

Derby 10K

Considering this was 'only a 10k', the way it was billed and the build up on the day, you could be forgiven for thinking it was a much longer race. It certainly had a 'Reading Half' feel about with the finish within the Price Park stadium; the home of Derby County FC. The start was nearby and was sectioned so that the expected faster runners were at the front. The route itself headed towards the centre of Derby, going through the old 'Cathedral Quarter', called so because of the concentration of cathedrals and similar buildings there. The route then ambled back towards the stadium on a mix of roads and footpaths near the River Derwent. The course was mainly flat except for the steady inclines over some flyover bridges (over the main roads) and the section within the 'Cathedral Quarter' was quite twisty in places. My finishing time was 0:44:44 (personal chip time), netting me 362nd of the whopping 2551 finishers; by far the biggest 10k I've participated in. Also, I wasn't the only southerner there as a quick peep at the results reveals finishers from Winchester & District AC, Reading RR, Southampton RC and Farnham Tri Club.