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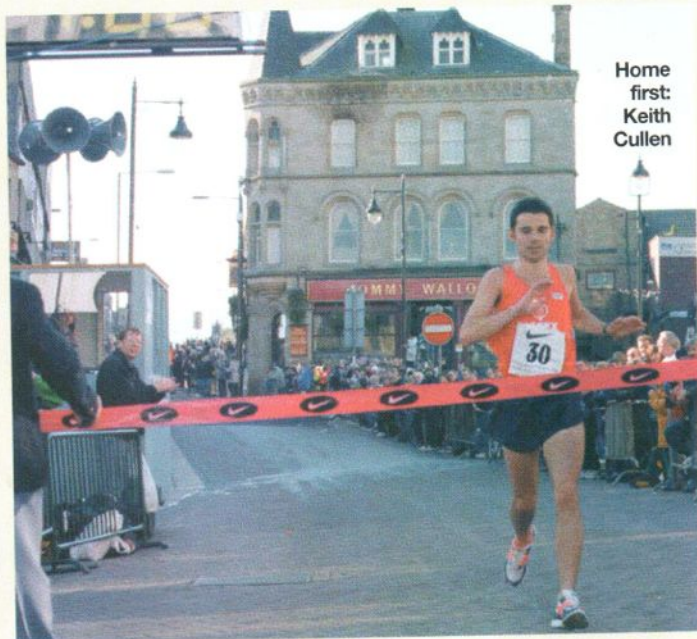
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KEITH CULLEN eased into his winter programme with an impressive win over Glynn Tromans.

Cullen was up front straight away feeling easy with the steady pace – 6:22 at 2km – and was showing marginally in front of John Kanda and Tromans at halfway.

The time at 5km 14:38 and it was clear no-one was going to get near Jon Brown's record of 28:05. That was of little consequence to Cullen who'd stepped up the pace at about 4km on an uphill

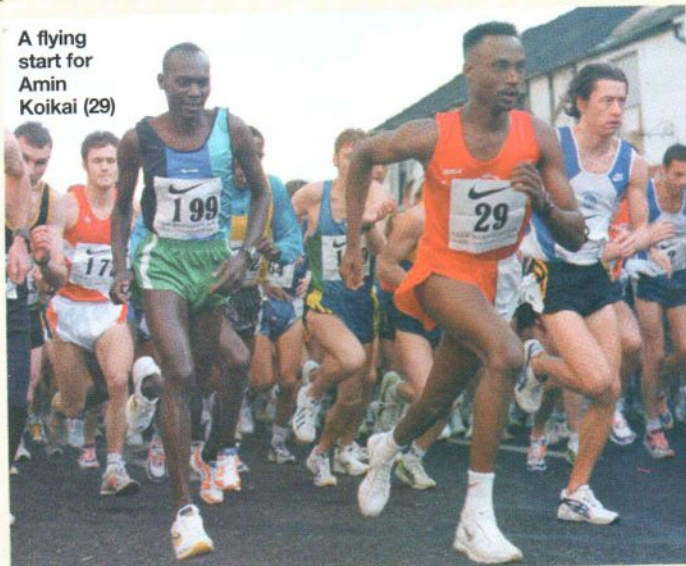
stretch. The Chelmsford man was surprised at the ease the leading trio went away from the rest and he went on to open up daylight between himself and Tromans.

He finished in isolation looking as though he could have gone round again with Tromans, in his Barnsley debut, comfortably clear of the Kenyan for second place.

A very good second half saw Colin Moore come home in fourth place and he led Yorkshire to victory in the Inter Counties.

Three of the Yorkshire quartet were Bingley runners, Steve Green following Moore home and Andrew Pearson finishing 12th. The odd man out, Ian

A flying start for Amin Koikai (29)



s control

Mitchell (Longwood), closed in at 16th.

Pearson is getting back after his brief encounter with mountain running and, as yet, is not the Pearson of old but at least he supported his county. Pearson is unable to count for Bingley yet which meant that Salford, splendidly led by Larry Matthews, won the open team race.

