Round 2: PADDOCK WOOD HALF – 08.03.2026

Round 2 of the 2026 PWR Grand Prix was the Paddock Wood Half on March 8th. 85 signed on from the club of which 67 were entered in the GP. Will Senbanjo set a new MV40 club record for the distance of 1:13:48 but isn't registered for the GP this year.

Although as mentioned there was a great turnout from PWRs which probably made us the largest club, despite it not even being held on our local patch, there were a number of no-shows - presumably either through injury or a change of heart that they needed to run even longer distances, like the Kingston 20 the same day, as part of their Spring marathon training.

The weather was perfect for running and, with plenty of closed roads and great marshaling, it was a really good event. Some of the UK Athletics officials got some grief on social media for clamping down on the strict no in-ear headphones but rules are there to be enforced.

Group 1 (12 registered competitors)
1 Kev Howarth 01:18:48, 2 Silky Ng 01:19:09, 3 Mark Philbrick 01:20:27, 4 Oliver York 01:20:57, 5 Simon Thornhill 01:21:34, 6 Mark Griffin 01:22:10.

A win for Kev Howarth who is surprised just how well he is running at the moment. He topped the age graded scores for PWRs at the event with an 85.34 score, so yes Kev you are running well! Silky Ng who had finished 8th at Canterbury in Group 1 was an excellent 2nd, with Mark Philbrick also putting in a good performance to round out the top three. All six PWRs were separated by less than 4 minutes at the finish.

Championship: 1 Kev Howarth (35 points), 2 Oliver York (31), 3= Mark Philbrick & Silky Ng (29), 5 Simon Thornhill (28), 6 Mark Griffin (23), 7 Adam Wilkinson (20), 8 Greg Dunning (18), 9 Steve Camacho (12), 10= Connor Gates, James Bevis & Toby Chapman (0).

Group 2 (9 registered competitors)
1 Christophe Cardon 01:22:50, 2 Haki Bardhi 01:24:46, 3 Jason Mercer 01:25:40, 4 James Brinkley 01:27:06, 5 Oliver Hitch 01:28:17, 6 Melody Kane 01:28:32, 7 James Wall 01:30:22.

A PB for Christophe Cardon saw him enter the series with a bang to take the win. Haki Bardhi was 2nd, while Jason Mercer in 3rd was another to set a personal best. Canterbury winner Melody Kane could only manage 6th at this round.

Championship: 1= Melody Kane & James Brinkley (33 points), 3 Haki Bardhi (32), 4 James Wall (28), 5 Christophe Cardon (20), 6 Jason Mercer (16), 7 Stephen Pond (15), 8 Oliver Hitch (14), 9 Kevin Chadwick (0).

Group 3 (8 registered competitors)
1 Tim Williams 01:27:35, 2 Adam Shahin 01:33:46, 3 Kobus Kellermann 01:34:20, 4 Emma Stevens 01:38:09.

Tim Williams finished well clear of Adam Shahin and Jacobus Kellerman to take the Group 3 win, with Emma Stevens 4th.

Championship: 1 Tim Williams (36 points), 2 Kobus Kellermann (31), 3 Johnny Gill (20), 4= Cameron Swatton & Adam Shahin (18), 6 Emma Stevens (15), 7 5 Matthew Pond (14), 8 Steve Bowley (0).

Group 4 (10 registered competitors)
1 John Kingscott 01:28:28, 2 Steve Wilde 01:34:02, 3 Elly Phillips 01:34:20, 4 Jamie White 01:35:11, 5 Oliver Evans 01:36:05, 6 Marcus Elwes 01:36:54, 7 Mark Franks 01:37:37.

There was a PB for the Group 4 winner John Kingscott as he dipped under 90 minutes for the first time. Steve Wilde was 2nd again and less than 20 seconds ahead of 3rd-placed Elly Phillips. This looks a good group to watch with Jamie White & Phillips each taking a 3rd and a 4th place at the two rounds so far, while Marcus Elwes and Oliver Evans have each secured a 5th and a 6th.

Championship: 1 John Kingscott (40 points), 2 Steve Wilde (36), 3= Jamie White & Elly Phillips (31), 5= Marcus Elwes & Oliver Evans (27), 7 Mark Franks (24), 8= Charles Crabtree, Nick White & Tom Medhurst (0).

Group 5 (12 registered competitors)
1 Paul Edmonton 01:36:17, 2 Kerrie Donohue 01:37:55, 3 Simon Keyes 01:38:09, 4 Chloe Haffenden 01:38:46, 5 Laura Elvin 01:45:56.

Paul Edmonton secured his second victory in a row but can’t ease off on the gas as Kerrie Donohue has been close by on both occasions. Simon Keyes and 2025 Group 5 champion Chloe Haffenden were not far away either in 3rd and 4th respectively. This group though hasn’t got going properly yet as only 5 of the 12 registered competitors have made an appearance.

