

## CUMBERLAND FELL RUNNERS ASSOCIATION

## SCAFELL PIKE RACE (almost!) RACE RESULTS

24 September 1992

Posn	Name	Club	Lingmell	Hollowstones	Finish
1	Johnathan Bland	Borrowdale	17m 0s	27m	39m 24s
2	Andy Beaty	CFR	19 12	28	43 36
3	Irvine Block	CFR	20 56	30	43 43
4	Peter Dryden	CFR	21 26	30	44 56
5	David Findlay	CFR	20 57	32	48 07
6	Mike Bell	CFR	23 34	33	48 27
7	John James	CFR	24 29	33	51 27
8	Bob Davis	CFR	25 38	35	52 23
9	Mike Pitchford	CFR	24 45	35	53 22
10	Alan Bowness	CFR	17 00	31	54 15

To keep the Scafell Pike race going in 1992 was an ambition of mine. In 1991 there was an unfortunate clash with the Three Shires. The resulting field was believed to be too small to justify continuing the event.

However, quite a few people contacted me and told me how they regretted the demise of the race and what an excellent event it was. Not to have a race up England's highest mountain was unacceptable, etc. I didn't need much persuading to resurrect it but the decision was taken quite late in the season so a small field was expected. Not so the weather, especially after the mild spells we have enjoyed recently.

The forecast on the day was not very encouraging nor the appearance of the summit. The advice was that the high ground was icy and swept by hailstorms. One of my checkpoint marshalls dropped out just before the event due to work commitments so I only had two on the fell, one to act as a radio relay.

The course was shortened to a run up over Lingmell nose then to Hollowstones, returning to the start via Brown Tongue. It duly hailed and sleeted at the start as 10 hardy souls lined up. Mercifully there were a few breaks in the cloud and the sun peeked through as the lads forged their way up the steep nose. Alan Bowness had a clear lead at the crest but unfortunately appeared to go too high as he approached the Hollowstones checkpoint. John Bland had by this time seized the lead and Alan had dropped to 5th place. John held the advantage all the way to the finish but Alan must have had further problems as he lost the other 5 places. Andy Beaty held off a strong challenge from Irvine Block to come in 2nd.

As there were so few runners everyone took away a prize, even the checkpoint marshalls! Needless to say the prizes were contained in cans. The Scafell Pike race will go into the FRA calendar for 1993 and hopefully will attract a goodly sized field. Many thanks to my two checkers, John Starbuck and John Burrows and to my children Robert on base radio, Helen on registration and results, Christopher for collecting some of the marker flags (and after running back down 500' of the nose had to come down stairs backwards the next day!) Not forgetting Gordon who helped with the small amount of orange required.