



YEAR BOOK 2019

THE RACING COLLECTIVE IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ROAD AND GRAVEL BIKEPACKING CLUB FOR SELF-SUPPORTED RACERS. INSPIRED BY RACES LIKE THE TRANSCONTINENTAL AND THE TOUR DIVIDE, WE SET OUT TO CONSTRUCT A SERIES OF TRIALS THAT CARRIED THE SAME SPIRIT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY, BUT WHICH COULD BE COMPLETED CLOSER TO HOME.

We seek the freedom and feral mindset that comes from riding fast and far. Meanwhile we are all too aware that the environment we ride in needs protecting. With that in mind, our long-term aim as a club is to buy a shooting estate in the UK and rewild it through the restoration of natural forests for wildlife and our adventurous ancestors to enjoy.

2019 took The Racing Collective to a new level, with the inaugural GBDURO proving to be a great success and attracting huge exposure in the press. Meanwhile our established trials keep going from strength to strength thanks to our loyal army of bikepackers. Thank you to everyone who has supported the 'Collective this year, we look forward to a whole new decade of adventures to come.

Thank you and good luck!

Philippa and Miles



NAME TIME (H:M)

CHRIS PITBLADO 13:43

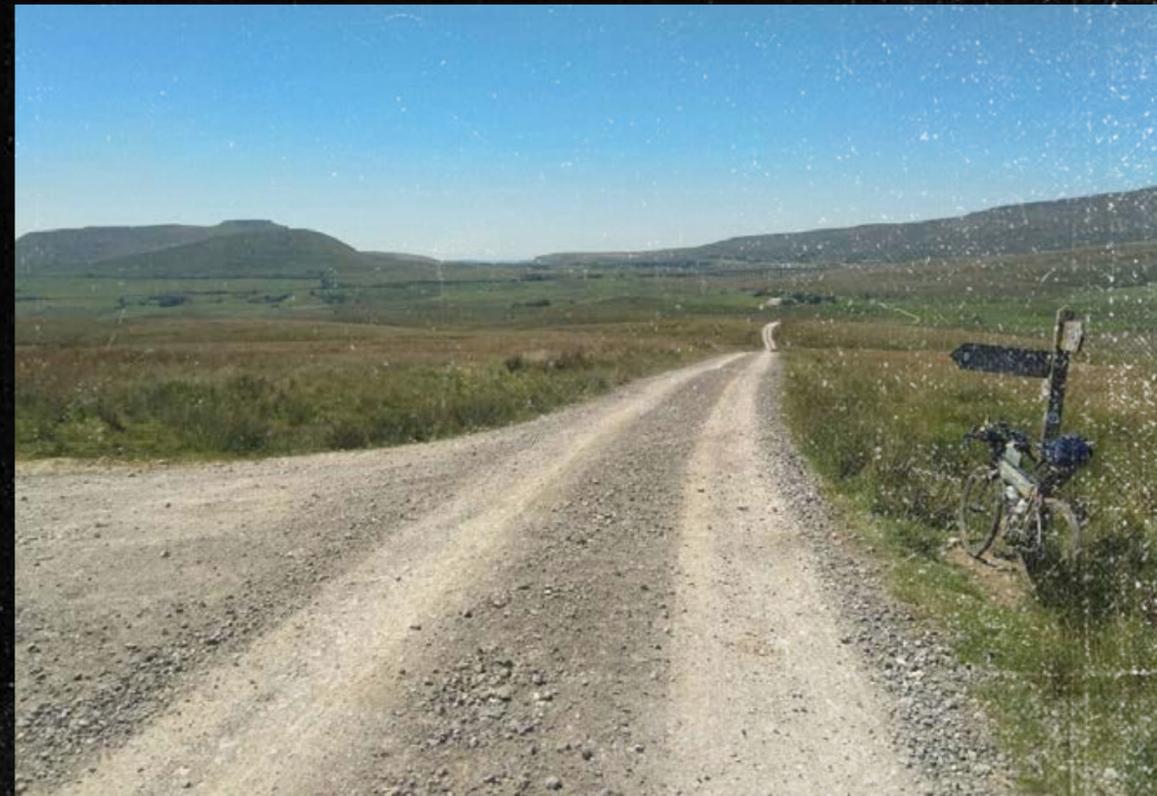
CARL HOPPS 14:34

SAM THOMPSON 14:51

START: MORECAMBE PIER: 54.074624, -2.160408
CP1: ST. HUBERT'S RC CHURCH: 53.94713, -2.160408
CP2: "CAM HOUSES ONLY" ROAD SIGN: 54.455404, -2.160408
CP3: TAN HILL INN: 54.455404, -2.160408
CP4: ST NICHOLAS CHURCH (BRANSDALE): 54.4303, -2.160408
CP5: ROBIN HOOD'S BAY BEACH: 54.4303, -2.160408
END: THE DIVING BELLE (SCARBOROUGH): 54.4303, -2.160408

TRANSENGLAND 19

5 APRIL 2019 | 270KM | 4,550M ASCENT



TRANSWALES 19

3 MAY 2019 | 350KM | 6,200M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M)
ADAM KENRICK	15.23
LUKE ALLEN	17.43
CAT SMITH	17.48

Read Dr Stav's write up [here](#)

Read Tim's write up [here](#)

“One of my toughest nights on a bike has given way to one of the most beautiful mornings”

LUKE ALLEN

The Racing Collective - TransWales19



3 May 2019 22:49:21

“CRANK ARM EPIDEMIC
OUTBREAK IN WALES
THIS WEEKEND”

MICHAL SERAFIN



TRANSSCOTLAND19

1 JUNE 2019 | 540KM | 5,800M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M)
