

Darren Faces His Toughest Challenge

Local athlete Darren Mathias is about to embark on one of the toughest ultra challenges on the planet. The race is known as the 6633 Ultra and begins on March 22nd and lasts for nine days, finishing on Saturday 30th. The race begins at Eagle Plains/Yukon and lasts for a staggering 352 miles entering the Arctic circle and finally finishing on the banks of the Arctic Ocean.

It is a non stop self-sufficient race on foot in which competitors have to pull sleds carrying all their provisions including food, camping, cooking and safety gear. Competitors will face extreme freezing conditions of -50 degrees and part of the course is known as Hurricane Valley where wind speeds have been known to blow lorries over!!

In the previous 5 races held only 7 athletes have successfully completed the 352 miles.

Darren has been training with this race in mind for two years often staying out on the mountains in the coldest weather to acclimatise his body as much as possible to the conditions he will face. He goes into

this race in great shape but knows he is about to be tested to limits of his endurance. We wish you great success Darren in this epic endurance race.

