

# In-form Will races to Bunny Run hat-trick

KEIGHLEY & Craven Athletics Club runner Will Smith won his third consecutive Bunny Run at Penistone Hill in Haworth on Tuesday.

Race organiser Dave Woodhead said: "Will Smith and Sharon Taylor of Bingley Harriers were crowned king and queen of the Bunny Run series and will now be immortalised on next year's Bunny Beer label.

"Will is in the form of his life with seven wins in recent races including victory at the Bradford 10K on Sunday."

In the fourth Bunny Run Will led all the way and crossed the line in 15.25. He also won the Egg Stage with a time of 3.30.

Another Keighley & Craven runner, Rob Shaw, finished second in 15.57. Rob's success has earned



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him a reserve place in the senior men's Yorkshire team for the UKA Inter-County Championships in Lancashire on May 10.

Having just finished second U-16 at the English Championships in the Lake District Keighley & Craven Thomas Sessford showed no tiredness to finish sixth overall and first U-16, beating last week's winner, Ashley Kay.

Jonathan Bradshaw of Wharfedale Harriers finished third. Sessford's time was 16.50, five seconds behind him was Kay and Bradshaw crossed the line with a time of 17.04.

Showing just how talented youngsters are Pendle Athletics Club posse of young U-14s, Emma Spencer (first in 20.09), Jade Lord (second in 20.20) and Melissa Berry (third in 20.55) all excelled to beat Bingley Harriers senior lady Mary Green with Rosie Hellowell and Pippa Barrett, both of Keighley & Craven, not far behind.

Woodhead said: "This is the attraction of the Bunny Runs, juniors and youngsters love to mix it with the seniors and prove how good they are."

A total of 223 runners chased more chocolate prizes on Tuesday where Commonwealth Games silver medallist Lisa Brambani, a road cyclist, was the guest celebrity.

She ran in her first ever competitive race, finishing 11th lady in 22.24. Her talented daughter, Abbey Mae, the Yorkshire swimming and cross county champion, finished with a time of 24.04.

For a full list of results visit [woodentops.org.uk](http://woodentops.org.uk).

Next Tuesday the Bunny Run Relays will take place at Penistone Hill. Teams of three will run one 2.5 mile and two two mile legs. The race starts at 7.30pm.



**ON THE CLIMB:** Thomas Sessford of Silsden, running for Keighley & Craven Athletics Club, finished first in the U-16s race and sixth overall in the fourth Bunny Run held at Penistone Hill in Haworth on Tuesday.