------	------------

CHRISTINECAM82	56:17
----------------	-------

FOXROBINSON	56:17
-------------	-------

(ONLY 2 FINISHERS!)

Read Christine's write up [here](#)



"FOUR HOURS LATER AFTER SEVERAL RIVER CROSSINGS AND NAVIGATING 'TRACKS' AKIN TO MOUNTAIN SCREE CHUTES, WE WERE ON THE TARMAc OUT OF KINLOCH HOURN"

CHRISTINE CAMPBELL



rachel.batt.18 • Follow

rachel.batt.18 Spent all of #allpointsnorth with the distinct feeling that the weather gods were against us. Even when we modified our plans the weather seemed to change with it. Now we've gone north for #transscotland19 and guess what?! The bloody weather has come with us. Aaaargh. #whatdidwedo #goingtogetwet #rideupnorth #transcontinental2up

30w

euro_thrombosis In fairness it's been here all the time. Not sure what day summer is this year 🤔

30w Reply View replies (1)

34 likes
MAY 31

Add a comment... Post



June 3, 2019
18:17

christine campbell @ChristineCam82 · Jun 3
Colin and me finished #transscotland19, saddle still in place, who needs nuts and bolts when you've got cable ties...



One of only two riders to survive the brutal weather to complete this year's TransScotland, Colin Addison recounts the trial...

I'd completed the TransEngland and TransWales previously, and figured I was ready to move up a notch and I'm glad I did. TransScotland was the hardest thing I'd ever attempted and I will sing its praises to anyone. The scenery was just stunning, the stark remoteness in parts was mind-blowing, and the enthusiasm and spirit of the other competitors was inspirational.

Leaving Inverness I was well aware I had far more kit than anyone else but that thought soon got pushed to the back of my mind. The first day went well; good legs and good weather made for good progress and as the sun was setting on Saturday, I was descending into Applecross for Checkpoint 3. Checkpoint 1 had followed an epic stretch of gravel and the route to and from Checkpoint 2 was just beautiful beyond belief. I rode along with a massive smile on my face for all it. The Northwest of Scotland is idyllic, and the quiet, perfect roads were a joy to behold. I cannot recommend the area enough, at some points I felt I was the only person for 100 miles.

