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Top of Wakemup photo Ken Zylstra

Couple quick 2013 Arrowhead 135 Truth Stranger Than Fiction Items:

...warmest start temp in nine yr race history at ~25F.

...largest starting field ever at exactly 135.

...first ever father/son finishers with Chris and Mark Scotch!

...two additional Arrowhead A'trois Finishers: Ken Krueger/Eric Dalgaard making total of 5 awards in race history.

...three out of last four years have seen long 3-man cycling breakaways leading up to final finish stretch. All three broke course record.

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...second lowest finish rate in race history at ~35%. 2007 less than 25%.

...first year significant precipitation event. 8-10" heavy wet snow/sleet/ice pellets, areas biggest snowfall of season, mid-race. Not precisely forecasted, especially by race director: B.S. Meteorology UW-Madison 1979 Synoptic Specialty.

...unfortunately no women finishers. Many made noble/valient attempts.