Cullen last ran at Barnsley four years ago finishing third in a time 15 seconds faster than today. He ran this year as a favour to Max McNally although he does not consider himself anywhere near racing fit after a summer which gave him a Commonwealth Games place.

On the evidence of Barnsley there should be no problem in getting to peak form for the European Cross country and, with that in mind, Cullen is planning to tackle one of the Reebok series and a race abroad.

Helen Pattinson led the women home in 117th place in the big field. She was surprised to win. "I don't do many 10kms", she said. "The last one was last October. I knew I was pretty fit but didn't expect to win. I'm just back into training after the Commonwealth Games and am building up my mileage for the cross country season."

That mileage and her 1500 metre pace was too much for the opposition but she only finished 10 seconds ahead of a

gritty performance from Miranda Heathcote, who, like the winner, clocked a PB for the distance.

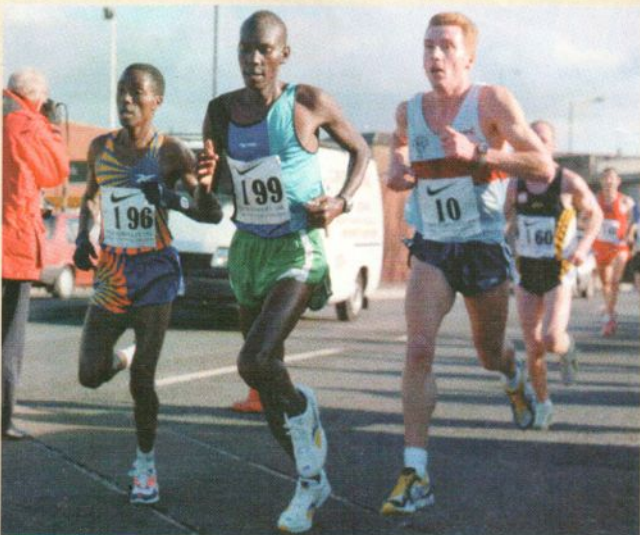
Next came Sarah Bentley and Penny Thackray, laying the foundations for a Yorkshire victory to emulate that achieved by the men. The other counters were Laura Woffenden and Channah Patton giving a comfortable margin over North Eastern Counties.

This race was widely reported as the last in a long and distinguished series of Barnsley 10kms. That it has attracted the very best year in and year out to come to Barnsley in November to race on a non-too-friendly course says much for the persuasive powers of race coordinator McNally and to the organising skills of Johnny Kennedy and Dave Bennett. Without them there would have been no Barnsley 10km and, indeed, no Barnsley Athletic Club.

So many of Sunday's race field turned out as a favour to McNally.

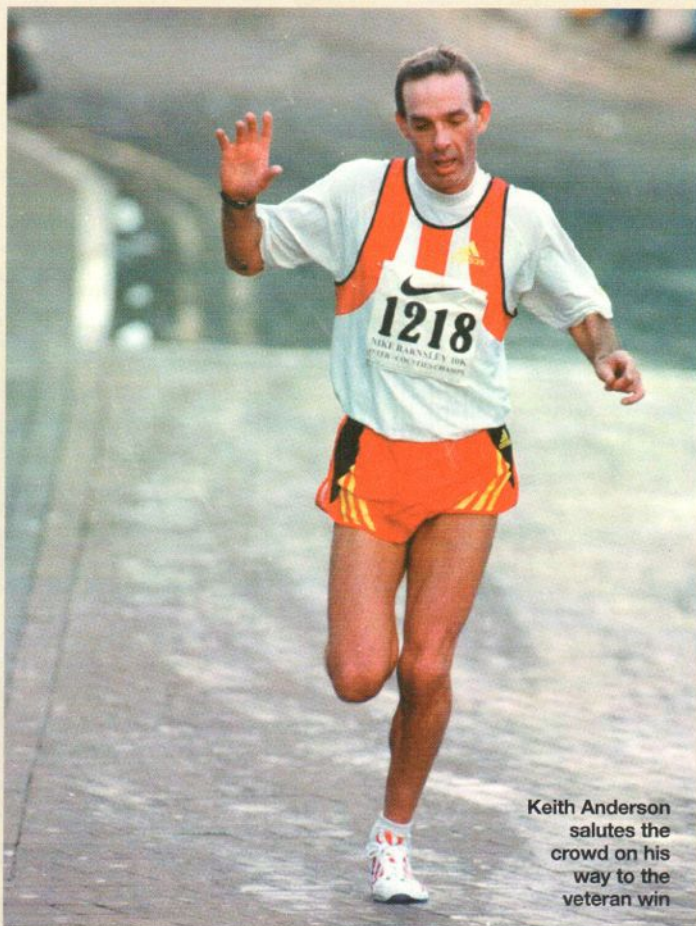
And it is not just the stars that have flocked to Barnsley. Its sister race, the Barnsley 6, was the first in the country, back in 1974, to embrace the concept of fun runners and joggers lining up with the stars.

