

3) Following the Course of the Event (Pre-entry Events)

This section describes the facility to download the contents of the check boxes. Start boxes can also be used if there has been a punching start. This is particularly useful at pre-entry events, where there will always be a proportion of no-show competitors.

Consider the following event with six entries, all on the yellow course.

Stno	Start	SI card	Rented	Surname	First name	Club	Class	Class (Age Class)
1	11:00:00	333951	X	Alpha	AA	AIRE	ye	M10
2	11:00:00	333952	X	Beta	BB	BKO	ye	M12
3	11:00:00	333953		Gamma	CC	CLOK	ye	M10
4	11:00:00	333954		Delta	DD	DEVON	ye	M10
5	11:00:00	333955		Epsilon	EE	ECKO	ye	M12
6	11:00:00	333956		Pi	PP	PSUK	ye	M10

After four competitors have downloaded, the preliminary results look like this:-

PI Name	Class	Club	Time
Yellow (4/6) Preliminary results 18:47			
1 Alpha, AA	M10	AIRE	0:13
2 Beta, BB	M12	BKO	0:15
3 Delta, DD	M10	DEVON	1:04
Epsilon, EE	M12	ECKO	mp

Competition Day – More Reports – Protocol shows this:-

The screenshot shows a 'Select report' dialog box with a table of runner data. The table has columns for Stno, Start, Finish, Name, Club, Class, and SI card. The data is as follows:

Stno	Start	Finish	Name	Club	Class	SI card
1	11:09:45	11:09:58	Alpha, AA	AIRE	ye	333951
2	11:10:12	11:10:27	Beta, BB	BKO	ye	333952
4	11:10:46	11:11:50	Delta, DD	DEVON	ye	333954
5	11:10:59	11:12:02	Epsilon, EE	ECKO	ye	333955
6	11:00:00		Pi, PP	PSUK	ye	333956
3	11:00:00		Gamma, CC	CLOK	ye	333953

I would call it “Event Status” rather than “Protocol”.

This confirms that four out of six runners have finished and downloaded. Epsilon has made a mistake and is disqualified.

Competition Day – More Reports – Missing Runners brings up the Protocol screen again, leading to the same information ordered by class:-

The screenshot shows a 'Missing runners' report window. It includes a menu bar (Update, Print, Publish, Layout, Close) and a toolbar with icons for refresh, print, save, and a search box containing '77'. Below the toolbar is a table with columns: Stno, Start, Finish, Time, Name, Club, Class, SI card.

Summarized by classes

Class	Total	Missing
Brown	0	0
Blue	0	0
Green	0	0
Lt-green	0	0
Orange	0	0
Yellow	6	2
Reserve	0	0
Total	6	2

