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John Disley, the Olympic steeplechaser, travelled from London to run in the depleted Climbers' Club team, but was well down the field for the whole of the race.

Youngest runner

It was won by the youngest competitor, Peter Hall, aged 21, of Barrow Athletic Club, who was taking part for the first time. Although he won the Ben Nevis race last year, he could not enter the Lake District Mountain Trial then because he was too young. His time yesterday was 3hr. 34min.

Joseph Naylor, also of Barrow AC was second with a time of 3hr. 40min., and Michael Davies of Reading AC third, with a time of 3hr. 42min.