The demise of this race will leave a big hole in the calendar and we must hope the question mark in the programme headline *The Last Barnsley 10km?* gives just a glimmer of hope it might not be the last.



Josphat Rotich (199), Joseph Muntinda (196) and Alan Chilton (10)

Anderson makes winning look easy



Keith Anderson salutes the crowd on his way to the veteran win

■ Veterans

KEITH ANDERSON had an easy and predictable win in what looked like little more than a training run.

Anderson broke away after a mile and by halfway, reached in 15:28, he was 100 metres clear of Roger Brewster, Mike Girvan and Peter Embleton running together. Then came John Cordingley followed by Andrew Wetherhill, Brian Kirkwood and Paul Venables.

They all remained in the top eight although the order changed. Nothing changed at the front, though, as Anderson went on to extend his lead, although the chasing group, working together, kept the winning margin to 23 seconds, with Girvan getting the better of the rest in a furious scrap for second place.

It mattered little to Anderson that his winning time of 31:42 was 1:37 slower than last year. "I'm not in shape yet after the Commonwealth marathon but I wanted to run for Max because it is the last Barnsley 10km."

The 41-year-old Bingley man plans to tackle Gateshead and the short race at Durham with his aim for the winter probably a place in the short

race at the World Cross Country Championships.

Although bright and sunny, conditions were cold and there was a troublesome crosswind on sections of this tough course.

Brian Kirkwood was rewarded for mixing it with the leaders by taking the M45 section and Neil Robson made the top 30 for the M50 award. Bingley were dominant with Fred Gibbs just missing out on team-mate Gerry Spink's M60 record. Spink himself was only a few seconds outside his own M65 best.

Sandra Edwards won the women's race in a splendid 52nd overall. She last ran at Barnsley four years ago and has since been in Germany for three years. Back in Lincoln just three months, she will certainly make her presence felt on the road.

Her only problem was a recurring numbness in her foot which she experienced at 7km but she was able to run through it. Zena Marchant, a loyal supporter of this race, was runner-up and Shela Allen third, their positions being unchanged from the half way mark.

