

WASDALE 1996 RACE RESULTS

POS 'N	NAME	CAT	CLUB	WHIN RIGG	SEAT ALLAN	PILLAR	GREAT GABLE	ESK HAUSE	SCAFELL PIKE	FINISH
1	G BLAND		BORROWDALE	0.38	1.35	2.22	2.58	3.29	3.54	4.11.55
2	J BLAND		BORROWDALE	0.38	1.35	2.22	2.58	3.29	3.54	4.11.58
3	J BLACKETT		MANDALE	0.38	1.35	2.22	2.58	3.29	3.54	4.13.31
4	P CLARK	V40	KENDAL	0.38	1.35	2.22	3.03	3.34	3.59	4.22.11
5	S HICKS		BORROWDALE	0.38	1.35	2.22	3.08	3.43	4.12	4.36.13
6	T HOBBS		CLAYTON	0.38	1.35	2.24	3.13	3.54	4.24	4.54.34
7	P DAWSON		CFR	0.38	1.35	2.24	3.13	3.54	4.24	4.54.39
8	S HOUGHTON	V40	CALDER V	0.38	1.35	2.25	3.13	3.54	4.24	4.55.20
9	I BLOCK	V40	CFR	0.40	1.45	2.39	3.32	4.14	4.38	5.00.39
10	C LUMB	V40	KENDAL	0.40	1.42	2.36	3.28	4.05	4.34	5.00.40
11	G HOUGHTON	V45	CALDER V	0.39	1.42	2.35	3.28	4.05	4.34	5.01.40
12	J NUTTALL	V50	CLAYTON	0.39	1.42	2.36	3.28	4.05	4.34	5.02.50
13	R BERZINS		DARK PEAK	0.42	1.45	2.38	3.38	4.18	4.50	5.14.29
14	R UNWIN	V40	CFR	0.40	1.43	2.38	3.32	4.11	4.42	5.18.45
15	W HARRISON		CFR	0.43	1.49	2.40	3.53	4.21	4.53	5.19.03
16	N WRIGLEY		U/A	0.41	1.45	2.40	3.13	4.21	4.53	5.21.08
17	L WARBURTON		BOWLAND	0.43	1.49	2.38	3.36	4.21	4.53	5.23.59
18	J FARRAR		CFR	0.45	1.56	2.54	3.53	4.34	5.02	5.24.33
19	R SCOTT		CFR	0.45	1.56	2.54	3.53	4.33	5.02	5.24.36
20	A PEDEN		CFR	0.41	1.45	2.40	3.48	4.29	5.03	5.28.56
21	G ARMITAGE		CFR	0.41	1.45	2.40	3.48	4.29	5.02	5.32.40
22	R SUTCLIFFE	V45	CALDER V	0.44	1.49	2.38	3.33	4.10	4.42	5.50.59
23	M TODHUNTER		CFR	0.41	1.45	2.40	3.48	4.33	5.08	5.57.55
24	B TAYLOR		CFR	0.40	1.45	2.39	3.33	4.21	5.03	5.58.21
25	N HEWITT	V40	LANCS & MORE	0.42	1.53	3.04	4.08	4.53	5.28	5.59.17
26	T HOUSTON		BOWLAND	0.42	1.49	2.40	3.34	4.25	5.31	6.00.35
27	I POMEROY		U/A	0.42	1.49	2.55	4.03	5.02	5.31	6.04.17
28	W BUCKLEY	V50	GLOSSOPDALE	0.46	1.58	3.11	4.13	4.57	5.34	6.08.55
29	F FIELDING	V40	GLOSSOPDALE	0.46	1.58	3.11	4.13	4.57	5.34	6.08.56
30	P CORRIS	V40	LANCS & MORE	0.43	1.53	3.04	4.13	5.00	5.43	6.09.55

31	J ELY	V50	U/A	0.46	1.56	2.58	4.01	5.02	5.43	6.10.37
32	A BENETT		NEWBURGH NOMADS	0.44	1.56	3.01	4.13	5.01	5.43	6.26.03
33	M PITCHFORD	V50	CFR	0.44	1.53	3.04	4.13	4.57	5.33	7.20.31

RETIREMENTS

NO	NAME	CLUB	WHIN RIGG	GREENDALE	SEATALLAN	PILLAR	GREAT GABLE	ESK HAUSE	SCAFELL PIKE	FINISH
22	P TRAINOR	KESWICK AC	R							
11	M WARDLE	CALDER VALLEY	0.42	R						
53	P HINDLE	CLAYTON	0.55	R						
36	J HARRISON	DARK PEAK	0.56	R						
42	C JONES	ACHILLI RATTI	0.43		R					
47	P BROWNING	CLAYTON	0.43		R					
54	P ROBINSON	U/A	0.45		R					
38	C HENSON	DARK PEAK	0.47		R					
56	J TAYLOR	AMBLESIDE	0.47		R					
27	G O'NEILL	ACHILLI RATTI	0.46		R					
26	J SWIFT	CHORLEY AC	0.55		R					
44	J DAVIES	BORROWDALE	0.38		1.35	R				
35	D NUTTAL	CLAYTON	0.38		1.35	R				
21	S SHUTTLEWORTH	AMBLESIDE	0.38		1.35	R				
4	P MURPHY	CFR	0.41		1.45	R				
43	S FIELDING	ROSSENDALE	0.41		1.46	R				
45	P SANDERSON	DARK PEAK	0.44		1.56	R				
50	D FLEMING	U/A	0.46		2.05	R				
33	L JORDAN	WIGAN PHOENIX	0.47		2.05	R				
3	M RASGAUSKI	ERYRI HARRIERS	0.48		2.05	R				
20	M ROBINSON	NOTTS AC	0.45		2.05	R				
32	J SHARPLES	CLAYTON	0.49		2.14	3.29	R			
41	P RIGBY	LANCS & MORE	0.40		1.46	3.11	3.53	5.01	5.43	ESKDALE!
	56	RUNNERS STARTED	55	52	45	35	34	34	34	33

