

Peace's prize by inches

English junior international over the fells, Andrew Peace had little to spare in hoisting a local win at Stanbury.

Peace, a 20 year old machinist at Magnet, edged out Glossopdale's Mike Whyatt by a couple of seconds after the five miles, 1100 feet climb above Ponden Mill. The race, the sixth, is rapidly proving an attractive fixture with almost 300 runners - three times the norm - taking part.

Peace led from the off, chased up the hill by Bingley harriers clubmate Shaun Winstanley. He even survived a dip in Ponden Clough beck as he held off all-comers to win in 30.47. Winstanley, who found the tussocks up to the summit trig tough going, finished almost a minute and a half down on the runaway leaders but five seconds up on Pudsey and Bramley's Graham Kirkbright, who seems to revel here.

No-one could touch Bingley

for the Keighley News team trophy, won for a sixth time by Messrs Peace, Winstanley, Ian Ferguson (seventh) and Ian Holmes (10th). They were unbeatable as well in the beer-drinking challenge afterwards against Pudsey and Bramley at the Grouse pub.

Holmfirth's Carol Haigh made it a hattrick of lady firsts, picking up the new Field and Fell trophy, an oil painting of Ponden Clough and Kirk and a special of bumble bee slippers. In fact all ladies and all those who turned up at the Grouse prize presentation went away with something .. even if just a malt loaf. Value for money as organisers Dave and Eileen Woodhead maintain.

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DAVE THROUP couldn't repeat his win of last year in the Knavesmire half at York where he holds the course record. Road Runner Throup, gearing up for another shot at the London, still managed a nippy 69 mins for third place. Top vets Pete Carr (74.08) and Tony Knowles (74.20) chased him home for 14th and 15th overall - both in personal best times. Another vet Alan Drew chipped three minutes off his PB to finish in 84.40. Vet Alex Ratcliffe opted for the Four Villages half at Chester, recording a sound 93.50.

STEVE BINNS, getting a bit of sun on his back in Spain, clocked a tenth of a second over the half-hour for an international 10k in San Sebastian. He finished in the top 10.

KRR STAGE the third in the Winter grand prix series this Sunday (10.30 for 11.00 start from Green-head, afterwards at the Woolpack). With the closure of the leisure centre for at least four weeks, club training sessions will be from Marley at the usual times. Mick Sumpter (Keighley 664069) is organising trip to London marathon. You don't need to be a member to go.

● FLYING FINISHERS .. Andy Peace edges out Mike Whyatt below right. Left first lady, Carol Haigh.



...ING time .. late riser above chases the pack led by Peace and Winstanley.



Running shorts

ABBEGAIL Bransfield, who runs with Bingley, took Bradford's junior girls title Northcliffe. Shipley. As middle school Bronte more than held their own against the upper school crop. Good packer behind Abbegail by Zena Walker ninth, Janet Arkwright 11th, Rebecca Maude 14th Jane Harrison 20th and Angeline Wilkie 30th brought Bronte the team title also. The junior boys with Nigel Smith 16th came third overall behind Bradford and Bingley grammar and ahead of Oakbank fifth.

SARAH Fotherby turned the tables on KRR clubmate Sharon Barker, who a week back finished in the junior girl top three at the Northern women's event. Sarah finished 13th and Sharon 22nd in helping Yorkshire to a team bronze behind the North East and Greater Manchester in the inter-counties at Scunthorpe. Shrewsbury in the men's inter-counties Liam Spencer was 29th in the junior A team and Sharon Beaumont eighth in the junior B. Andrew Atkinson was joint 30th and Ben Wood 147th for the colts A team. Atkinson finished the effects in finishing second in the U13s the following day in Spensboro AC cross-country Beaumont was third in the U15s.

Other Spens results: U11s, girls, Annette Barker, 16 Lisa Gascoigne, 2 K. Arnold, 3rd team. Boys, 9 J. Crane, 1 R. Harding, 23 G. Crane, 26 D. Collier, 2 M. Bland, 42 S. Barker, 43 M. Bland, 4 D. Coffey, 51 S. Christmas, 54 T. Arnold U13s, girls, 14 M. Pamment, 2 J. Harrison, 24 L. Rothera. Boys, 1 S. Carr, U15s, girls, 8 J. Linyard, 1 H. Rothera. Boys, 14 S. Broadbent, 2 C. Mann. U17s, girls 8 L. Harrison.

IN A SPRINT finish for U1 second spot, Michael Sand headed off a strong challenge to finish in 22.41 in the Lakeland Winter series at Birkrigg Ulverston. Dad Lionel (19.35) was ninth senior, Dami Scholes (6.21) third U12 and Mark Ingham (13.42) eighth U14.