Another series goes to the Bunny maestro

KEIGHLEY'S Ian Holmes eased to his 27th Bunny Run victory on Tuesday, clinching the series for the fifth time.

But the 'Bunny Governor' didn't have it all his own way as Cumbrian international Tom Addison – recent winner of the Pendle Hill Race – held his nerve to take the egg stage prize.

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Holmes said: "The egg stage win would have been a bonus but Tom was so determined and kicked just at the right time.

"If I'd have kicked with him, I'd be in oxygen deficit for the rest of the race and may not have won."

Addison eventually finished fifth in the three-mile race around Penistone Hill, a minute down on Holmes' time of 15min 10secs.

Second was Tom Adams of Ilkley in 15:27 and third was Graham Pearce in 15:42 in front of Matthew Lockyer.

Bingley Harriers won the team prizes again as Holmes linked up with Tim Midgley (sixth) and 47-year-old John Convery (eighth).

Among other local prominent

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finishers were Jonathan Bradshaw (tenth), Martin Peace (13th), Jack Smith (14th), Bruce Elsworth (18th), Jamie Robinson (21st), Tom Sessford (22nd).

Seventeen-year-old Blue Haywood won for the sixth time and the series for the third, improving by 18 seconds on last week's time to win in 17:31.

Second was Leeds City's 23year-old Emily Klee in 17:59, while local Helen Glover slipped to third.

Bunny regular Mel Hyder improved her own female under-16 record by 16 seconds to finish fourth in 18:19, while in fifth place was Sally Morley of Ilkley improved her own FV (female veteran) 35 record by 21 seconds.

Close on her heels was FU-14 winner 12-year-old Bo Heywood, who was also her category winner.

Bunnuy Run Four starts at 7.30pm on Tuesday. Visit www.woodentops.org.uk for more results and pictures.

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RUN FOR IT: Keighley and Craven's Annie Roberts and Robert Thompson during Tuesday's Bunny Run Picture: Paul Wood