihull.

Redman, looking as though he would be equally at home on "Ski Sunday," sped over the snow and quickly built up a 50-metre lead by the end of the first lap.

— Birchfields Neil Appleby, in second place, had a 20 metre advantage over his club mate Alan Salter and at this point the league leaders, Birchfield, had five runners in the first nine places.

Redman increased his lead and raced over the snow to win by 19 seconds in 30 mins 41 secs with Appleby hanging on to second place six secs ahead of Salter.

Fourth place went to the local runner Alan Jackson from Solihull, who was the champion with the best points total from the four races.

Birchfield took the next two places through Paul Baker and Darren Pemberton who were followed by Cannock's Paul Davies-Hale, and Tipton's first man home Andy Holden.

Birchfield's Martin Sprason and Steve Marzillius completed the scoring leaving Birchfield six runners in the first 10 positions for 35 points.

Coventry totalled 124 points to take second position with the young Birmingham University side third on 136, beating Tipton by four points.