

## HAWKINS RECORD RUN

Thirty-five runners enthralled the spectators at the Merritt & Fryers B.O.F.R.A. Championship race held last week at Muker Show in Swaledale. Steven Hawkins of Grassington went into the lead from the whistle, with the river being quite low, which the runners had to cross twice, a fast time was always expected. Climbing the fell Jonathan Bland, Mark Roberts, Gavin Bland, Andy Wrench and Ted Mason were starting to push Hawkins as the runners neared the summit. The runners at this point turn right and run across the top of the fell and down the path, which runs across the face of the fell. Hawkins lead was increasing and as he crossed back over the river and with just two fields to go the course record was coming under threat. After winning Hebden and coming second at Kilnsey the previous two days tiredness never came into it, as Hawkins sprinted across the line to thunderous applause from the large crowd, to win in a course record time of 10.56, beating the old record by ten seconds, Jonathan Bland holding onto second place by just two seconds from Roberts, 11.26 and 11.28, Gavin Bland fourth 11.34, Wrench, one of the leading runners in the B.O.F.R.A. Championship, having this time to settle for fifth 12.00, Mason sixth 12.08, Stuart Reid seventh 11.29. First Veteran was Billy Procter of Kendal 12.40, second Antony Shepherd 13.02, third Paul Rogan 13.56. First Lady was International Karen Slater of Kelbrook in 14.32, second Kate Rogan, having only twice run as a Senior 15.22, third Helen Sedgwick 16.14.

Under 17s winner was James Mason of Grassington in 12.52, second Ben Procter 13.23, third Adam Whaites 13.24. First Girl was Karen Bowe of Kendal 16.22, second Sally Shepherd 16.36, third Naomi Biddle 17.02.

Under 14s winner was Andrew Wilkin of Windermere in 12.42, second Luke Paget 13.25, third and First girl was Kelli Roberts of Kendal in 13.40, fourth Sam Watson 14.41. Second girl Sheryl Slater 15.36.

Under 12s winner was James Walker of Keswick in 7.46, second David Shepherd 7.50, third Grant Robinson 7.58. First girl was Hannah Paget of Brookhouse 9.18, second Grace Biddle 10.19, third Grace Robinson 10.25.