In Applecross I met some of the other riders, and together we ascended the mighty Bealach Na Ba in the dark (probably the best way, because that way you don't get to see how much uphill there is) then used the descent to gain decent momentum for riding through the next few hours. The rain then started, but our spirits stayed high. Due to a car crash, the road we wanted to use was closed so that night we bivvied in a couple of bus shelters a few hundred yards from the picturesque Donan Castle (from the first Highlander film). After a few hours sleep we got a decent start then the rain started again. It was the start of June, but it seemed to rain every hour.

"TRANSSCOTLAND WAS THE HARDEST THING I'D EVER ATTEMPTED AND I WILL SING ITS PRAISES TO ANYONE"

The ride to Checkpoint 4 at Arnisdale was a grim wet unending slog, and I didn't think I could get any wetter. Soon out of Arnisdale we started a hikeabike section that beggared belief. The rain turned

streams to torrents and none of them were rideable. The widest was about 30 foot across, a good foot deep and in the middle of nowhere; it was a weight off my mind to have dependable people with me. After some crazy descending we soon found ourselves back on proper tarmac and incredibly the sun came out.

Three turned to two as Chris (a great bloke to ride with, always had a smile on his face) finally hit his limit so it was just me and Christine heading to Fort William. There we ate a massive fish shop feast before deciding to ride through the night to Checkpoint 4. This section to Dalavich was evil. Fatigue started to hit in so a powernap at a train station shelter was called for. The rain continued unabated and I genuinely thought I might get trenchfoot. Christine was so determined, and her strong form was a great motivation to get my head down and just keep turning the pedals. Early morning I started to flag and what with hearing conversations in the woods (unlikely at 5am) and hallucinating a wildcat, (actually just a heap of grit) a 30 min stop for shuteye was called for.

Checkpoint 6 didn't even seem like a checkpoint. Once we'd got on the ferry to Gourock, it felt like it was going to be all downhill to Glasgow. There was chance to rest on the crossing, the weather was good, and for the first time, I knew we'd make it to the end. I was now just fixated on getting to George Square and the endorphins kicked in. Finally, at around 6pm we arrived at George Square and the relief hit me. I'd ridden over 700km since Saturday morning and now the finishing mindset was over, all I could think about was eating a hot meal and getting into some dry clothes.

Before the TransEngland (~300km), I'd never ridden more than 160km. TransWales took me to 380. TransScotland was just over 700. Each ride has given me more knowledge and confidence, and I've met some inspirational people and seen some incredible scenery. If you're considering riding any of them, then do it. You will not regret it.

Colin Addison



OXDURO19

8 JUNE 2019 | 130KM | 1,500M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
ALEX R	1:23:10
LEE J	1:25:00
TIM L	1:25:37



