

Brownlee sets Within's record

WORLD junior triathlon champion Alastair Brownlee won the 15th annual Within's Skyline Fell Race on Sunday but there were some good performances by Keighley area runners.

A total of 277 senior runners took part in the seven-mile race, which visits Oxenhope Stoop, the top of Within's, Bronte Bridge before a scramble up Bronte Waterfalls.

Brownlee, a Cambridge University student who runs for Bingley Harriers, set a new course record while leading all the way chased by Adam Osborne of Leeds City AC and 2004 winner John Heneghan of Pudsey & Bramley AC. Keighley & Craven AC's top runner was Chris Loftus, finishing eight overall. Last week's Beefs Nab winner, Paul Crabtree, also of Keighley & Craven, finished in 23rd place.

UK Fell Inter-county winner Jo Waites, won the lady's race, setting a new course record on her 35th birthday. The 2003 ladies winner, Jo Buckley of Harden Moor, who runs for Wharfedale AC, finished second and Silsden's Tamara Hird was third.

Junior England team manager Vashir Hussain finished fifth overall and was first in the V40 section with Bradford man Steve Oldfield winning the V50 trophy. Oldfield won the overall race in 2002 and V40 trophy six times in the past.

A massive 105 juniors contested the quarry run with Thomas Sessford of Silsden winning the U-14s race, Phil Done

the U-10s race and Rosie Helliwell, the girls U-12s race. All three run for Keighley & Craven.

Results are as follows: 1 Alastair Brownlee, Bingley 41.28; 2 Adam Osborne, Leeds City, 41.43; 3 John Heneghan, Pudsey & Bramley, 42.18; 4 James Logue, Horwich, 42.25; 5 Vashir Hussain (1st V40), Stockport, 42.33; 8 Chris Loftus Keighley & Craven, 42.33; 11 Steve Oldfield (1st V50), Bradford Airedale, 44.29; 23 Paul Crabtree, Keighley & Craven, 47.23; 40 James Senior, Bingley, 49.24. Top ladies finishers: 1 (34th overall) Jo Waites, Calder Valley, 48.39; 2 (47th overall) Jo Buckley, Calder Valley, 50.02; 3 Tamara Hird (87th overall) Tamara Hird, Wharfedale, 54.29; 4 (103rd overall and 1st ladies V40) Alison Eagle, Ilkley, 55.40; 5 (108th overall) Christine Preston of Keighley, Todmorton, 56.13; 7 (138th overall) Shona Brash of Keighley, Aire Valley, 58.45.

Organiser David Woodhead, the race winner in 1993, said it was good having Brownlee take part in the race.

"He was slightly embarrassed with all the attention. People were asking him to sign autographs and we presented him with a big cake embossed with a picture of him waving the England flag when he won the world championships in Switzerland."

He also said that having 37 U-8s taking part shows that "if you put events on for them, they will compete".

● The next race for the Penistone Hill area of Haworth will be the Stoop Race, a five-mile course with a 900 foot climb, on Sunday, December 17. The junior race starts at 10.30am with the seniors beginning at 11.30am.



Through the muck: Jo Buckley of Harden Moor finished second in the ladies section of the Within's Skyline Fell Race held on Sunday at Penistone Hill.



Leader of the pack: Alastair Brownlee leads 277 runners through a quarry.

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