

South Wales Winter Hill Series 2004-2005

Race 6: Sugarloaf

5th March 2005

approx 5/1500

Results

1. Mike Duxbury	SM	42.25
2. Dave Burton	SM	45.00
3. Matthew Stott	JM	45.14
4. Simon Blease	VM	45.35
5. John Palser	SM	46.05
6. Glyn Griffiths	VM	46.12
7. Mark Bryant	VM	47.20
8. Russell Mapp	VM	47.45
9. Jessica Turnbull	SF	47.54
10. Neil Lewis	SM	48.15
11. Steve Littlewood	SVM	48.43
12. Martin Simmons	VM	51.22
13. Andy Stott	VM	51.55
14. John Shanahan	VM	52.02
15. Martin Evans	SM	53.00
16. Andy Mullett	SVM	53.15
17. Peter Burne	SM	53.27
18. Pete Morfey	VM	53.30
19. Steven Force	VM	53.48
20. Dick Finch	SDVM	53.52
21. Andrew Blackmore	SM	55.12
22. Chris Thomas	SVM	55.50
23. Pat Wooddise	SM	56.29
24. Tim Jones	SM	57.10
25. Nigel Baker	SVM	59.00
26. Danny Lewis	SM	1.00.48
27. Matt Collins	SM	1.00.48
28. Harry Matthews	SM	1.00.48
29. John Sweeting	SVM	1.02.05
30. Dave Gilbert	SVM	1.02.13
31. Robert West	SDVM	1.02.15
32. J. Mapp	SF	1.06.22
33. Les Pugh	SDVM	1.07.32
34. Roger Howell	SDVM	1.08.30
35. John Battersby	SSDVM	1.10.30
36. Rebecca Hambrook	SVF	1.26.10

Another very respectable turnout on a bitterly cold day for the inaugural running of the latest incarnation of the Sugarloaf race, featuring the steepest stretch of tarmac in south Wales straight off the start line. Thanks to Douglas for organising the race, the pub and the prizes so well. Now if you could just increase the temperature by a few degrees for next year?

For the second winter league race in a row the front runners (who shall remain anonymous but who all took 1.00.48) made a navigational error which lost them serious amounts of time and gifted Mike Duxbury an unfeasibly wide margin of victory. Perhaps a few seconds looking at a map before the start would have been a good idea?

It was a shame that no Athletics Wales officials or selectors were present to see a very promising fell race debut by 17 year old Matthew Stott – another youngster trouncing his father- and the sort of talent that they should be running their eyes over. But then, it's not an 'official' race...

The absence of a few league title contenders means that results at PCC will be very important in determining the SM and VM categories. Andy Jones and Simon Blease need to run and score well if they are to beat Mike Duxbury and Mark Bryant in their respective categories. Steve Littlewood has the SVM tied up and Jessica Turnbull has put in increasingly high scores to be SF leader but could still be overtaken by Helen Bennett, whilst it looks as though only Ian Turnbull (Jess's dad) can challenge John Battersby for the SDVM prize. There could be some exciting finishes on April 2nd!

Before the final league race (PCC, 2 April) we have the **25th Llanbedr-Blaenavon race** to look forward to (March 19). If you haven't done it before this is the original and still one of the most testing races in the area and deserves your support. If you have done it before then I'm sure you will appreciate another chance for a close encounter with the Bloreng. Also it's a WFRA championship race so you can see how you get on against the Gogs from Dead Dog City. We'll see you there!

OGB