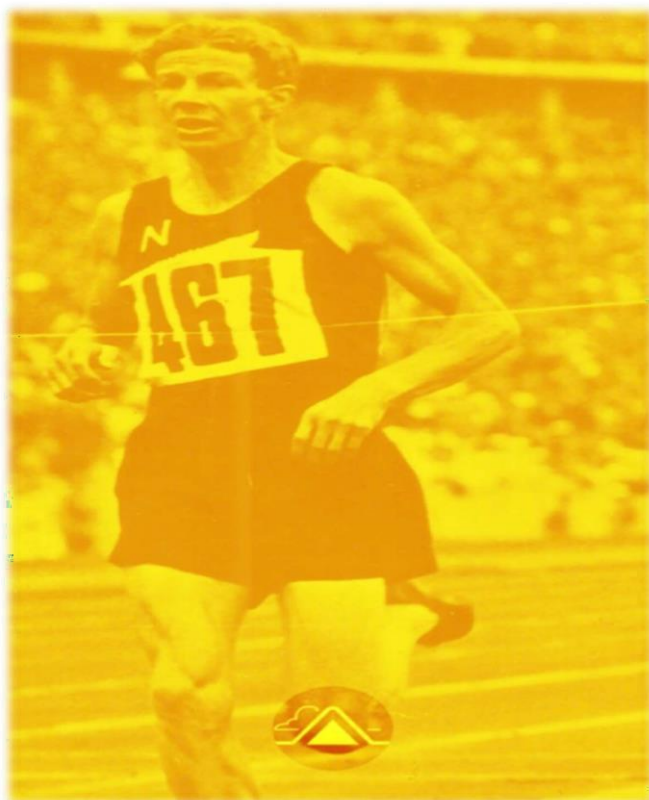




# Lovelock *Relays* 2026



2<sup>nd</sup> May



## Patron's Welcome

Welcome to the 90th Annual Lovelock Relay, where we celebrate the successes of Jack Lovelock.

93 years ago, on the 15th of July 1933, Jack Lovelock competed in the Oxford and Cambridge versus Princeton and Cornell one mile at Palmer Stadium, Princeton.

The photo attached shows Lovelock easily beating his former rival Bill Bonthron.

Lovelock not only won in 4:07.6 (1500 3:50) but also created a new world record.

This was the real starting point of Lovelock's road to Olympic Gold Glory in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Enjoy the relay in honour of our former Otago University athlete.

Dave Richmond,

Hill City-University Patron



Welcome to Mark Geddes, President of Hill City–University Athletic Club, who will be your race director in the absence of Richard Fogarty. Our guests of honour will present the prizes.



## The Man Behind the Race – Jack Lovelock

He was born in the town of Crushington (near Reefton) as the son of English immigrants. From his early days at school Lovelock participated and excelled in fields beyond athletics. At Fairlie School (1919–23) he was dux of the primary school, represented the school in rugby, competed in swimming and athletics, and was a prefect. At Timaru Boys' High School, which he attended as a boarder from 1924, he set school athletics records but was also involved in nearly every area of school life. In 1928, his final year, Lovelock was school dux, head prefect, and won the school's boxing championship cup. The following year he went to University of Otago to study medicine. Lovelock showed a talent for sports while at the University, and competed for the university team in the New Zealand 1-mile (1.6 km) championships. In 1931 he became a Rhodes Scholar at Exeter College, Oxford from 1931 to 1934. He graduated as a medical practitioner.

In 1932—by then holder of the British Empire record for the mile—Lovelock competed in the 1932 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, and placed 7th in the final of the 1500 meters event.

The following year, he set a world record of 4:07.6 in the mile when running at Princeton against its emerging champion Bill Bonthron. Later, in September, he represented New Zealand in the first World Student Games where he renewed his rivalry with the 1500m champion from Los Angeles in 1932, Luigi Beccali. Beccali edged Lovelock in the final and equaled the world record for the event. In 1934 Lovelock won the gold medal in the mile at the British Empire Games. He also lost some races, and believed that he could only make one supreme effort in a season.