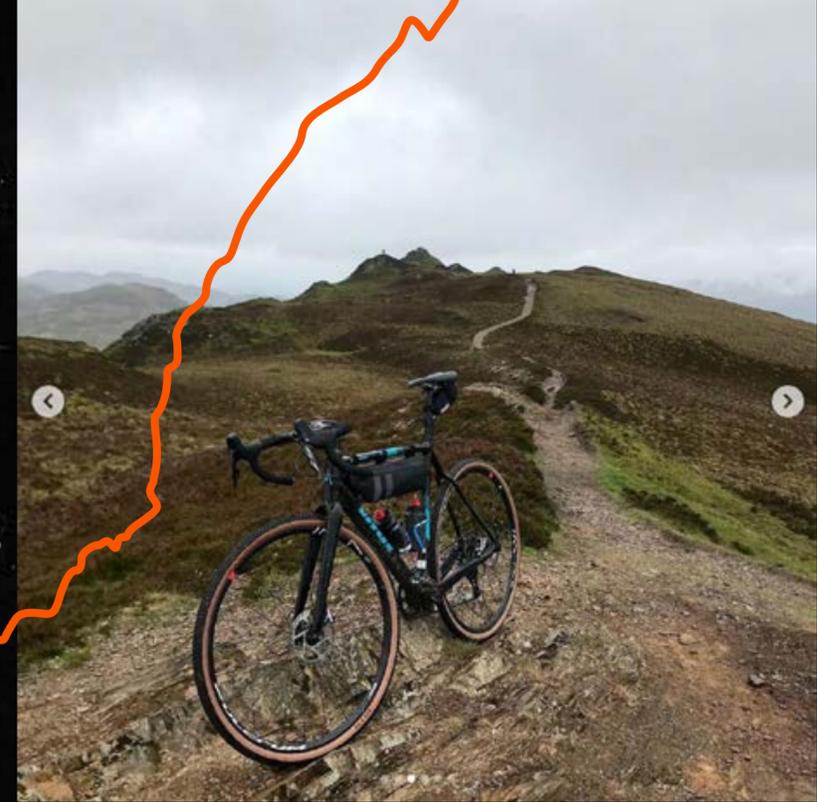
GLENDURO19

25 MAY 2019 | 160KM

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
RUAIRI R	1:31:21
JAMES H	1:44:03
FRASER M	1:51:50



“GLENDURO19 WAS... GRITTY. THE RIDE ATTRACTED A CERTAIN TYPE OF RIDER FEATURING PAST AND PRESENT TITLE HOLDERS OF TRANSENGLAND, TRANSWALES, AND TRANSSCOTLAND”



GBDURO19

22 JUNE 2019 | ~2000KM | ~30500M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M)
LACHLAN M	111:44
ANGUS Y	150:24
FRASER H	170:43
ANDY D	178:25
MARK T	179:10
PHILIPPA B	185:09
TOM P	197:04
PETE C	197:37
MEG P	214:27
MAURO S	215:18
MILES R	N/A
SERAFETTIN K	N/A





LAND'S END



"AS THE WORLDTOUR RIDER STEPS OUT OF THE WORLDTOUR, IN SOME WAYS HE'S JUST STEPPING BACK TO WHAT THINGS USED TO BE"

