

The British National Inter Service & Army Nordic Ski Championships 2012

Ruhpolding, Germany

“The Other Ashes Tour”

Tuesday 24 January 2012 - Day 3 Race Report – Men 10 km & Ladies/Boys/Girls 5 km XC Relays (2 classic, 2 skate legs) & Boys Super 16

Official Weather: Snowing, fresh new snow, snow & air temperatures -1° C.

Participants: Jeremy Flanagan (YM), Jill Colebourn (YW), Tim Flanagan (B), Irene Dunn (WO), Dyllan Harmer (MJ), Damon Morton (B)

Today we woke to discover it had been snowing for some hours – hurray!

Athletes were delighted to be invited to join various British relay teams, who were all very welcoming. Jeremy, Jill and Tim joined up with members of the British Nordic Development Squad and had a ball; several BNDS members are now proud owners of Hoppet beanies as a reminder of the Antipodean participants. It would be great to accept the BNDS invitation to return again.



Although most of the teams were official unit ones, there were several composite teams, and events were held in a great spirit of co-operation.

Results: Jeremy & Tim “Holiday Brits” 4th place, Jill “AusBrit” 7th. Irene “Late Entry” 9th, Dyllan “XC Reunited” 8th (team included Lake Mountain regular Alan Eason)

Everyone had a good result in their individual legs, perhaps showing their biathlon roots, as all athletes did skate legs of the relays.

After lunch, Tim was the only Australian from the earlier relays eligible for the Boys

Super 16, Damon’s first race for this year at Ruhpolding. Tim was much slower than earlier that day, which he attributed to a hamburger and chips half an hour before the sprints, although he still managed to qualify for the semi-finals. Damon won the 2 preliminary heats as well as the final.

Summary: Brits put in a classy performance in all categories, Antipodeans answer the call by slotting into teams as requested. “Other Ashes” Tour summary: Day 3 results : GB 1, AUS 1, tour results to date = GB 3, AUS 3.

Emma Flanagan

Full results at www.britishbiathlon.com