The highlight of Lovelock's career came in 1936, when he won the gold medal in the 1500 m at the Berlin Olympics, setting a world record in the final (3:47.8). Lovelock had plotted ever since his defeat at Los Angeles and developed a revolutionary tactic. The race is regarded as one of the finest 1500 m Olympic finals and included one of the finest fields assembled. The final was a culmination of the first great era of mile running from 1932–36 in which the world records for the 1500m and mile were broken several times. Apart from Lovelock and the American mile world record holder Glenn Cunningham who broke Lovelock's record a year later in 1934, also at Princeton, Bonthron, the 1932 Olympic Games 1500m champion at Los Angeles, Luigi Beccali and the emerging English champion Sydney Wooderson raced in Berlin. Bonthron, who held the world 1500m record, failed to make the US team, while Wooderson was found to have a fracture in his ankle and missed the final. The silver medalist in Los Angeles, John 'Jerry' Cornes also raced in Berlin along with the Swedish champion Erik Ny and the outstanding Canadian athlete Phil Edwards and another American Gene Venzke, who had been regarded as the favourite for the 1932 title until injury denied him a place in the US team. In the final, Lovelock beat Glenn Cunningham, who came in second, by making the unprecedented break from 300 m out. Lovelock had been regarded as a sprinter in the home straight but cleverly disguised his plan and caught his opponents napping with a brilliantly-timed move. Cunningham, who also broke the world record in the race, was considered by many to be the greatest American miler of all time. Beccali was third.

Lovelock, who was the captain of the New Zealand Olympic team, raced once more for the British Commonwealth after Berlin and his last race was back at Princeton en route to a Government-sponsored trip to New Zealand where he was beaten by another of the Olympic finalists Archie San Romani. Lovelock maintained his interest in athletics until at least the outbreak of the Second World War. Lovelock was a Major in the R.A.M.C. during World War II.

He married Cynthia James in 1945 and had two daughters. A year later, he began working at Manhattan Hospital in New York. On 28 December 1949, he had telephoned his wife from work to inform her that he was coming home early because he was not feeling well. He was waiting at the Church Avenue train station in Brooklyn when he fell onto the tracks, probably as a result of one of the dizziness attacks to which he was subject after being thrown from a horse in 1940. He was then killed by an oncoming train. (Wikipedia)



## Timetable 2026

|         |          |  |
|---------|----------|--|
| Race 1: | 12:30 pm | U8's fun run   |
| Race 2: | 12:35 pm | Under 12 Mixed, Under 14 Mixed   |
|         | 1:05 pm  | Children's prize giving  |
| Race 3: | 1:20 pm  | Social/ Mixed  |
| Race 4: | 1:55 pm  | Mixed Otago University Residential College, Under 16 Mixed, Under 18 Mixed |
| Race 5: | 2:25 pm  | Masters Men (35+), Masters Women (35+)                                     |
| Race 6: | 2:55 pm  | Senior Women   |
| Race 7: | 3:20 pm  | Senior Men   |

## Prize Giving

- Children's Prizegiving will be held at the conclusion of the Children's race near the start/finish line
- General Prizegiving will be held in front of the main grandstand at the conclusion of the event.
- Trophies are to be presented to the winning teams in the Men's and Women's Senior and Masters 35-49 grades.
- Spot prizes are available and will be presented at the prize giving. Winners must be present at the prize giving to claim the spot prize.

## Team Changes

Must be done on the Team Change sheets provided & handed to the computer operators not less than 30 mins prior to the race start.

## Lap Stewards

Please notify officials when your runners are about to change/team is finishing. Fill in the Lap Steward cards provided & return them along with ALL race numbers ASAP after each race. Clubs will be charged \$10 for missing race numbers.

## Entry Fees

Invoices will be sent to teams for payment.

## Results

Will be emailed to clubs and posted on our website: [www.hillcity.org.nz](http://www.hillcity.org.nz) Results will be displayed at Prize Giving.



## Feedback

Please email [hcyharriers@gmail.com](mailto:hcyharriers@gmail.com). We are always looking for ideas to make the event more successful.

## Races/ Teams:

### Race 1 Under 8's Fun Run

Entries on the day- anyone U8 is welcome for this 1 lap fun run. 1-lap parents are welcome to accompany their child.