■ Leading results see page 6

Results

Men

1 K Cullen (Chelm/Ex) 29:09; 2 G Tromans (Cov) 29:20; 3 J Kanda (KEN) 29:30; 4 C Moore (Bing/Yorks) 29:41; 5 S Green (Bing/Yorks) 29:46; 6 S Bell (C le S/NE) 29:50; 7 A Chilton (Horns/Bucks) 29:55; 8 L Matthews (Salf) 29:56; 9 P Taylor (Bord) 29:59; 10 A Colvin (SB/Herts) 30:02; 11 A Walpole (Salf/Lancs) 30:05; 12 A Pearson (Bing/Yorks) 30:08; 13 B Rushworth (Sund/NE) 30:20; 14 J Rotich (KEN) 30:23; 15 J Muntinda (KEN) 30:23; 16 I Mitchell (Long/Yorks) 30:24; 17 P Roden (Sale/G Man) 30:27; 18 A Mussett (Col/Ex) 30:28; 19 D Smith (B'ith/Kent) 30:29; 20 M Proudlove (Stoke/Ches) 30:30; 21 A Farnsworth (Tip) 30:31; 22 S Cotton (Tip) 30:36; 23 M Dakins (Stoke/Staffs) 30:41; 24 M Harrop (Bas/Ex) 30:47; 25 D Miles (Gat/NE) 30:54; 26 N Vengdasalam (Liv P/Mers) 30:58; 27 M Hawkins (Bing/Yorks) 31:04; 28 G Williams (Med/Kent) 31:10; 29 J Jackson (AFD/Hants) 31:11; 30 A Clarke (C'field/Derb) 31:13; 31 K Chapman (Salf/G Man) 31:16; 32 B Pfiffer (TVH) 31:17; 33 B Crowther (Ald/G Man) 31:18; 34 S Pigford (H&P/NE) 31:19; 35 A Koikal (Ilf/Ex) 31:20; 36 C Amos (Nor/Nor) 31:22; 37 J Lawler (D&T/Herts) 31:23; 38 G Hull (Leeds C) 31:24; 39 M Thompson (Sund/NE) 31:30; 40 A Wilson (Staffs Moor/Staffs) 31:35; 41 K Tadesse (Bel/Sy) 31:30; 42 R Holladay (Roth/Yorks) 31:31; 43 G Woods (Morp/NE) 31:35; 44 J Pavis (Sale) 31:36; 45 M Thompson (Sheff) 31:39; 46 M Moorhouse (Salf/G Man) 31:41; 47 S Mitchell (Leeds C) 31:42; 48 A Parker (Bol/G Man) 31:43; 49 S Roscoe (Vale R/Ches) 31:45; 50 P Leybourne (Salf/Lancs) 31:46; 51 K Webster (Mat/Der) 31:48; 52 S Kinson (Leam) 31:49; 53 C Harrington (Mil K/Bucks) 31:50; 54 J Convery (Bing) 31:51; 55 A Williams (E Ches) 31:52; 56 W Lincoln (Norw/Nor) 31:53; 57 R Smith (B'ith/Kent) 31:54; 58 G Raven (E Ches/G Man) 31:54; 59 J Barker (Hav M/Ex) 31:55; 60 D Whiting (Hallam) 31:55; 61 G Tomlinson (Hull Un) 31:56; 62 L Collingwood (Roth) 31:57; 63 A Rowe (Wesh/Lancs) 31:59; 64 S Wright (D&S) 32:06; 65 D Needham (Wake) 32:09; 66 M Price (Sund) 32:15; 67 D Milliken (Salf) 32:21; 68 A Jones (K&C) 32:23; 69 N Holmes (Mass Ferg) 32:25; 70 A Walling (N Wales Un/N Wales) 32:26; 71 R Adams (Ports/Hants) 32:28; 72 P McTigue (S Lon/Sy) 32:28; 73 N Allison (Sheff) 32:29; 74 M Livingstone (Pres/Lancs) 32:30; 75 M Fowler (Salf/Ches) 32:31; 76 J Kilbey (Har/Herts) 32:35; 77 T Rowlands (Horn/G Man) 32:38; 78 K Moss (Vale R/Ches) 32:39; 79 G Groves (Liv/Mers) 32:40; 80 J Fowler (Wylk/Bucks) 32:40; 81 V Stamp (Ports/Hants) 32:42; 82 M Gibbs (Chelms/Ex) 32:43; 83 M Bailey (Barns AC) 32:43; 84 A Prophet (Stoke) 32:46; 85 C Birchall (Leeds Un) 32:48; 86 S Bell (Linc W) 32:49; 87 A Hucksion (Chelms) 32:50; 88 S MacDonald (Bing) 32:52; 89 B Mills (Tip) 32:55; 90 J Pike (Holb) 32:57; 91 C Sabin (Beau L) 32:59; 92 G Reynolds (Ilf) 33:00; 93 D Thompson (Ports/Hants) 33:01; 94 M Eustace (Ald/Staffs) 33:03; 95 D Thompson (Norw/Nor) 33:04; 96 J Parkinson (Liv/Mers) 33:07; 97 T Berg (SB) 33:08; 98 D Fiske (Norw RR/Nor) 33:15; 99 R Goose (Norw/Nor) 33:16; 100 J Kelly (S Liv/Mers) 33:18