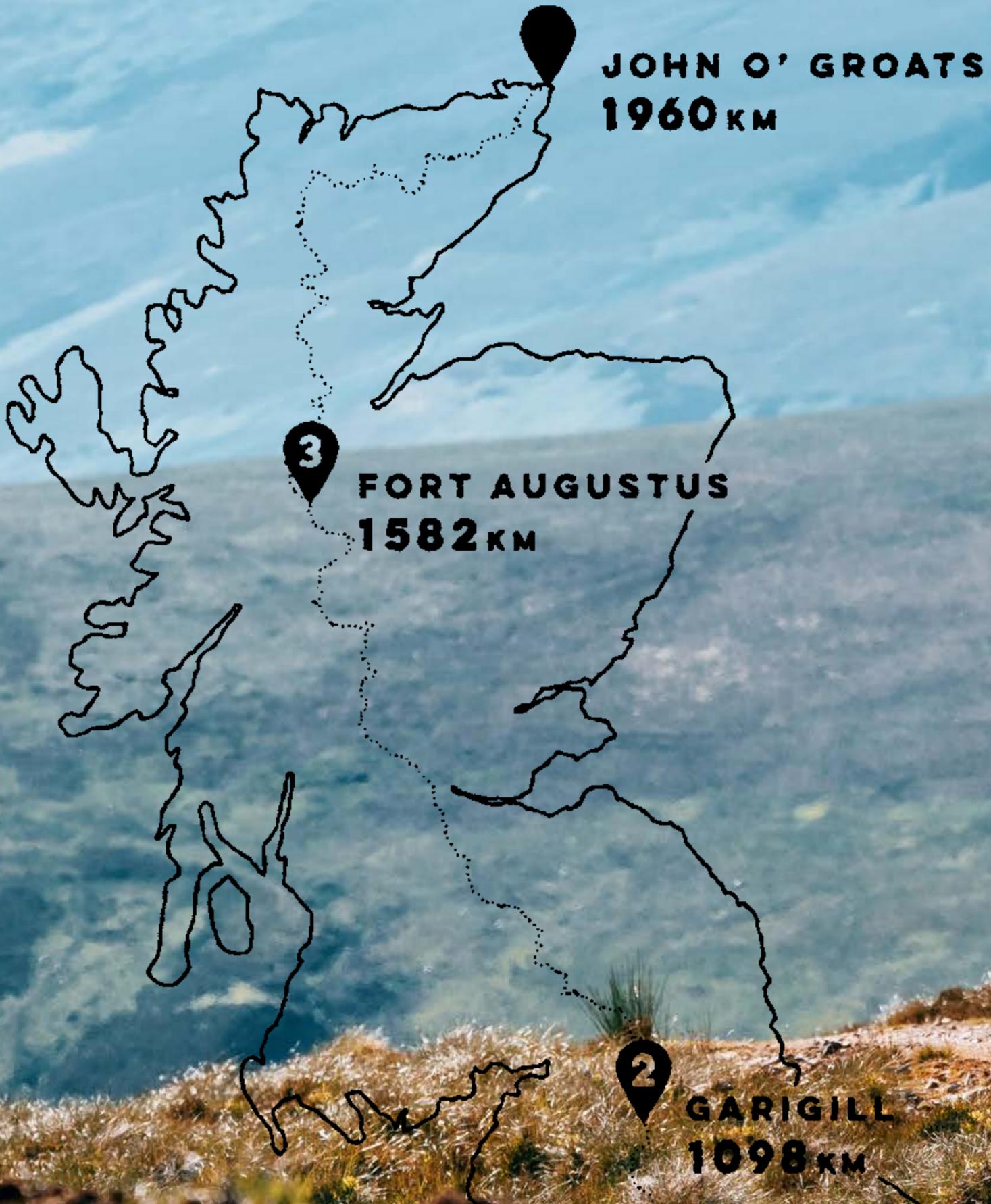
CALEY FRETZ, CYCLING TIPS



Images © Dan Monaghan - Cadence Images



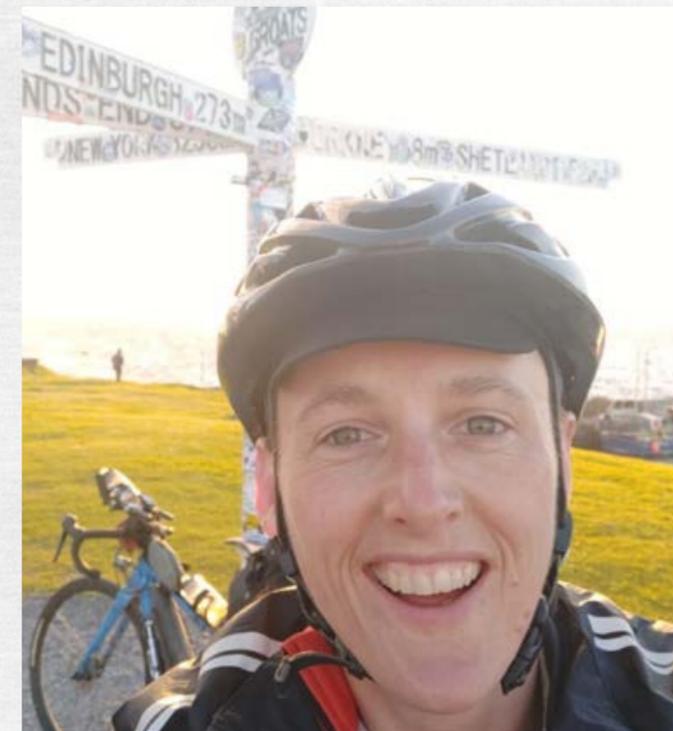
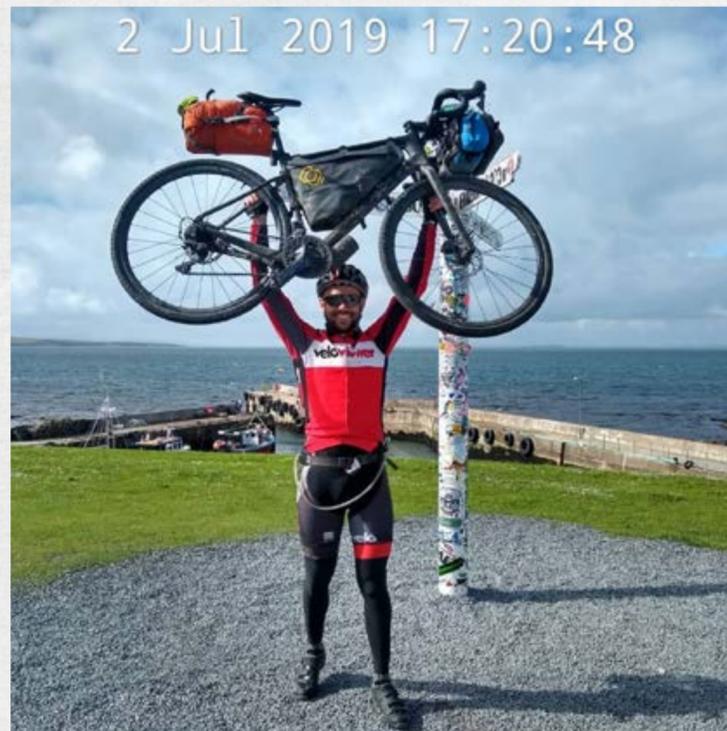
Image © Tom Probert