### Race 2 Under 12 Mixed

|                             |   |                |                 |                        |                |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Taieri                      | 1 | Isla Fraser    | Milla Kirk      | Lila O'Neill           | Maia Baker     |
| HCU Crumpton                | 2 | Josie Taylor   | Brooke Duncan   | Lily May Turner        | Holly Pellowe  |
| Leith, Half-blood Princes   | 3 | James Dickson  | Rich Williamson | James O'Neill          | Jordan O'Byrne |
| Taieri Tigers               | 4 | Lucy Fraser    | Elliot Brown    | Zoe Whitson-McCaw      | Clara Shanks   |
| Leith, Prisoners of Azkaban | 5 | Edward Dickson | Ellie Pattillo  | Agamveer Singh Baidwan | Ailish O'Neill |

### Race 2 Under 14 Mixed

|                       |    |                  |                          |                 |                   |
|-----------------------|----|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Taieri                | 6  | Jack Fraser      | Arnelle Hamman           | Ollie McHutchon | Lukas Kirk        |
| Caversham Orcas       | 7  | Ruby Duncan      | Annemijn Kelderman       | Kaitlyn Hsu     | Sammy Cotter      |
| Caversham Zebras      | 8  | Jonathan Duncan  | Nicolas Duncan           | Albert Smith    | Perry Saker       |
| Leith, Deathly Hallow | 9  | Laurie Armstrong | Madeleine Gaston Butcher | Dominic         | Huia Edmond Smail |
| HCU Chignell          | 10 | Zac Broom        | Archie Wicky             | **TBC           | Luke Dodds        |



## Race 3 Social Mixed

|                       |    |                   |                   |                               |                 |
|-----------------------|----|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cavy Kings            | 11 | Hideo Yoshihama   | Alistair McAlevey | Neville Scott                 | Nick Heng       |
| Cavy Queens           | 12 | Bart de Greef     | Erin Prince       | Anna Cross                    | Amy McCallum    |
| Cavy Jaguars          | 13 | Alex Brown        | Dan Kelleher      | Sam Pan                       | Laura Langley   |
| Cavy Tigers           | 14 | Meg Thomas        | Evelyn Armstrong  | Claire Anderton               | Alina Wong      |
| Cavy Panthers         | 15 | Zayden Reynolds   | Sophanna Blakie   | Gail Sharp (c)                | Celia Lie       |
| Ariki Social mixed    | 16 | Caleb Porter      | Niamh Porter      | Kirsty Nicholls               | Emma Sutherland |
| Ariki Social Masters  | 17 | Phil Napper       | Rob Homan         | Dalise Sanderson              | Brent Halley    |
| HCU Hill Billies      | 18 | Anita Dunbier (c) | Tim Dawbin        | Anne von Zychlinski-Kleffmann | Vincent Walters |
| HCU Wardy's Boys      | 19 | Seb Ferro (c)     | Lyon Rodgers      | Will Bolter                   | Brooke Darcy    |
| HCU The Decathlon Men | 20 | Toby Martin       | Luke Moffitt      | Todd Bradshaw                 | Cam Moffitt (c) |

## Race 4 Otago University Residential College Mixed

|                     |    |                  |                     |                 |                   |
|---------------------|----|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Locals              | 21 | Bradley Escueta  | Adrien Auvray Matyn | Arlya Gordon    | Abigail Gilfedder |
| Hayward 192 Hornets | 22 | Patrick Farquhar | Casey Drake         | Liliana Cisaria | Joel Aitchison    |
| Salmond Runners     | 23 | Grace Brydges    | Chanel Gao          | Jaxon Hogg      | Lucas Beck        |
| Studholme           | 24 | Ben Peat         | George Skinner      | Caitlin Russel  | Page Hopping      |
| Studholme 2         | 25 | Finn Jones       | Jacob Woodrow       | Sophie Flinn    | Zoe Brown         |



|   |    |              |            |              |             |
|---|----|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| JP's Participators (St Margarets College) | 26 | Flo Melhuish | Jess Power | Euan Stewart | Ryan Thelin |
|---|----|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|

