

Mark Hartell's Fastest Bob Graham Attempt

A report of Mark Hartell's attempt to set the fastest Bob Graham round on Sunday 25th July 1999... the following text is Mark's own account...

"Just in case the grapevine had whispered my plans and you were wondering what happened. Last Sunday I got round the Bob Graham as quick as I could. I did set off with a schedule base around Billy's 1982 time of 13hrs 53 although I don't think I really believed I could better this. So it proved, I was on my schedule up to Dunmail but lost a little time over the Langdales and more on the Wasdale to Honister section.

Final time was 14 hrs 54 which is 2 minutes inside the 2nd fastest time (as was) set by Stuart Bland - 14hrs 56. Anyone interested can have minutes of fun looking at the attachment which shows my splits compared to those of Billy and Stuart. (See table below)

One nice thing about the day which saw perfect weather and excellent support from a cast of many (15-20) was that both Billy and Gavin Bland turned out to see me suffer.

Regards Mark"

Table of splits for Mark, Billy and Stuart:

		Actual	Split Times		
		BST	Mark	Billy	Stuart
MOOT HALL		06:00			
1	<i>Skiddaw</i>	06:56	56	53	60
2	<i>Great Calva</i>	07:24	28	27	27
3	<i>Blencathra</i>	08:06	42	39	48
THRELKELD		08:25	19	14	13
	<i>Rest</i>		0	3	2
			02:25	02:16	02:30
THRELKELD					
4	<i>Clough Head</i>	09:00	35	37	38
5	<i>Great Dodd</i>	09:20	20	20	20
6	<i>Watsons Dodd</i>	09:26	6	5	5
7	<i>Stybarrow Dodd</i>	09:33	7	7	8
8	<i>Raise</i>	09:45	12	12	10
9	<i>Whiteside</i>	09:50	5	6	6
10	<i>Helvellyn Low Man</i>	10:01	11	9	8
11	<i>Helvellyn</i>	10:05	4	3	4
12	<i>Nethermost Pike</i>	10:10	5	6	8
13	<i>Dollywaggon Pike</i>	10:19	9	7	5
14	<i>Fairfield</i>	10:44	25	24	23

15	<i>Seat Sandal</i>	10:58	14	14	14
DUNMAIL		11:09	11	11	9
	<i>Rest</i>		3	3	2
			02:47	02:44	02:40
DUNMAIL					
16	<i>Steel Fell</i>	11:29	17	17	18
17	<i>Calf Crag</i>	11:44	15	10	15
18	<i>High Raise</i>	12:13	29	6	23
19	<i>Sergeant Man</i>	12:19	6	28	6
20	<i>Thunacar Knott</i>	12:29	10	9	8
21	<i>Harrison Stickle</i>	12:36	7	4	5
22	<i>Pike O'Stickle</i>	12:46	10	10	8
23	<i>Rosset Pike</i>	13:17	31	25	27

		Actual	Split Times		
		BST	Mark	Billy	Stuart
24	<i>Bowfell</i>	13:39	22	24	22
25	<i>Esk Pike</i>	13:53	14	13	13
26	<i>Great End</i>	14:08	15	17	15
27	<i>Ill Crag</i>	14:18	10	10	11
28	<i>Broad Crag</i>	14:25	7	5	6
29	<i>Scafell Pike</i>	14:33	8	8	8
30	<i>Scafell</i>	14:54	21	18	16
WASDALE		15:17	23	19	33
	<i>Rest</i>		0	2	10
			04:05	03:45	04:04
WASDALE					
31	<i>Yewbarrow</i>	15:54	37	32	43
32	<i>Red Pike</i>	16:28	34	39	35
33	<i>Steeple</i>	16:43	15	10	13
34	<i>Pillar</i>	17:07	24	19	21
35	<i>Kirkfell</i>	17:46	39	33	35
36	<i>Great Gable</i>	18:18	32	25	31
37	<i>Green Gable</i>	18:27	9	7	7
38	<i>Brandreth</i>	18:38	11	8	10
39	<i>Grey Knotts</i>	18:44	6	5	5
HONISTER		18:55	11	11	12
	<i>Rest</i>		0	13	3
			03:38	03:20	03:35
HONISTER					
40	<i>Dale Head</i>	19:20	25	23	27
41	<i>Hindscarth</i>	19:32	12	11	13

42	<i>Robinson</i>	19:51	19	16	19
MOOT HALL		20:54	63	56	68
			01:59	01:47	02:07
TOTAL			14:54	13:53	14:56