

HAWKINS WINS HEBDEN

The latest race in the Merritt & Fryers B.O.F.R.A. Championship was held last Monday on a cold and wet Bank Holiday at Hebden Sports. Forty-seven runners lined up at the start of the shortest fell race of the B.O.F.R.A. calendar. International Steven Hawkins from Grassington led straight from the whistle, closely followed by Norman Drinkall, Andy Wrench, Stephan Macina, Billy Procter and Alfie Atkinson. Across the stream and onto the fell Hawkins pulled further clear to reach the summit with a forty yard lead, Wrench pulling his way into second over Drinkall. Across the skyline and down the three fields Hawkins increased his lead to cross the finishing line forty seconds clear of Wrench 10.22 and 11.02 respectively, Drinkall just holding onto third 11.32 with Macina fourth 11.39, Procter from Kendal, fifth and first Veteran 11.47, Atkinson sixth 11.51, Gary Sumner seventh 11.56. Second Veteran home was Antony Shepherd 12.10, third Paul Rogan 12.54. First lady was Karen Slater of Kelbrook in 13.17, second was Kate Rogan, in her first race as a Senior lady in 14.44, Carol Life third in 16.12.

Under 17s winner was James Mason of Grassington in 12.34, second Adam Whaites 12.59, third Sam Hounslow 13.26. First girl Sally Shepherd of Settle 15.12, second Naomi Biddle 15.31, third Karen Bowe 15.51.

Under 14s winner was Christopher Doyle of Ulverston in 8.55, second Andrew Wilkin 9.45, third Sam Clegg 9.58. First girl Kelli Roberts of Kendal 10.21, second Sheryl Slater 11.27, third Rebecca Drake 13.41.

Under 12s winner was James Walker of Keswick 6.20, second Grant Robinson 6.27, third Caleb Wetherell 6.30. First girl Hannah Paget of Brookhouse 7.36, second Janie Oates 7.53, third Samantha Drake 8.17.

Under 9s winner was Jonathan Walker of Keswick 3.39, second Ashley Rutherford 3.57 third Paul Best 4.03. First girl Emma Thompson of Colne 4.22, second Rebecca Thompson 4.36, third Olivia Davidson 4.45.