## TEAMS

1 CFR            45 POINTS

First let me apologise profusely for the delay in producing these results. This was due both to illness and domestic upheaval. As for the race results.....well, I can only say to the runners my warmest congratulations to all those who even managed to finish in such appalling conditions. It is easy to be glib about times but just to earn a 1996 Wasdale certificate for completing the course is a tremendous achievement. Out of 56 starters 23 retired making the 33 who did finish the lowest proportion ever to complete the race. What a pity there were no ladies at all this year so let's hope 1997 will see a return of the fair(er) sex to grace the Wasdale! To the race marshals who stuck it out standing on the summits in driving rain and high winds my heartiest thanks to you all for giving so much comfort and solace to the runners who ran, walked or staggered up with tally proffered.

The split times show how the runners huddled together with six groups of 3 runners arriving within the minute even as far out as the Pike. For the technically inclined the race started 2« minutes late so I have subtracted this from the checkpoint times because these were recorded as 'GMT'. The finish time is of course genuine taken directly from the race stopwatch. The winning honours go to Gavin Bland, who together with brother Jonny have won the Wasdale for the last 4 years, the score being two each, quite a phenomenal performance. Gavin, Jonny and Joe Blackett ran pretty much together to the Pike and it was on the last descent that the Blands opened up a 1« minute lead over Mr Blackett and running as one until the final 100m or so. Around 9 minutes later Phil Clark led the O/40 vets home with 2nd place Steve Houghton (8th) and 3rd Irvine Block (9th) splitting up the youngsters. Greg Houghton won the O/45 vets (11th) with Rod Sutcliffe (22nd) runner up. John Nuttall came an excellent 12th place to claim the O/50 vets prize from Bill Buckley (28th) and John Ely (31st). CFR were the only club to secure 4 finishers and packed well to win with 45 points.

It has been an unfortunate year for the Wasdale with championship status being granted initially then withdrawn because of the clash with the European. I was not informed officially for some months but I did receive a very kind letter from the FRA apologising for the uncertainty produced. This mix up reduced the potential field but I refused to change the date (unlike the Scafell). If I had brought it forward one week it would have clashed with the Saunders and Skiddaw (and 10 other Calendar races on that weekend) and if back one week would have closely followed the Blisco and clashed with the Kinniside, Ingleborough plus 5 other Calendar races on that later weekend. Let's hope 1997 will see the return of championship status to the Wasdale, after all it is ultimate long distance fell race.

As always and even more so because of the inclement weather I record my appreciation and make no apologies for naming all of the helpers: Alison Carradice with Paddy O'Neill and helpers on Whin Rigg, John Burrows and Neil Eccles on Seatallan, Rod Chilton and David Lievesey on Pillar, Alan and David Christian and Malcolm Knight on Esk

Hause and Jenny Bailie with Steve Barnes on the Pike and to Ingrid Ellen for sticking it out on Lingmell Nose for hours with my daughter Lucy who were drenched even though I set them up with a bivvy tent kindly lent by Paddy. Chris Ellen did sterling service on the radios and my wife Sandy, Liz Huddleston, Maggie Reid and Bob Davis carried the responsibility for the start and finish. Lastly and by no means least to the Gosforth Ladies for providing the food and St Johns Ambulance for the safety cover.

Of added interest to us at the start/finish apart from the hardy souls tottering in was the long delayed prize giving where I disgraced myself by announcing the first two home in reverse order and to Rod Sutcliffe who having come in 20th and faced disqualification for having missed the 'Nose' elected to run back up the fell to hand in his tally and claim his certificate. Also to Mike Pitchford who was permitted to do the same extra leg because although he came in at about 6«hrs we still had Phil Rigby missing, having visited Scafell Pike at 16.43hr and by the time Mike finished had been adrift on the descent from the Pike for 1hr 37min. This was causing me no little concern and I (taking account of the inclement weather and time of the day) had reduced the lapsed time delay before calling out the WMRT from 3 to 2«hrs taken from the last checkpoint visited. Fortunately Phil rang in on the emergency number from the foot of Eskdale(!) with me halfway up the fell and about «hr from the potential call out to relieve Ingrid Ellen who had by now been manning the Nose checkpoint for 4hrs. Phil's brother went to collect him so at almost 7 o'clock in the evening we could almost pack up, except that the Scafell checkers had yet to arrive having escorted down a walker who had sustained severe cramp. Quite a day for all but it ended well due to the selfless and correct actions by all concerned. Congratulations one and all.

I'll end now and hope to see you again next year and will only add the plea that you give up the occasional race and do a checkpoint voluntarily and to remind you that the Scafell Pike Fell Race has been put back to Saturday 28th September. Please let your club secretaries know and pass the word around, thank you.

Cheers for now,

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Chairman CFRA