

The British National Inter Service & Army Nordic Ski Championships 2012

Ruhpolding, Germany

“The Other Ashes Tour”

Sunday 22 January 2012 - Day 2 Race Report – XC Mass start freestyle events

Official Weather: Raining, snow very wet, snow & air temperatures -1° C.

Participants: Jeremy Flanagan (YM), Jill Colebourn (YW), Tim Flanagan (B) Grant Flanagan (MV), Irene Dunn (WO), Dyllan Harmer (MJ), Hamish Roberts (MY), and also AUS XC Team members Nick Montgomery (MJ) & Alistair Tutt (MJ) (accompanied by coach JC Legras)



Day 2 and the rain continued. Wet and heavy snow made for continued Aussie-race conditions. The AUS XCers had driven from Seefeld for the day; it was great to see them, just a pity that two more of their team were too sick to attend.



The first mass start, the Men’s event, began with not a little angling for position after the whistle blew.

There were some very tired muscles at the end of the day, especially for those who had taken part in the events the day before. Happily, the Australians were able to show the Brits that there is more to Oz than beaches and Neighbours.

Sight of the Day: unnamed AUS competitor having the unofficial ‘Splash of the Day’ on the first corner.

Quote of the Day: Tim, just after finishing: “I have respect for hills now.”

Results: Jeremy came in 9th, Jill finished 7th & Tim

9th in the combined Ladies & Boys/Girls, Grant 48th. Irene clocked in at 23rd, Dyllan at 12th with Hamish at 4th. Of the XCers, Nick finished 2nd, Tutty 7th.

Summary: First non-Army British national wins Senior Men while Australians punch above their weight in results list. “Other Ashes” Tour summary: Day 2 result = GB 1, AUS 1, tour results to date = GB 2, AUS 2.

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Full results at www.britishbiathlon.com