Championship: 1 Paul Edmonton (40 points), 2 Kerrie Donohue (36), 3 Chloe Haffenden (31), 4 Simon Keyes (16), 5 Laura Elvin (14), 6= Ben Nash, Catherine Round, Jeremy Belbin, Jim Winbourne, Sam Gibbs, Steven King & Stuart Scott (0).

Group 6 (11 registered competitors)
1 David Moore 01:45:47, 2 Ellen Ball 01.56.07.

Just the two runners in Group 6, with David Moore the comprehensive victor as Ellen Ball was unable to produce her usual form.

Championship: 1 Ellen Ball (33 points), 2= Chloe Wilkinson & David Moore (20), 4 Andy Hall (18), 5 Trevor Adams (16), 6= Alison Horn, Callum Biggins, Greg Farrell, Michael Reeves, Paul Whelan & Steven Wynne (0).

Group 7 (8 registered competitors)
1 Kirsty Caulfield 01:41:53, 2 Ed Bossert 01:53:08.

Only two runners in this group as well, with Canterbury winner Kirsty Caulfield well clear of Ed Bossert. Group 7 was well represented at the previous round so hopefully they will be back in force over the upcoming shorter distances.

Championship: 1 Kirsty Caulfield (40 points), 2 Ed Bossert (32), 3 Kevin Ly (18), 4 Jonathan Bond (16), 5 David Welfare (15), 6 Guy Sims (13), 7 Roger King (12), 8 Matt Leggett (0).

Group 8 (9 registered competitors)
1 Ian Bauly 01:47:49, 2 Lianne Evans 01:48:23, 3 Adam Waterman 01:48:25, 4 Mark Burgess 01:56:17.

Ian Bauly repeated his Canterbury victory at Paddock Wood, with Lianne Evans and Adam Waterman close by and separated on chip timing by just two seconds. Mark Burgess was a distant 4th.

Championship: 1 Ian Bauly (40 points), 2 Mark Burgess (30), 3= Tabitha Rogers & Liane Evans (18), 5= Mike Roberts & Adam Waterman (16), 7 Stuart Isaacs (14), 8= Scott Haragan & Seaton Giles (0).

Group 9 (10 registered competitors)
1 Andrew Vadron 01:42:50, 2 Steve Burnett 01:43:31, 3 Agne Zavistanavice 01:50:11, 4 Paul Strachan 01:55:25.

The opening two rounds of this year's championship have been the longest and in many of the groups both of the events have been won by the same person. Group 9 was no exception with Andrew Vadron leading home Steve Burnett in a repeat of the opening round's result. Burnett was using the Garmin pacing function for the first time as recommended by his good friend, Group 11's Nigel Hewson, who was also using it for the first time and to good effect. Agne Zavistanavice set a PB to take 3rd, with Paul Strachan 4th.

Championship: 1 Andrew Vadron (40 points), 2 Steve Burnett (36), 3 Agne Zavistanavice (30), 4 Lucy Tang (16), 5= Julian Edmonds & Paul Strachan (15), 7 Emma Chapman (13), 8= Adam Jenkins, Anthony Donohue & Edwina Cheng (0).

Group 10 (9 registered competitors)
1 Paul Munday 01:46:47, 2 Millie Haffenden 01:54:09.

A fully focused Paul Munday took his second victory of the series and a PB for the distance, ahead of Millie Haffenden who has been runner-up to Munday at both rounds so far.

Championship: 1 Paul Munday (40 points), 2 Millie Haffenden (36), 3 Rachel Knowles (16), 4 Katie Isaacs (15), 5 Amelia Isaacs (14), 6 Vassilis Sakizlis (13), 7 Rachel King (12), 8= David Groom & Stephen Woodgate (0).

Group 11 (10 registered competitors)
1 Nigel Hewson 01:56:12, 2 Iain Jameson 02:05:26.

Just the two in Group 11 also, with Nigel Hewson and his Garmin heading home Canterbury winner Iain Jameson enjoying his first ever half marathon.

Championship: 1 Iain Jameson (38 points), 2 Nigel Hewson (20), 3 Viral Tanna (18), 4 Wendy Everest (16), 5 Dean Chapman (15), 6= Andrew Cochrane, Ben Clarkson, David Horsfield, Hilary Morton & Steve Munday (0).

Group 12 (11 registered competitors)
1 Pippa Niven 01:55:25, 2 Joe Murray 01:56:48, 3 Maxine Horsfield 02:00:13, 4 Jackie York 02:01:24.

A new PB for Pippa Niven saw her reverse Round 1's result and take the honours from Canterbury victor Joe Murray. Maxine Horsfield and Jackie York were 3rd and 4th.