TEAM: 1 Salford 88; 2 Bingley 136; 3 Sunderland 210

INTER COUNTIES: 1 Yorkshire 27; 2 Essex 63; 3 North Eastern Counties 64

Women

1 H Pattinson (Prest/Lancs) 33:56; 2 M Heathcote (Ton/Kent) 34:06; 3 S Bentley (Bir/Yorks) 34:23; 4 P Thackray (Hallam/Yorks) 34:34; 5 A Parkinson (Sale/Lancs) 35:02; 6 C Matthews (M&C/NE) 35:25; 7 M Dodd (Bing/NE) 35:26; 8 D Sullivan (Hav M/Ex) 35:35; 9 E Gisby (Salf/G Man) 36:15; 10 C Naylor (S in A/Notts) 36:19; 11 L Woffenden (Leeds C/Yorks) 36:24; 12 C Patton (Hallam/Yorks) 36:27; 13 L Mawer (Imp/Yorks) 36:38; 14 L Sollars (Leeds C/Notts) 36:54; 15 A Wingler (Hallam/Yorks) 36:56; 16 H Robinson (CleS/NE) 37:01; 17 A Melladew (E&E) 37:03; 18 C Adams (Cent) 37:04; 19 D Underwood (Cent) 37:21; 20 K Black (Fair/Herts) 37:29; 21 S Blackett (Dul) 37:59; 22 E Brady (Traff/Yorks) 38:00; 23 K Waugh (Liv/NE) 38:03; 24 K Cornwall (NSP/NE) 38:17; 25 H Nicholls (Hull Ach) 38:19

TEAM: 1 Hallamshire 31; 2 Centurian RR 66; 3 Preston 80

INTER COUNTIES: 1 Yorkshire 30; 2 North East Counties 50; 3 Lancashire 73

Vets' results

Men

1 K Anderson (Bing) 31:42; 2 M Girvan (War) 32:05; 3 J Cordingley (Bing) 32:07; 4 P Embleton (C le S) 32:08; 5 R Brewster (CleM) 32:09; 6 A Wetherill (Red RR) 32:39; 7 B Kirkwood (Miz, M45) 32:41; 8 P Venables (Roth) 32:56; 9 S Williams (Salf) 33:09; 10 D Reed (RAF) 33:23; 11 B Payne (RAF) 33:33; 12 C Clarke (Nene) 33:36; 13 P Keen (Hallam, M45) 33:45; 14 R Hunt (Stoke, M45) 33:46; 15 P Willacy (Bar) 33:46; 16 M Barnsdale (Nene) 34:01; 17 S Hornby (K&C) 34:05; 18 G Brewster (RAF) 34:19; 19 A Catton (Ilf) 34:28; 20 T Potter (Der) 34:36; 21 D Soden (Liv P, M45) 34:38; 22 J Kerr (Steel, M45) 34:40; 23 S Johnson (Der) 34:42; 24 L Willden (N Fylde) 34:44; 25 J Ewart (Holm) 34:48; 26 P Kafel (RAF) 34:49; 27 C Cope (Sheff, M45) 34:50; 28 G Rawlinson (N Vets) 34:53; 29 N Robson (Bing, M50) 34:55; 30 M Page (D&S, M45) 34:58; 31 K Clarke (Bury) 35:00; 32 P Neal (Roth) 35:07; 33 J Houghton (N Fylde) 35:10; 34 P Probin (Bing, M50) 35:14; 35 M Clarke (Ilf, M45) 35:18; 36 V Tindall (Sun, M50) 35:38; 37 P Goddall (Barns AC, M45) 35:42; 38 M Martin (Hallam, M50) 35:47; 39 P Clark (Cle) 35:49; 40 F Gibbs (Bing, M60) 35:53; 41 R Ainley (Hallam) 35:53; 42 O Phipps (Ilf, M50) 35:59; 43 G Cumber (Hal, M50) 36:03; 44 T Eastwood (Steel) 36:05; 45 A Power (Stock) 36:07; 46 D Tate (K&C, M45) 36:09; 47 D O'Gorman (unatt, M45) 36:19; 48 S Calderbank (N Fylde, M50) 36:41; 49 D Paver (Rowm, M45) 36:42; 50 S Green (Cle, M45) 36:43