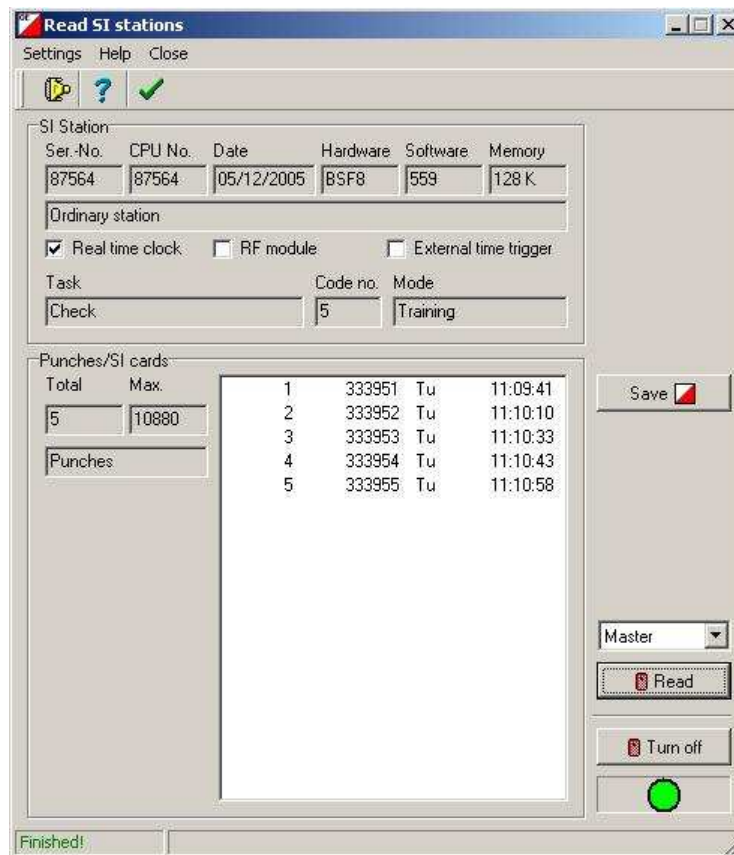
Missing runners

6	11:00:00		7:58:03	Pi, PP	PSUK	Yellow	333956
3	11:00:00		7:58:03	Gamma, CC	CLOK	Yellow	333953

The start has now closed. It is time to determine how many competitors passed through the Check and were recorded on the Check box.

Place the check box on top of the download box, and couple them with the ferrite stick.

Competition Day – Evaluate SI Stations - Read SI Stations yields this screen:-



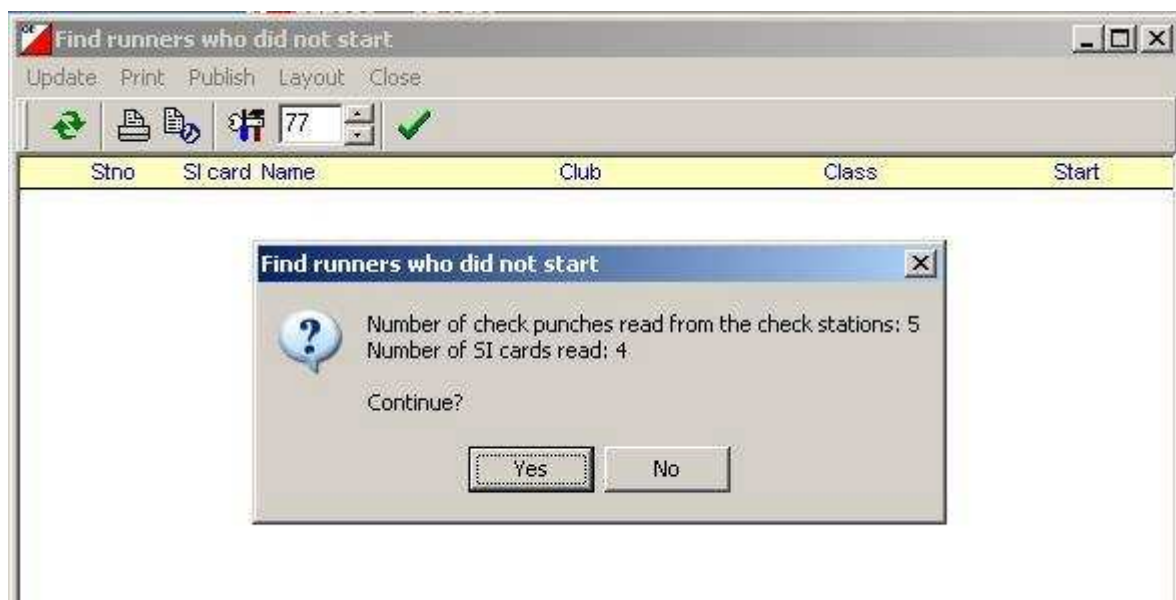
So, only five competitors went through the check.

Click the “Save” button to save this information to the event data-base.
If you forget, a warning screen will remind you.