Championship: 1= Joe Murray & Pippa Niven (38 points), 3 Jackie York (29), 4= Sally Callaghan & Maxine Horsfield (16), 6 Louis Strover (15), 7= Neil Sutton, Steven Dong, Stuart Collins, Summer Bond & Tara Dennehy (0).

Group 13 (10 registered competitors)
1 Tracey Isaacs 02:06:22, 2 Emma Horan 02:06:53.

Tracey Isaacs took a narrow Group 13 victory from Emma Horan in 2nd.

Championship: 1 Tracey Isaacs (35 points), 2 Rebecca Sampson (20), 3= Matt Smith & Emma Horan (18), 5 Damian Parker (16), 6= Catherine Crabtree, Jo Stephens-Smith, Kevin Castle, Nick Squires & Richard Bodie (0).

Group 14 (9 registered competitors)
1 Pam Dodds 02:10:00, 2 Jim Kirkland 02:18:20.

Pam Dodds added a win to her 2nd place at Canterbury as she finished well clear of the only other runner, Jim Kirkland. This is another group that hasn't really got going yet with two thirds of the field not yet having participated.

Championship: 1 Pam Dodds (38 points), 2 Jim Kirkland (34), 3 Rob Sampson (20), 4= Colin Ligier, Daisy Makin, Emma Alford-Smith, Hannah Lloyd, Liz Delamain & Rob White (0).

G**roup 15 (13 registered competitors)**
1 Nathalie Juchau 02:04:58, 2 Denise Eva 02:06:29, 3 Ian Matthews 02:15:58.

Group 15 was a contrast of experience as seasoned marathon competitor Nat Juchau having probably racked up over 100 races of this distance led in debutants Denise Eva and Ian Matthews.

Championship: 1 Nathalie Juchau (40 points), 2 Denise Eva (36), 3 Ian Matthews (29), 4 Lou Stocks (16), 5 Terry Stocks (15), 6 Olivia Senbanjo (14), 7 Julie Travers (12), 8= Amy Vistuer, David Allison, John Perks, Julie Medhurst, Matthew Bradshaw & Richard Dunstan (0).

Group 16 (11 registered competitors)
1 Eleanor Pinkerton 02:10:18, 2 Jenny Waterman 02:15:57, 3 Paula Gleeson 02:18:59, 4 Rachel Inman 02:20:20, 5 Eric Nash 02:48:18.

Eleanor Pinkerton took the victory ahead of last year's Group 13 champion Jenny Waterman, with the 2025 Group 14 winner Paula Gleeson in 3rd.

Championship: 1= Rachel Inman & Paula Gleeson (31 points), 3 Eric Nash (28), 4= Katie Garvey & Eleanor Pinkerton (20), 6= Biljana Petrushevska & Jenny Waterman (18), 8= Archana Patil, David Smyth, Oscar Engles & Sandra Goodwin (0).

Group 17 (9 registered competitors)
1 Emma Bossert 02:39:53.

Emma Bossert was the sole Group 17 at Paddock Wood and duly took the win and the 20 points on offer.

Championship: 1 Emma Bossert (36 points), 2 Christina Springbett (20), 3 Chris Haydon (18), 4 Barbara Carr (15), 5 James Fisher (14), 6= Jan Bodie, Karen Mercer, Paul Pester & Sonia Lowing (0).

Group 18 (9 registered competitors)
1 Christina Bird 02:14:20, 2 Kary Leggett 02:35:49.

Christina Bird took a comfortable victory in Group 18, with Kary Leggett the only other entrant.

Championship: 1 Kary Leggett (34 points), 2= Lyttleton Barrett & Christina Bird (20), 4 Clare Evans (18), 5= Anne Hanifin, Giovanni Figoni, Kathy Strachan, Linda Bowley & Polly Branch (0).

Group 19 (7 registered competitors)
1 Holly Hutson 02:41:12.

As at Canterbury Holly Hutson was the sole Group 19 so she already has 40 points on the board before the others have even made it to the starting line. Good on her though and she was delighted to have completed her first ever half marathon.

Championship: 1 Holly Hutson (40 points), 2= Catherine Jones, Corinne Hollamby, Emma Sims, Kumiko Broadhurst, Pherenice Worsey-Buck & Sarah Davis (0).

Group 20 (9 registered competitors)
1 Liz Squires 02:40:13, 2 Simon Gleeson 03:10:17.

Liz Squires and Simon Gleeson are the only two Group 20s to have raced so far this season, with Squires once again getting the better of her rival.

Championship: 1 Liz Squires (40 points), 2 Simon Gleeson (36), 3= Colleen Harding, Edmund Purves, Hannah Harrison, Karin Bradshaw, Natasha Figoni, Ruth Feltham & Sherry Bevan (0).

Report: Mark Burgess

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