"I NEVER REALISED THAT I HAD NEVER DONE ANYTHING HARD IN MY LIFE BEFORE THIS. IT WAS THE MOST INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE IN MY LIFE, SO BEYOND ANYTHING I HAVE EVER DONE BEFORE."

LACHLAN MORTON





COTSDURO19

29 JUNE 2019 | 100KM | 2,000M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M)
------	------------

PETER W	35:46
---------	-------

ALEC L	36:14
--------	-------

DAVE D	37:07
--------	-------



**"THAT'S ANOTHER
COTSDURO
COMPLETED IN
ABSOLUTELY
SCORCHING
WEATHER. SUCH
A GREAT BUNCH
OF FOLK TO RIDE
ALONGSIDE"**

OLDBLOKEONABICYCLE



WALES DURO 19

7-8 JULY 2019 | 350KM | 6,200M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M)
LEE J	4:11
ALEX R	4:12
JAMES C	4:55

*Read Katherine's write up [here](#)
Read James' write up [here](#)*



"SAVAGE CLIMBS, LONG DESCENTS, A FAIR BIT OF PUSHING AND CARRYING MY BIKE, DRINKING BEERS IN A FIELD WHILE TRYING NOT TO GET EATEN ALIVE BY MIDGES. SOME PRETTY GREAT PUDDING MADE BY DAF'S MUM."

