



**ULTRA SERIES**  
**2015**

*Country to Capital 45, Thames Trot 50, Shires and Spires 35, Round Ripon 35*

### Series Report

An impressive 846 individual runners participated in the inaugural SCOTT Ultra Series and it has been an exciting journey throughout the year. Back in the depths of January the series kicked off with Country to Capital 45. On the day we were treated to both heavy snow and glorious winter sunshine as we witnessed a five way battle between Chris Brookman, Dan Afshar, Jon Ellis, Ollie Stoten and Harold Wyber in the men's race and Eli Barnes smash the lady's course record by over 5 minutes. Ollie Stoten eventually came through to take victory in the men's race by just one minute and Eli's record breaking run also bagged her 6<sup>th</sup> place overall.



On to February and what would turn out to be the toughest race of the series. Thames Trot 50 has had more than its fair share of adverse weather to contend with – this year was no different. As the frozen footpaths thawed a layer of super slippery mud developed and seriously sapped the legs of the runners. Craig Holgate's 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Thames Trot win was, then, all the more impressive but was slightly overshadowed by what was possibly the performance of the series. After finishing second at Country to Capital, just three weeks earlier, Susie Chesher took the Thames Trot apart – smashing the lady's course record by almost 29 minutes!

As summer arrived we went to Lamport Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> June for round three of the series – Shires



and Spires 35. It was a glorious early summer day and the race boasted its largest ever starting field. The men's race was hotly contested until Chris Bookman made a decisive move just after check point 3, breaking out a 4 minute lead and continuing to take the win. But, once again, it was a lady who stole the show. Both Susie Cheshier and Gemma Carter (treadmill 50km world record holder) underestimated the Vet 40 runner Maree Jesson to their cost. Maree took the race win, and the Vet 40 win, with a comfortable lead of almost 8 minutes.



As autumn took hold we were in the stunning North Yorkshire village of Studley Roger for the fourth and final round of the series. This year's Round Ripon 35 doubled its entry on last year achieving a new record number of runners. With three times winner Robin Carter absent, local runner Alex Fawcett took the lead from the start and seriously challenged Robin's course record. Despite a brave solo effort Alex couldn't quite hold the pace for the record but took a commanding 19 minute victory over Ed Catmur. The lady's race was a much more social affair with Anneke Imeson and Claire Baker running the race together and finishing barely a second apart, Anneke taking the win. Local running club Ripon Runners were the biggest winners on the day, claiming 1<sup>st</sup> Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Vet40 Male, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Female, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vet35 Female, and 1<sup>st</sup> Team.

So with the series concluded, and 4 great races run, the final standings show that consistency is the name of the game. With three top ten finishes Mark Walker takes the overall series win. Barry Miller and Mike Abel complete the male series podium. Susie Cheshier's outstanding running bags her 1<sup>st</sup> lady and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with Maree Jesson and Wataru Kurishima taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> female respectively.

We would like to thank all of the runners who joined us for this inaugural SCOTT Ultra Series. Without all of your effort these races would not have been run. We hope you enjoyed overcoming the challenges you faced and gained fond memories and stories to tell. Thanks are also due to our series sponsors and retail partners Scott Sports, Apex Sport and Swaledale Outdoors without whom the series would not have happened.

## Series Winners

	<b>Male</b>
<b>1</b>	Mark Walker
<b>2</b>	Barry Miller
<b>3</b>	Mike Abel

<b>Female</b>
Susie Chesher
Maree Jesson
Wataru Kurishima

Full results available [HERE](#)

## Race Winners

### Country to Capital 45, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015

	<b>Male</b>	<b>HH:MM:SS</b>
<b>1</b>	Ollie Stoten	05:07:09
<b>2</b>	Harold Wyber	05:08:12
<b>3</b>	Jon Ellis	05:13:24

<b>Female</b>	<b>HH:MM:SS</b>
Elisabet Barnes	05:37:06
Susie Chesher	06:08:33
Zoe Salt	06:20:30

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### Thames Trot 50, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015

	<b>Male</b>	<b>HH:MM:SS</b>
<b>1</b>	Craig Holgate	05:48:42
<b>2</b>	Scott Forbes	06:03:32
<b>3</b>	Paul Raistrick	06:07:44

<b>Female</b>	<b>HH:MM:SS</b>
Susie Chesher	06:52:58
Fionna Ross	06:57:03
Karen Hathaway	07:00:13

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### Shires and Spires 35, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015

S&S	<b>Male</b>	<b>HH:MM:SS</b>
<b>1</b>	Chris Brookman	04:17:22
<b>2</b>	Matt Fowler	04:22:33
<b>3</b>	David Green	04:23:33

<b>Female</b>	<b>HH:MM:SS</b>
Maree Jesson	04:56:32
Susie Chesher	05:04:18
Gemma Carter	05:08:31

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## Round Ripon 35, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015

	Male	HH:MM:SS
1	Alex Fawcett	04:29:06
2	Edward Catmur	04:48:00
3	Paul Peacock	04:53:58

Female	HH:MM:SS
Anneke Imeson	05:46:28
Claire Baker	05:46:29
Carmen Marchant	06:21:23

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