### **Race 4 Under 16 Mixed**

|                |    |                  |                 |                 |              |
|----------------|----|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| HCU Aitkenhead | 27 | Lewis Anglemeyer | Luie Broom      | Georgina Benson | Ethan Kaina  |
| HCU/Taieri     | 28 | George Solomon   | Lucy Fitzgerald | Elzanne Hamman  | Alena Cooney |

### **Race 4 Under 18 Mixed**

|                 |    |                 |               |               |              |
|-----------------|----|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Ariki Mixed U18 | 29 | Kotomiyo Cowell | Lola Saunders | Charli McLean | Connor Horne |
|-----------------|----|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|

### **Race 5 Masters Men (35+)**

|                            |    |                      |                   |                |                    |
|----------------------------|----|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Leith Masters Men's Hoiho  | 30 | Ben Pigou            | Phil Petersen     | Bryan Staunton | Nathan Shanks      |
| Leith Masters Men Miromiro | 49 | Colin Tocher         | David Liddel      | John Bayne     | Christopher Holmes |
| Ariki Masters 40+          | 32 | Aaron Porter         | Tim Dobier        | Eddie Smith    | Russell Lund       |
| HCU Masters Men            | 33 | Ollie O'Sullivan (c) | Elliot O'Sullivan | Mark Geddes    | Alan Houghton      |

### **Race 5 Masters Men (50+)**

|                            |    |             |              |             |             |
|----------------------------|----|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Leith Masters Men's Pūkeko | 34 | Marc Boullé | Ash Dustow   | Lee Flowers | Ian Morison |
| Cavy Titans MM60+          | 50 | Rob Homan   | Ross Gatenby | Gordon Wong | David Sharp |



## Race 5 Masters Women (35+)

|                   |    |                  |               |            |            |
|-------------------|----|------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| HCU Masters Women | 36 | Taryn McLean (c) | Georgy Pakeho | Anna Frost | Lia Bezett |
|-------------------|----|------------------|---------------|------------|------------|

## Race 5 Masters Women (50+)

|                 |    |                      |             |                      |               |
|-----------------|----|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Leith MW Kākāpo | 37 | Christine Montgomery | Sue Hendry  | Siobhan McKinlay     | Angela Bishop |
| Leith MW Ruru   | 38 | Linda van der Kroef  | Gisela Sole | Joselyn Springthorpe | Sandy Weltan  |

## Race 6 Senior Women

|                     |    |                   |                     |                      |                      |
|---------------------|----|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cavy Cheetahs       | 39 | Eve Kelleher      | Imogen Foley        | Menzie Saker         | Becky de la Harpe    |
| Leith SW Kāhu       | 40 | Olivia Sutherland | Laura Bungard       | Claudia Sole         | Jess Bray            |
| Leith SW Pīwakawaka | 41 | Florence Reynolds | Alice Liddell       | Stephanie Wilson     | Juliet Downs         |
| Leith SW Tūī        | 42 | Claudia Cooke     | Jessica Kats        | Ange Bishop          | Jennifer Duffy       |
| HCU Senior Women    | 43 | Eva McLean        | Jamie Dunnett-Welch | Sophie Dunnett-Welch | Becky Aitkenhead (c) |



## Race 7 Senior Men

|                                     |    |                       |                   |                |                |                |                         |
|-------------------------------------|----|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Leith Senior Men's A<br>Tītipounamu | 44 | Simon Cromarty        | Stephen Johnson   | Graham Fisher  | Sándor Tóth    | Corey Lewis    | Samuel Bradbury-Leather |
| Leith Senior Men Takahe             | 45 | Fraser Bailey         | Jordan Reid       | Logan Bosworth | Calan McDermot | Heiko          | Armin Burgmeier         |
| Leith Senior Men's Tauhou           | 46 | McKay Watson          | Jude Deaker       | Joshua Kane    | Theo Atkinson  | Sean Galdeman  | Adrien Auvray Matyn     |
| HCU Senior Men's A                  | 47 | Matt Bolter (c)       | Thomas Weatherall | Tommy White    | Caleb Dobier   | Oscar Ehrhardt | Jake Owen               |
| HCU Senior Men's B                  | 48 | Ruaridh Martynoga (c) | Zac Whitley       | George Fisher  | Jono Miller    | Cristian Nita  | George Hamilton         |

## The Event

Dr. Jack Lovelock produced New Zealand's first athletics gold medal when he powered away to victory in the 1500m at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Lovelock's time, of 3:47.08 was a world record on its day and caused commentator, and friend, Harold Abrahams, to famously lose his BBC poise, breaking every broadcasting rule: "Lovelock leads!