JOHN



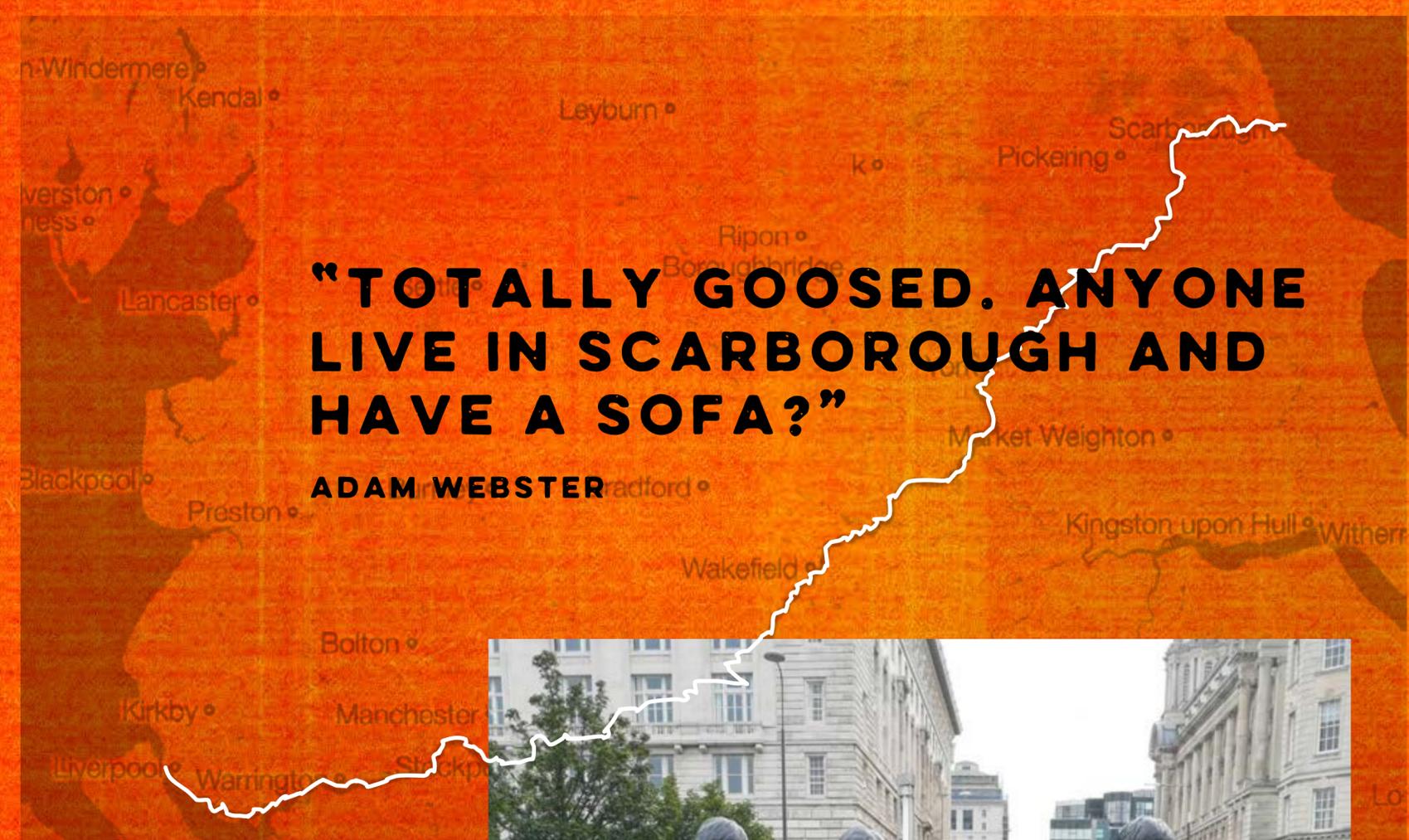
“WAS IT WHAT I EXPECTED? MUCH, MUCH HARDER, AND NOT AT ALL LIKE THE WEATHER FORECAST. LESSON LEARNT, NEVER GO TO WALES WITHOUT A RAINCOAT”

KATHERINE

ENGLANDURO19

3 AUGUST 2019 | 300KM | 2,700M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
TIM W	1:56:35
SIMON J	1:56:45
ADAM W	1:57:42



