

Mick fells Stanbury record



Winner Hawkins strides over the winning line

Dales joiner and Bingley Harrier Mick Hawkins didn't just shave Stanbury's fell race record. He smashed it out of sight by some three minutes.

Hawkins took over from the start, quickly going clear of the race's biggest ever field of 98 runners — double last year. By Ponden beck he was a minute up, extending that to almost three minutes when he finished in 30.36.

Rosendale's Mark Aspinall (33.28) was second, Clayton-le-Moors' Tony Chew (33.43) third and race organiser Dave Woodhead (33.48) fourth — all finishing inside the old record.

Hawkins wasn't so far out — less than a minute — in guessing his own winning time. But Sheila Turbitt was only eight second adrift and she took the bottle of licquer.

Keighley's Ian Barnes came home fifth. First Stanbury's local was Scott Adams. First lady to finish was Valley Striders' Sylvia Watson (42-43) with the next three girls all following within 13 seconds.

Organisers of this third



annual event were grateful for sponsorship from the Keighley News, West Yorkshire Co-op, Field and Fell, Woolworths, N. Hargreaves, Alan Roe, Ponden Mill, T and M Meats, Warburtons, Norman Bairstow, Midgley's pie shop, Ben Shaw.

Keith Abson answered the call to do the testing Stanbury

course — midway through a training run.

He'd covered nine miles from his Shipley home when clubmate Alan Imeson collared him to make up the Road Runners' entry.

It was the last thing he wanted especially as "you needed a rope to climb" some of the Stanbury

course and this was his first fell race.

Keith careered in presentable 45th overall helped the Keighley club fourth overall — just outside prizes.

● Holmfirth's Joanne (No. 82 and third lady no. leads these chasers.