Lovelock! Lovelock! Cunningham second, Beccali third. Come on, Jack! A hundred yards to go! Come on, Jack!! My God, he's done it. Jack, come on! ... Lovelock wins. Five yards, six yards, he wins. He's won. Hooray!!"

Lovelock Relays was first run the year after in honour of our Jack Lovelock, this year marking the 90th year the event has taken place. Each year the steel pins set in the ground that set out the track are found, and the track measured accordingly. These had been placed by John Mackie, the Professor of Surveying and long-time member of the Otago University Harrier Club. Today they are found electronically by a complex GPS to create an accurate circuit.



# Lovelock Relay Records

## Otago

Women: Otago University, 2010 (H. Newbould, A.Peat, G. Fursdon, B. Roy). Time 19:24.0  
Men: Otago University, 1971. (S. Melville, A. Stewart, K. Darling, B. Beath, L. Dey, T. Sutherland). Time 24:12.6  
Mixed Otago University Residential College: Studholme, 2024 (Alex Macdonald, Liliana Chapman-Myhill, Sophie Matehaere, Matt Bolter) 20:26  
Individual woman: Rebekah Greene (Hill City University), 2023. Time 4:32.0  
Individual man: Andrew Stark (Canterbury University), 1980. Time 3:52  
Residential College Female: Sophie Matehaere (Studholme), 2024, 5:19  
Residential College Male: Matt Bolter (Studholme), 2024, 4:31

## All-comers

Women: Otago University, 2010 (H. Newbould, A.Peat, G. Fursdon, B. Roy). Time 19:24.0  
Men: Whippets Running Project. (R.Codyre, C.Melton, W.Little, D.Lee, J.Paine, R.Green). Time 23:53  
Individual woman: Rebekah Greene (Hill City University), 2023. Time 4:32.0  
Individual man: Andrew Stark (Canterbury University), 1980. Time 3:52

## 2025 Winners

Senior Men: Hill City - University  
Senior Women: Leith  
Masters Men: Hill City-University  
Masters Women: Hill City-University  
High School Boys: N/A  
High School Girls: Ariki  
High School Mixed: N/A  
Social: Ariki



## The following rules shall apply.

### Competition Format.

- The race is run on grass and is suitably marked. Each lap is 375 metres.
- Race distances:
  - Social/ mixed- 4×1500m (4×375m laps per runner).
  - Under 12, Under 14- 4×375m (2×375m lap per runner).
  - Under 16, Under 18, Otago University Residential College, Senior Women, Masters Women, Masters Men- 4×1500m (4×375m laps per runner).
  - Senior Men- 6×1500m (4×375m laps per runner).
- Events for multiple grades may be held simultaneously.

### Grades and Team Composition.

- Grades/ entry categories are: Social/ mixed, Under 12 (U12), Under 14 (U14), Under 16 (U16), Under 18 (U18), Otago University Residential Colleges (RC), Senior Women (SW), Senior Men (SM), Masters Women (MW), and Masters Men (MM).
  - The Social/ mixed grade is 'open' to any aged athlete.
  - For U12, U14, U16, and U18, athletes must be under (not equal to) the age grade on 31 December 2024- i.e., to enter U16, an athlete must be 15 or younger on 31 December and so on.
  - For the RC grade, athletes must live at the Otago University Residential College they are representing in 2024.
  - The SW and SM grades are 'open' to any aged athlete.
  - For MW and MM, athletes must be aged 35 or over on the day of the race (27 April 2024).
- Relay team gender composition:
  - U12, U14, U16, and U18 grades are mixed events- teams can include boys and girls.
  - The Otago University Residential College event must include at least two females per team.
  - SW, SM, MW, and MM grades are single-sex- teams must be all male or all female per grading.
- The Senior Men's teams will consist of six different athletes. All other grades will consist of four different athletes.