**"TOTALLY GOOSED. ANYONE
LIVE IN SCARBOROUGH AND
HAVE A SOFA?"**

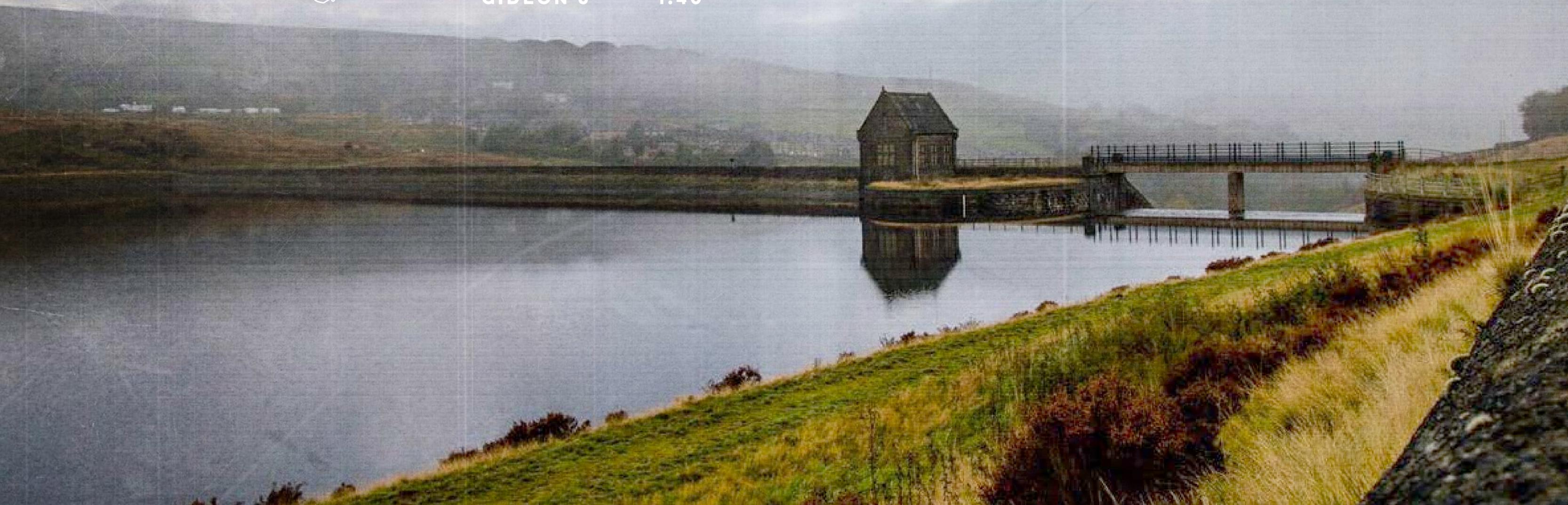
ADAM WEBSTER



PENNDURO19

5 OCTOBER 2019 | 170KM | 3,000M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
RUAIRI R	1.26
JONATHAN P	1.38
GIDEON J	1.40





"IT WAS GREAT TO SEE A RECORD NUMBER OF RIDERS IN TOWN FOR PENNDURO19 YESTERDAY"





SCOTDURO19

7 SEPTEMBER 2019 | 330KM | 5,500M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M)
ALLAN C	6:19
DEREK Q	6:22
ANDY T	6:39

Read Christine's write up [here](#)



**"I REALISED THAT THE 3RD SEGMENT
REQUIRED A SWIM THROUGH A VERY
SWOLLEN LOCHAN NA H-EARBA!"**

CHRISTINE CAMPBELL



**"FROM MY BIVI
I STAR GAZED
AND KEPT AN
EYE OUT FOR
LARGE RED
DEER"**

CHRISTINE CAMPBELL



PUBDURO NORTH YORK MOORS 19

24-25 AUGUST 2019 | 140KM | 2,750M ASCENT



TOM PROBERT OF THE RACING COLLECTIVE TOOK ON AND COMPLETED A WHOLE SEASON OF ULTRA ENDURANCE RACES IN 2019, WHAT LESSONS DID HE LEARN ALONG ALMOST 10,000KM OF ROAD, TRACK AND BRIDLEWAY?

Tom: The main lesson is that it's much easier to sign up to races than to actually do them! What I've learned from putting myself in that situation though, is that a combined mileage and elevation gain that at first seemed impossible was in fact achievable and I'm really proud that I pushed myself to complete all the races I've entered this year, when there were a lot of moments where I was tempted to quit.

THERE ARE ALWAYS MOMENTS ALONG THE WAY THAT MAKE YOU REMEMBER THE 'WHY'

I learned the importance of having a clear motivation in mind for when the going gets tough and you question why you're out there...There were points on GBDURO where I just couldn't grasp a good reason to carry on and going into TPR, the final race of a tough summer, I was struggling to find the motivation to start, but there are always moments along the way that make you remember the 'why'.

Finally, this year has made me realise what an amazing community the bikepacking world is. It's a powerful and important thing to feel a part of something, and the connection between fellow bikepackers is particularly strong as it is forged through shared adversity. The Racing Collective epitomises this ethos and I'm proud to be a part of it.

TOM'S 2019



TRANS WALES

ALL POINTS NORTH

TRANSCONTINENTAL NO7

MAY

JUN

JUL

AUG

SEP

OCT

NORMANDICAT

GBDURO

TRANSPYRENEES NO1





THANK YOU!

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON A RIDE IN 2020

WWW.THERACINGCOLLECTIVE.COM