



TOUGH . . . Fell race runners tackle the gruelling course

A record 395 join fell race

RECORD entries and record running times were recorded at a gruelling fell race.

David Woodhead, organiser of the annual Stanbury fell race, said he was delighted with this year's event, which attracted 395 entrants.

The number sets a new record for entries, smashing last year's previous high of 360.

Mr Woodhead had hoped to break the English record for the number of women entering a fell race. Stanbury set the record of 44 last year and matched it again this weekend.

Former course record holder Andy Peace, of Fell Lane, Keighley, was beaten into third place. He knocked three minutes off

his best time for the seven-mile course, but Colin Donnelly, of North Wales, is now the race record holder with a time of 43.09.

Jack Maitland, of Leeds, winner of the race in 1983, took second place on a course which climbs 1,200ft, taking in Ponden Kirk and the Master Stones near Haworth.

The first female runner was Kath Drake, of Cleckheaton.

Stuart Robinson, of Blackburn, Lancashire, won the under-14 race and Nick Brougham, of Todmorden, came first in the under-16 age group.

Entrants were presented with malt loaves, tins of biscuits and Yorkshire puddings at an awards ceremony.