M50: 8 T Turner (Roth) 37:23; 2 B Gore (Wig P) 37:23; 10 A Payne (E Hull) 37:24

M55: R Aconley (D&S) 37:41

M60: 2 C Frost (Malt) 42:43; 3 B Platts (Clowne) 43:14

M65: 1 G Spink (Bing) 38:50; 2 P Dibb (Long) 42:50; 3 R Blackwell (E Vets) 43:10

M70: W Hobbs (Bing) 53:00

TEAM: 1 Bingley 33; 2 RAF 33; 3 Hallamshire 92

Women

1 S Edwards (Linc W) 36:50; 2 Z Marchant (Bath, W45) 37:26; 3 S Allen (H&P, W40) 37:47; 4 S Bower (Thet) 37:59; 5 A Gerard (Lass) 38:04; 6 E Robinson (Bord, W50) 38:18; 7 S Cariss (Bing, W45) 38:24; 8 C Wright (Imp) 38:46; 9 Y Crawley (Den Dale) 38:54; 10 J Cunningham (Der L) 39:22; 11 J Jackson (Der L, W40) 39:43; 12 T Erskine (Mat) 39:49; 13 C Wolstenholme (Sheff, W50) 40:19; 14 V Battye (Long, W40) 40:37; 15 A Goodwin (Barns AC, W40) 42:10; 16 W McRea (Roch, W40) 42:48; 17 J Wakeman (Barns AC, W40) 42:56; 18 L Parry (Cle) 43:05; 19 C Fawcett (K&C, W45) 43:20; 20 C Lee (Gos, W55) 43:23

W60: S Pickering (Barns AC) 47:00

TEAM: Derby Ladies 30; Barnsley AC 55; Longwood Harriers 96

McKiernan

CATHERINA McKIERNAN's attempt to break the world record was blown away by strong winds.

The former European cross country champion maintained her 100 per cent record at the distance and even recorded a course record and national record of 2:22:23 despite the cold, wet and windy conditions.

She said: "If it had not been windy I think I would have broken the world record today. I think I'm capable of it but I suppose it will have to wait until next year."

That attempt is likely to come in London - where organisers have already invited her back to defend her title - or on the equally fast Rotterdam course where Tegla Loroupe set the world record of 2:20:47 in April.

Loroupe's record was criticised by some as she had male pacemakers and Jos Hermens, international race director for both Rotterdam and Amsterdam, laid on the same treatment for McKiernan.

For much of the race McKiernan was close to world record schedule, going through halfway in around 70:38. At 18 miles she was still only one second outside

Loroupe's world record schedule but the conditions finally took their toll.

With the wind lashing runners on the exposed parts of the course, McKiernan was fortunate to have a large group of runners around her but as the race progressed the numbers decreased.

By 21 miles she was around half a minute outside schedule and she knew the record was out of reach. Nevertheless she added to her Berlin and London victories and took 80 seconds off her Irish record to become the fifth fastest female marathon in history - behind Loroupe, Ingrid Kristiansen (2:21:06), Joan Benoit-Samuelson (2:21:21) and Uta Pippig (2:21:45).

She said: "I felt very strong throughout the race, except for the final three or four kilometres. It was only then that I resigned myself to being outside the world record but at that stage it was just a case of hanging on."

McKiernan won by more than seven minutes from Germany's Sonia Oberem-Krokik who clocked 2:29:30.

The men's course record also fell, with Kenya's Sammy Korir defending his title.



Sheltered run: Catherina McKiernan with her pacemakers