

## D.C. Cook Barnsley Classic 10k 1988

### RECORD-BREAKER!

Stainforth athlete Mike Chorlton smashed the course record on his way to claiming the D.C. Cooks Barnsley Classic 10k title on Sunday.

Chorlton's time of 28 mins 36 secs was 18 seconds inside the previous best – set last year by Czechoslovakian international Petr Kilmes.

Despite the appalling weather, a star-studded field had assembled in Barnsley to battle for the first prize – a £500 cash subvention.

One notable absentee from the starting line-up was former Olympic 10,000 silver medallist Mike McLeod, but even he would have been pushed to keep up with the pace set by Chorlton and co.

Chorlton upset the form book to win the race, and land both the Yorkshire and Northern Counties road titles for 10 kilometres.

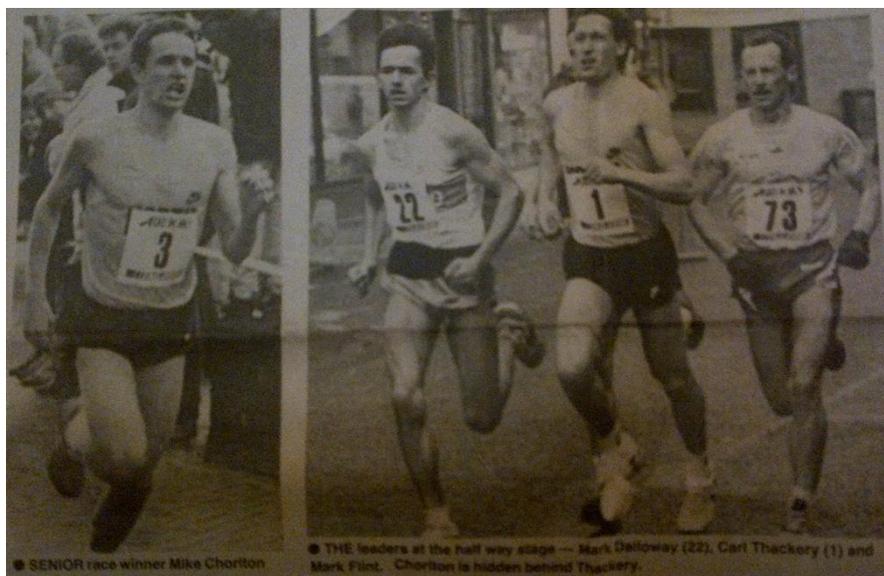
Yorkshire Cross-Country Champion Carl Thackery was the pre-race favourite, following his magnificent win in France recently in a time of 28 mins 3 secs.

And Thackery was in the pack of four which broke away on the first lap and at the halfway stage, the Hallamshire Harrier – along with Stourport's Mark Dalloway, Telford's Mark Flint and Chorlton – had pulled well clear of the rest of the field.

It was on the second lap that Chorlton made his move. He said: "I could see Carl's head beginning to go and I thought he was struggling. I decided to give it a go."

Flint went with him and as Thackery began to tire, Dalloway moved into third.

In the final half-mile, Chorlton's superb finishing burst pulled him away from Flint. The Telford RAF man settled for second spot in 28 mins 51 secs, also inside the previous course record, while Dalloway was third in 28 mins 57 secs.



Copeland AC's Paul Taylor ran well to finish fourth in 29-17 and former Olympic steeplechase medallist Colin Reitz, from Newham and Essex Beagles, produced a splendid performance to take fifth, with a time of 29-39.

A rather tired-looking Thackery came home in sixth, closely followed by Stoke's Andrew Hartveld.

Rockingham's John Mayock, in his first season out of the juniors, produced an outstanding performance to finish in 21<sup>st</sup> position. He was first local runner home and recorded a superb time of 30-25.

Mayock's great run saw him edge Inter-Counties Cross-Country Champion Paul Cuskin into 22<sup>nd</sup> place.

Barnsley Road Runner Mark Lavender (30<sup>th</sup>) was the second local man in a time of 30-42, while another member of the promoting club – Tony Martin – finished 54<sup>th</sup> in 31-58.

Winner Chorlton also collected the Yorkshire and Northern Counties titles, with Thackery and Leeds' Greg Hull coming second and third in the Yorkshire section.

In the Northern Counties, Copeland's Paul Taylor came second and Thackery third.

Copeland AC landed the Northern Counties team title, with Leeds City getting silver and Sheffield AC the bronze.

Meanwhile in the inter-area match, the North came first with 25 points. South were second with 32; Midlands third with 42.

In the team event for the Classic 10k, Copeland AC was again triumphant with 94 points. Their team consisted of Taylor, Garner, Flynn and Simpson.

In second place came Sheffield with 138 point, while Leeds City was third with 152.

Barnsley Road Runners, with a team consisting of Lavender, Timmins, Powell and Jackson, came fifth.

Wentworth Windows won the unattached teams event.

## **BARNESLEY RACES GET BETTER AND BETTER**

Barnsley road races just seem to get better and better.