### Competition Eligibility.

- Competing up or down competition grades.
  - Participating U12, U14, U16, and U18 athletes can compete up grade(s), but not down.
  - Participating 35+ year-old athletes can compete in eligible Masters, Senior, or Social/ mixed grades, but not U18 or below.



- Athletes can compete in multiple events/ grades so long as they are eligible for each as above- e.g.:
  - Masters athletes may participate in the appropriate MW or MM grade and/ or another eligible grade (e.g., Social/ mixed, SW, or SM).
  - Senior-grade athletes may participate in the appropriate SW or SM grade and/ or another eligible grade (e.g., Social/ mixed).
  - RC athletes may participate in the RC grade and/ or another eligible grade (e.g., Social/ mixed, SW, or SM).
- Composite teams may be formed by event organisers when two or more clubs or residential colleges have insufficient runners to form a complete team from their individual groups. Composite teams will be ineligible to claim team awards, but individual lap times will be recognized in the respective general grades.
- All registered runners in club teams must be registered to, or based within, a single centre that the club they are running for is from, or be permitted to run at the race director's discretion.
- There is no limit on the number of teams a club can enter in a grade within the event.
- Teams may replace athletes or re-arrange their running order without penalty, by submitting the Team Changes form provided by the organisers, at least 30 minutes before that team's starting time.

### **Competition Rules.**

- The event will be run under World Athletics rules; in particular, CR18.5 (unsporting manner/ improper conduct).
- All runners must wear their team's assigned number bib on the front of their competition uniform so that it is clearly visible to race officials. The number bib may not be cut, defaced or folded in any way.
- All runners should compete in their club or organisation's (team's) official uniform, if applicable.
- Relay batons will be used that get passed between team members throughout each relay. The relay baton must be carried in the hand by each team member through the duration of their lap before being passed onto the next team member.
- Baton changes must take place within the defined changeover zone. Race officials reserve the right to disqualify teams that do not comply with baton-changing rules.
- Athletes must follow the prescribed 375m loop.
- Each team must complete a timing sheet recording the overall time from their event's start as a backup to the official timing.
- Each team must notify official timers before the end of each athlete's leg (i.e., prior to changeovers and the finish).



- In the event of an injury suffered by a team member, the next team member needs to go to the point where their team member has become injured and resume from that point. They may complete that leg for the injured member as well as their own leg.

## Officials

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Race Organiser:      | Hill City-University Athletic Club   |
| Race Director:       | Mark Geddes  |
| Race Entries:        | Matt Bolter  |
| PA Announcements:    | Bruce Cowan and Cameron Moffit   |
| Start/Finish Timing: | Greg Johnson, Laurie Hill, Belinda Leckie, Dave Richmond                     |
| Results:             | Mark Peters, Timothy Dawbin, Howden Finnie                                   |
| Track Marking:       | TL Surveys, Mark Geddes, Howden Finnie & Ruby Henderson (OU Survey Student). |

## Facilities

Race Packs: Please collect and return your teams' race numbers and entry money at the University Oval, Table in front of the Grandstand.

Toilet and changing facilities: These are available beside the grandstand, and under the Hill City University Athletic Clubrooms.



**"The most beautifully executed race of my career"** Jack Lovelock wins gold at Berlin. Behind him are his two great rivals, the American Glenn Cunningham, the world mile record-holder, and the Italian Luigi Beccali, the reigning Olympic champion.

- Alexander Turnbull Library

Thank you to the hard work of the Hill City-University Harriers Committee, Lovelocks Sub-Committee, club volunteers and sponsors in making this event possible.



## Timing sheet and runner's notes:

| Team       | Name: | Lap 1 | Lap 2 | Lap 3 | Lap 4 | Total time: |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| 1st runner |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 2nd runner |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 3rd runner |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 4th runner |       |       |       |       |       |             |

| Team       | Name: | Lap 1 | Lap 2 | Lap 3 | Lap 4 | Total time: |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| 1st runner |       |       |       |       |       |             |
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| 3rd runner |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 4th runner |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 5th runner |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 6th runner |       |       |       |       |       |             |



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