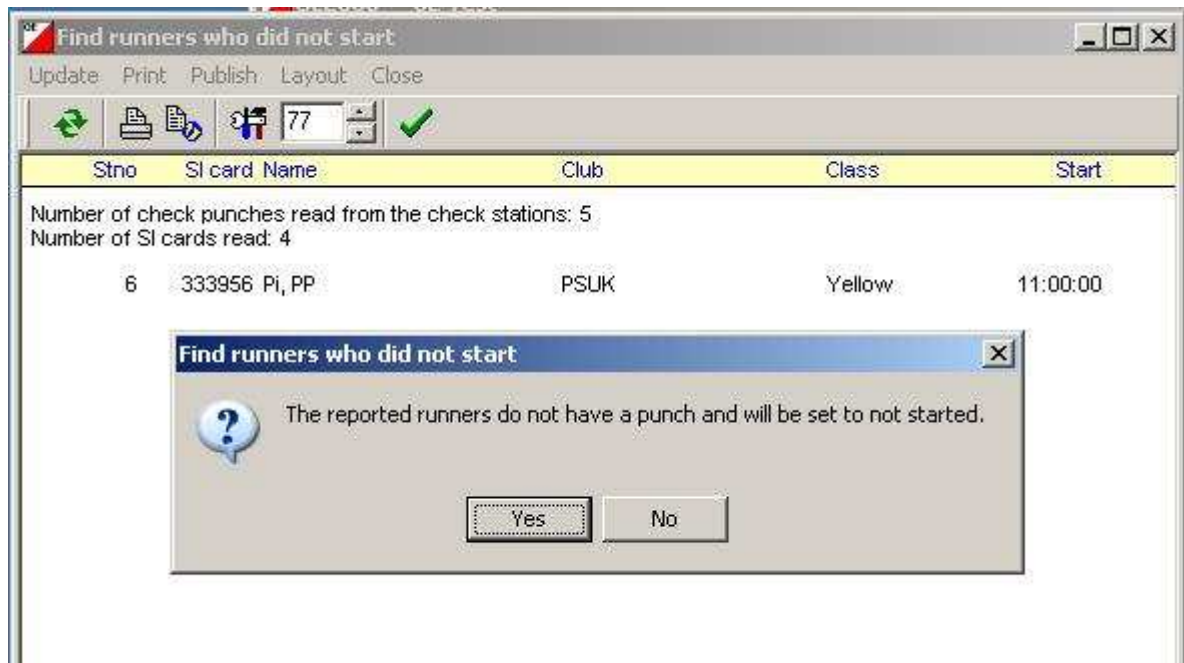
This screen now appears confirming that five competitors passed through the check box.
Click on “Actions”, and then on OK.



We now have:-



Click on Continue.



Stephan means they (PP in this case) don't have a **check** punch. Click on "Yes".



I just love Stephan's command of English.
But his programming is pretty good.

Select Competition Day – More Reports – Missing Runners again:-

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Missing runners" with a menu bar (Update, Print, Publish, Layout, Close) and a toolbar with icons for refresh, print, save, and a page number of 77. The main area contains a table with columns: Stno, Start, Finish, Time, Name, Club, Class, SI card, and Read at.

Summarized by classes

Class	Total	Missing
Brown	0	0
Blue	0	0
Green	0	0
Lt-green	0	0
Orange	0	0
Yellow	6	1
Reserve	0	0
Total	6	1

Missing runners

3	11:10:33#	8:37:12	Gamma, CC	CLOK	Yellow	333953
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We now have an accurate picture of how many runners are missing. This is a powerful safety check.

The bottom line shows that competitor number 3 passed through the safety check at 11:10:33, and now 8 hours and 37 minutes have elapsed since then. In a real event you would have called the rescue services by now!

Incidentally, sometimes data does not appear clearly on the screen. It is masked by the field width setting being too small. A simple example is in the Entries – Entries screen. 11:23:15 can turn into 1:23:15. Very confusing. Sometimes you need to widen the field for the start time to see the time properly.

Preliminary Results now shows that PP never started.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Preliminary results" with a menu bar (Update, Print, Labels, Publish, Interface, Automatic settings, Layout, Email, Close) and a toolbar with icons for refresh, print, save, and a page number of 100. The main area contains a table with columns: PI Name, Class, Club, and Time.

PI Name	Class	Club	Time
Yellow (5/6) Preliminary results 19:51			
1 Alpha, AA	M10	AIRE	0:13
2 Beta, BB	M12	BKO	0:15
3 Delta, DD	M10	DEVON	1:04
Epsilon, EE	M12	ECKO	mp
Pi, PP	M10	PSUK	dns