

21st Year Success For BTR Liverpool Half Marathon

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More than 6,800 runners took to the streets of Liverpool to take part in the 21st anniversary race of the BTR Liverpool Half Marathon.

The event on Sunday (23 March) attracted runners from 21 overseas countries to mark the special anniversary of the race, which was first staged in 1994.

Despite cold weather conditions and strong winds, there was a warm and welcoming atmosphere amongst runners and spectators.

The race was officially started by Liverpool Football Club Manager Brendan Rodgers, Assistant Manager Colin Pascoe, and First Team Coach Mike Marsh, who were present to support backroom staff taking part on behalf of the club's official charity, the Liverpool FC Foundation.

The Reds' Boss was greeted by cheers and friendly banter as runners made their way over the start line.

The race started and finished at the Pier Head, with the route taking runners past some of the City's key landmarks including the City's UNESCO World Heritage Sites the Liverpool Waterfront and Albert Dock, as well as Museum Of Liverpool, Liverpool Cathedral, Sefton Park Palm House, and Otterspool Promenade.

During the race, Mr Rodgers took time to meet spectators and then made the official prize presentations to the first three male and female finishers.

First 3 Male Finishers

Andrew Davies	Maldwyn	01:09:52
Jorge Varela	Clube Desp. Areias São João	01:11:10
James Riley	Liverpool Harriers & AC	01:12:37

First 3 Female Finishers

Nikki Boyde	Northern (IOM) AC	01:26:16
Kelly Morgan	Aberdare Valley AAC	01:27:14
Alex O'Brian	Liverpool Running Club	01:27:34

The team male award was won by Liverpool Harriers & AC. The ladies team award was won by Penny Lane Striders.

The event was the curtain-raiser to BTR's six-event race calendar for the year, which also includes the Port Sunlight 10k, Mersey Tunnel 10k and 52-mile challenge the Tour of Merseyside.

BTR Race Director Alan Rothwell said:

"Despite challenging weather conditions, we had an encouraging turn-out of over 6,800 runners to mark the 21st anniversary run of the BTR Liverpool Half Marathon.

We were delighted to have Liverpool FC Manager Brendan Rodgers to start the race, and he was a great sport meeting fans and making the official presentations.

“It was a fantastic sight to see so many runners enjoying the challenging course, despite the last four miles along the Liverpool Waterfront proving particularly tough in strong winds – but that didn’t deter the more experienced runners who recorded some impressive times. The support along the course was excellent to see, and we have to particularly thank our hundreds of volunteers for their help on the day.”