

Gauntlet Challenge Trophy 1977

FUTURE OF ROAD RUNNERS IS IN GOOD HANDS

JUNIORS TOPS IN GAUNTLET

The future of the Barnsley Road Runners' Club is in good hands, judging by the outcome of Sunday's races in the second annual Gauntlet Challenge Trophy meeting with Rotherham Harriers.

Although the Barnsley seniors were decisively beaten by 125-85, thus going down 240-141 over the two legs, the juniors recorded a 117-93 points success to gain an overall victory margin of 173-132.

And this despite the fact that Rotherham again too the first two individual places through their exceptionally talented starlet Peter Elliott and his team-mate Glyn Davies.

Tremendous packing then saw Barnsley claim eight of the next ten places and it was this which proved decisive.

First Barnsley runner home was Alan Atherton in third place, followed by R. Marker, J. Everard and P. Green.

On the three-mile course from the Co-op Sports ground and back via Pontefract Road, Cundy Cross, Rotherham Road, Burton Road and Harborough Hills, the Barnsley lads did best on the tough climb up Harborough Hills, having done special training on the stretch in preparation for the race.

After watching the race Northern Counties official George Kirk said it was astonishing that the Road Runners had developed such strength in depth amongst their junior members in such a short time and they were to be congratulated on their efforts.

Without top man Jim Hinchey and also the Cartwright brothers, the Road Runners' seniors were always struggling in their five-mile race against a strong Rotherham contingent, and the visitors took the first four places through Greaves, Hague, Clark and Hogan.

First Barnsley man home was Dave Bennett in fifth place, with guest runner Gordon Naylor (Rockingham) sixth, followed by two more Barnsley competitors, Keith Binney and Eddie McKenzie.

Barnsley Runners who took part that day were:-

D. Bennett

K. Binney

E. McKenzie

B. Bedford

P. Gledhill

P. Midwood

P. Roberts

J. Kennedy

R. Walker

K. Jordan

L. Hill

M. Tonra

D. Walker

G. Standish