

Ideal Holmes is a Splash hit...again

Record holder wins as Rossendale rule in the junior races

The taste of victory is just as familiar as the taste of malt loaf for Jan Holmes who won the Soreen Stanbury Splash for the ninth consecutive year.

For the Bingley runner crossed the line in 45.16 to take first place and was first to get his hands on the malt loaf handed out to every competitor.

While it wasn't a day for local runners in the senior race — Graham Schofield of Darwen was ninth — there was plenty to cheer about in the junior section.

Rossendale runners Paul Wadsworth and Carl Andrew finished one-two in the under 16s while club-mates Sam Tosh and Phil

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Bolton did likewise in the under 14s.

In the younger age groups, David Wilson of Pendle was second in the under 10s while Skye Wilson of Todmorden was second in the under eights.

While the youngsters displayed the form of future senior winners, they will have to go some way to match ideal Holmes.

For while the Bingley runner was well outside his record time of 43.35 again it was a race for second place.

And it was his club-mate Robert Jebb who was second in 47.03 with Dave Nell of Staff Moorlands in third place in 47.30. Robin Lawrence of Bingley was fourth in 48.20 with Steve Bottomley of Pudsey and Bramley fifth in 48.25.

James Logue of Horwich was sixth in 48.33 with Pudsey and Bramley runners, Jason Hemsley and Steve Nell seventh and eighth respectively.

Schofield of Darwen, running for Horwich was ninth in 49.56 with Andy Shaw in tenth place in 50.20.

Thornton Taylor of Rossendale was the best local runner in 17th place in 51.49 with club-mate Steve Clawson in 20th place in 52.08. Alex Whitem of Todmorden was 32nd in 54.01, ahead of Clayton pair Colin Shuttleworth, 33rd in 54.32, and Tim Lancy in 35th in



ON THE RUN: Clayton Harriers Mark Nutter and (inset) Thornton Taylor of Rossendale who was in 17th place **PICTURES:** PETE HARTL

54.49. Julian Donnelly was first Darwen Dasher home in 76th place in 59.13 with club-mate Mark Walsh in 104th place in 62.42.

Linda Clarkson was the club's first lady in 68.15.

The event was the first in the

Chorley Harriers race calendar a Dawn Atkins was fourth lady with Bingley's Sharon Taylor finishing home — as her club were the ladies team with Jan Atkins and Nicola Rapy completing the trio markers.



TOP TWO: Rossendale's Sam Tosh (front) followed by club-mate Philip Bolton, who were first and second in the under 14s race