Sunday's D.C. Cook Barnsley Classic 10k brought together the most star-studded field ever to turn out in the town, and the athletes didn't let anyone down.

In fact, the only thing that did mar an otherwise thrilling occasion was the weather. It was bitterly cold and was obviously to blame of the low public turn-out

It also made life very difficult for the runners. It was icy and slippery underfoot and there was even snow falling as the main race got underway. Thankfully that didn't last.

Race co-ordinator Max McNally said, "It was a pity about the wintry weather, but I don't think it spoiled what was another great day for Barnsley Road Runners and the Council's Leisure and Amenities Department.

"The bad weather kept one or two of the top stars away, but the elite entry was so strong, we still produced an event of the highest quality.

"The performance of winner Mike Chorlton was outstanding, particularly the way he beat Colin Reitz and Carl Thackery so comprehensively. To set a new course record in yesterday's conditions illustrated his world class ability and it is pleasing to me as an athletics fan, to see someone from South Yorkshire do so well.

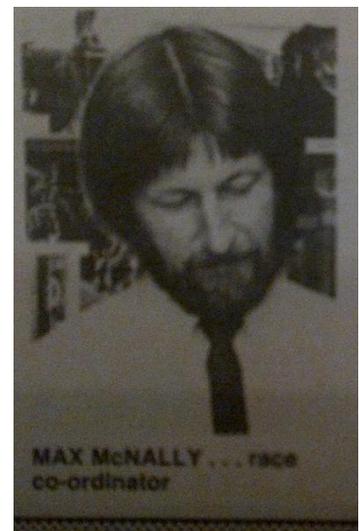
"Mike's winning time was compiled at around four minutes 36 seconds per mil, over the total race distance of 6.21 miles."

Mr McNally went on: "It was clearly obvious that losing the support of Kodal and being part of a national series did not have any adverse effects on the event, and despite moving it to a later date the entry was the best we have ever had.

"Of course, the participation of the top runners was ensured by the outstanding prize list, which was possible only due to the sponsorship of D.C. Cook. We are grateful to them for stepping in at a late date and saving the event from possible extinction.

"We can now look forward with confidence and great expectation in 1989, when the Classic 10k will be the National Championship.

"That is the greatest accolade the town has received since the early pioneering days of 1974, when the Barnsley Road Runners started the running boom which is now so popular throughout the country."



### **Barnsley Road Runners Results**

M. Lavender – 30-42  
S. Timmins – 32-18  
R. Jackson – 33-35  
G. Sellars – 34-06  
P. Clarke – 34-25  
W. Knox – 35.05  
C. Earl – 35-13  
E. Tindale – 35-17  
T. Steele – 35-25  
A. Hickling – 35-32  
S. Clarkson – 35-54  
C. Ruston – 36-08  
M. McMahon – 36-13



T. Martin – 31.58  
P. Powell – 33-17  
C. McLoughlin – 34-00  
K. Binney – 34-18  
S. Ellis – 34-37  
D. Allembly – 35-09  
J. Seward – 35-13  
D. Norton – 35-24  
M. Boyle – 35-26  
G. Hayes – 35-42  
E. Kirkup – 35-57  
B. Massey – 36.08  
P. Goodall – 36-15

D. Dickinson – 36.20  
A. Corbett – 36-38  
P. Vickers – 36-57  
D. Brooksbank – 36-58  
D. Bennett – 37-24  
R. Hart – 37-25  
C. Hirst – 37-27  
S. Welburn – 37-31  
P. Rollin – 37-39  
A. Conway – 37-40  
J. Finn – 37-43  
J. Wilby – 37-43  
J. Wakeman – 38-33  
G. Goldthorpe – 38-50  
J. Liversidge – 39-03  
A. Walker – 39-06  
T. Wroe – 39-38  
R. Main – 39-42  
D. Harling – 40-07  
S. Wilmott – 40.10  
B. Bedford – 40-19  
M. Nile – 40-28  
I. Christopherson – 40-33  
M. Martin – 40-45  
G. Caldwell – 40-54  
P. Main – 40-54  
J. Heeley – 40-55  
M. Eames – 40-57  
B. Hammond – 41-39  
L. Westlake – 41-42  
S. Stafford – 41-43  
J. Hewitt – 42-00  
J. Wroe – 42-14  
A. Bennett – 42-23  
G. WInstanley – 42-23  
S. Idle – 42-51  
C. Gorman – 42-59  
B. Newman – 43-30  
M. Burton – 45-04  
M. Cliff – 45-22  
D. Horbury – 45-52  
J. Boyle – 46-14  
C. Walker – 46-26  
C. Denton – 47-08  
D. Bennett – 48-24  
P. Reed – 48-30  
J. Ryan – 49-10

J. Horbury – 50-05

S.Platts – 50-20

L. Powell – 51-26

M. King – 56-28

S. Main – 57-21

Boys Race

3<sup>rd</sup> – Craig Alwash 17-14

7<sup>th</sup> – Steve Roebuck (Penistone FR) 18-10