

WITHINS SKYLINE RACE Keighley, W Yorks

FORMER British and English champion, Ian Holmes, notched up his third win in the eighth running of this popular event.

Holmes, a winner here in 1992 and 1995 - as well as second behind Graham Patten's record-breaking run (39:30) in 1995 - looked in confident mood throughout as he opened a slight lead at the Stoop summit before gradually extending his lead on the skyline to come home more than a minute clear.

Gary Devine finished second ahead of Bradford veteran Steve Oldfield who won the M40 race for the fourth year in a row holding off nephew Gary Oldfield in the process. Ziggy Gauld of Leeds finished fifth with Chris Seddon, in sixth, enjoying one of his best runs to date.

Run of the day, though, goes to Leeds international Lucy Wright who placed an outstanding 15th overall from the 175-strong field.

Despite the heavy conditions Wright was able to finish just nine seconds outside runner-up Sarah Rowell's four-year-old mark of 46:09 and could well have threatened her respected mark had conditions been kinder.

Wright was 16th at the Stoop, a race for which she holds the course record. And after powering away over the 300m tussocky section beyond Top Withins Ruin, declared: "My coach would have killed me if he'd seen me running over those tussocks - my ankles were turning here, there and everywhere!"

Three-time winner Rowell (1992, '95 and '96) finished an excellent 35th overall and first veteran (W35) home ahead of last year's fell running sensation Helen Johnson who was third in 41st place overall.

Men (7M, 1000ft)

1 I Holmes (Bing) 41:27; 2 G Devine (P&B) 42:33; 3 S Oldfield (Brad A, M40) 43:06; 4 G Oldfield (P&B) 43:45; 5 Z Gauld (Leeds) 44:47; 6 C Seddon (Horw) 45:03; 7 K Smith (Tod) 45:07; 8 J Hemsley (Ik) 45:19; 9 S Neill (P&B) 45:25; 10 R Hudson (Imp) 45:37; 11 A Murphy (Ross) 45:48; 12 S Bottomley (P&B) 45:57; 13 S Mancini (P&B) 45:58; 14 C Speight (Kend, M40) 46:03; 15 L Wright (Leeds) 46:18; 16 M Wilson (Hallam) 46:56; 17 C Moses (Bing) 47:17; 18 S Addison (Clay, M40) 47:30; 19 M Pickering (Ik, M40) 47:59; 20 M Williams (Penn) 48:07; 21 M Addison (Kend) 48:11; 22 P Thomson (Clay) 48:17; 23 J Sage (Hull Spartans) 48:21; 24 I Walker (Wake) 48:25; 25 D Asquith (Sky, M40) 48:30; 26 A Beachell (Eryn) 48:39; 27 P Targett (Clay) 48:50; 28 P Brannon (Clay, M40) 49:09; 29 C Hodgson (Fellan) 49:23; 30 D Mayfield (Hallam) 49:37

M50: 1 A Brentnall (Penn) 49:53; 2 G Howard (Ik) 52:09; 3 R Marlow (Dark Pk) 53:03; 4 P Bramham (K&C) 53:05; 5 P Helliwell (Bing) 53:19

M60: 1 R Jaques (Clay) 56:56; 2 D Brown (Clay) 58:00; 3 B Thackeray (Dark Pk) 60:17; 4 M Seward (unatt) 65:52; 5 K Mitchell (Roth) 73:31

TEAM: 1 Pudsey and Bramley 9; 2 Pudsey and Bramley B 30

U14 boys (1M)

1 M Addison (unatt, U12) 6:22; 2 A Gibson (Holm, U12) 6:31; 3 A Foster (Sett) 6:33; 4 D Hassell (Sett) 6:49; 5 A Rutherford (Clay, U9) 7:08; 6 D Cutts (Leeds) 7:13; 7 J Stephens (Bing, U12) 7:18; 8 S Holden (Darwen, U12) 7:21; 9 R Shuttleworth (Prest, U9) 7:37; 10 T Addison (unatt, U9) 7:47; 11 M Moore (unatt, U9) 8:03

Women

1 L Wright (Leeds) 46:18; 2 S Rowell (P&B, W35) 50:04; 3 H Johnson (Ik) 51:04; 4 S Taylor (Bing) 56:40; 5 E Barclay (Ik) 57:08; 6 J Smith (Bing, M40) 58:26; 7 J Mellor (Penn) 58:47; 8 J Wilson (Hallam) 60:34; 9 R Gooch (Ik, W40) 60:59; 10 A Brentnall (Penn, W40) 61:13; 11 H Barber (K&C) 61:20; 12 M Jagan (EPOC, W40) 62:15; 13 J Hindle (Clay, W40) 62:39; 14 C Preston (K&C, W35) 63:35; 15 H Jones (Clay) 63:42
U16 (2M): A Jagan (EPOC) 15:54