

West Yorks

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A NEW EXCITING TALENT HAS EMERGED FROM THE NORTH YORKSHIRE CLUB OF SETTLE HARRIERS IN THE SHAPE OF UNDER 12 YEAR OLD JAMES GREENHALGH, WHO IS A PUPIL AT CATTERALL HALL. THIS BEING A PRIVATE SCHOOL, IT TENDS TO LIMIT HIS RACING DUE TO THE SCHOOL STUDYING SIX DAYS A WEEK. BUT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF ANDY HASSEL, HE WILL RACE IN SEVERAL ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS IN 1997, THEN HIS POTENTIAL CAN BE BETTER GAUGED. JAMES FINISHED SECOND HERE TO TODMORDEN'S IAN HARVEY, TWO YEARS HIS SENIOR AS A VERY WELCOME 29 BOYS AND GIRLS RAN THE QUARRY RUN. HYNDBURNS NAOMI BIDDLE DESERVES MUCH PRAISE FOR HER NEW UNDER 12'S GIRLS RECORD OF 6 MINUTES 55 SECONDS AS SHE LEFT THE OLDER GIRLS IN HER WAKE.

SARAH ROWELL, A WINNER IN THE INAUGURAL RACE IN 1992, ALONG WITH 1995 HAS NOW COMPLETED HER HAT-TRICK OF VICTORIES. AN AMUSING LIKENESS MADE BY A MALE RUNNER WAS THAT "IF SHE WAS A HORSE, SHE WOULD BE A THOROUGHBRED, WITH HER GRACE, POISE AND SHEER SPEED, ESPECIALLY OVER THE MORE RUNNABLE RACES". IN SECOND WAS LIZ BATT, A 32 YEAR OLD, FROM THE BUXTON AREA WHO GIVEN SHE WORE ROAD TYPE SHOES WILL CERTAINLY IMPROVE AND FIND BETTER TRACTION ONCE HUSBAND JONATHON BUYS HER A PAIR OF STUDS AS A BIRTHDAY PRESENT. SHE EARLIER THIS YEAR WON GREAT LONGSTONE FELL RACE IN DERBYSHIRE, BUT FINDS BEING A VET A VERY DEMANDING AND TIME CONSUMING JOB, ESPECIALLY AT WEEKENDS.

FROM A RECORD 221 RUNNERS, IAN HOLMES DOMINATED AS HE REIGNS SUPREME OVER THE BRONTE COUNTRYSIDE, WHICH HE REGULARLY TRAINS OVER. THE 30 YEAR OLD BINGLEY HARRIER OPENED A SLIGHT LEAD ON THE FIRST MAJOR CLIMB UP "THE STOOP", BUT SUCCUMBED TO THE STRONG WINDS ON THE RIDGE WHICH ENABLED SEAN WILLIS TO GET BACK ON TERMS. ONCE THE INSPIRATION FOR CHARLOTTE BRONTES NOVELS, TOP WITHINS WAS REACHED AT HALFWAY, HOLMES LIKE THE FOLLOWING WIND SPED AWAY BLOWING EVERYONE ELSE OUT OF CONTENTION.

OF ALL THE RACES THAT LEAVE PENISTONE HILL THIS IS THE RUNNERS MOST FAVOURITE, SINCE IT TAKES IN ALL THE LANDMARKS OF BRONTELAND, OXENHOPE STOOP, TOP WITHINS, BRONTE BRIDGE, BRONTE CHAIR AND FINALLY A SCRAMBLE UP BRONTE WATERFALL. THE TERRAIN IS A GOOD MIXTURE OF TRACKS, OPEN MOORLAND, HEATHER AND A DASH OF MUD ON THIS 7 MILE CLOCKWISE CIRCUIT.

PROBABLY THE HARDEST JOB OF THE DAY WAS UNDERTAKEN BY A YOUNG LADY CALLED, JENNY WOODS, WHO TOOK ON THE TASK OF HANDING OUT THE CHOCOLATE TREATS TO EVERYONE WHO FINISHED. SHE NEVER DESERTED HER POST EVEN WHEN DAD, MATT, FINISHED IN 13TH, EXCEEDINGLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SOMEONE AT THE RIPE OLD AGE OF 4..! A RAFFLE FOR ILKLEY HARRIER, CHRISTINE PORRITT RAISED £50, AND ON BEHALF OF YOU THE RUNNERS A BORDER FINE ART "OTTER IN BULLRUSHES" ORNAMENT SIGNED BY THE ARTIST "FROM WITHINS SKYLINE" WAS PRESENTED TO HER AT HER HOME. CHRIS WILL NO DOUBT BEAT LEUKAEMIA AS SHE'S CONQUERED WASDALE, ENNERDALE, THREE PEAKS, BOB GRAHAM ROUND AND OF COURSE THE BUNNY RUN TO NAME BUT A FEW.

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