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Hope Holmes in on record as Stoop beats the cold snap

Rob Hope went a step closer to emulating lan Holmes by winning the Stoop Fell Race on Sunday.

The British champion claimed his seventh victory in the event and needs three more to equal his Keighley rival's record tally of tent. Holmes maintained his sequence of never being outside the top three by finishing runner-up.

The race was the only outdoor event to beat the cold snap and organiser Dave Woodhead said: "Certainly this year's race was a challenge regarding the weather and it does put more of a strain on organising.

"But to see so many turn out and enjoy running in the snow makes the headaches all worthwhile."

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From left to right, Stoop Fell Race runner-up lan Holmes, winner Rob Hope and third-placed Andi Jones Picture: DAVE WOODHEJ