

BUNNY RUN TWO
Keighley,
West Yorkshire

GARY DEVINE continued his build-up to next month's British championship opener at Stuc A'Chroin, Perthshire, by claiming victory in the second event in the four-race series, *Gareth Webb reports.*

After placing third (behind Ian Holmes and Andy Peace) in the series opener, the 1990 British champion proved too strong for Bradford postman Gary Oldfield taking the en-route 'Egg Stage' prize in 3:26 - four seconds outside Holmes' record - and going on to finish 18 seconds clear.

With Holmes opting to give the race a miss admitting his legs were "too stiff" after running for Bingley in the Northern 12-Stage at Leeds three days earlier, Devine was surprised to find 21-year-old Mark Moore of Pudsey Pacers blasting into an early lead clearly intent on taking the 'Egg Stage' prize and the not inconsiderable kudos of relieving Holmes of one of his many records.

By Grinning Stone, Moore had opened a 10m lead over Devine, but as they approached the 'Egg Stage' marker, Moore appeared to be treading water allowing Devine to sweep past and take the honours by just one second. Bingley's Robin Lawrence passed through in third, a further two seconds back as Moore, 16th in the opener the previous week, paid for his over-exuberance and faded to 23rd.

Bradford's Steve Oldfield (Gary's uncle) finished first veteran in third breaking his own year-old M40 record of 18:28 (which he equalled the previous week) by eight seconds.

Bingley's Max Brear also set new figures in the junior race (U16) taking 26 seconds off Matthew Drake's (Calder Valley) two-year-old record of 19:10. Brear, who turned 16 in March (and therefore under FRA rules still qualifies for U16 competition), was delighted with his first race on the fells as he finished 11th overall. Brear has also shown considerable promise on the track and country having clocked 4:19 for 1500m and placed 53rd (in the U17 race) in

The English Cross-Country Championships at Newark on March 1.

Carol Greenwood was a convincing winner of the women's race as she added some speed-work to her distance training in preparation for the Three Peaks Race on April 27. Greenwood placed 50th overall from a 210-strong field - the second highest number in the event's seven-year history after last week's record turnout of 273.

Emma O'Shea of Leeds was second just over half a minute adrift as Kath Drake, in third, sliced 26 seconds off Jean Rawlinson's three-year-old vets' record of 21:53.

Men (3M, 300ft)

1 G Devine (P&B) 17:15; 2 G Oldfield (Brad Air) 17:33; 3 S Oldfield (Brad Air, M40) 18:00 (rec); 4 R Lawrence (Bing) 18:17; 5 M Horrocks (CleM) 18:21; 6 D Wilkinson (Roch) 18:22; 7 A Maloney (Roch) 18:24; 8 D Woolley (Keigh RR) 18:31; 9 R Grillo (unatt) 18:33; 10 S Asquith (Holm) 18:34; 11 M Brear (Bing, U16) 18:44 (rec); 12 G Hall (Holm) 18:50; 13 M Woods (CleM) 18:55; 14 J Helmsley (Ilk) 18:58; 15 L Spencer (Keigh RR) 19:05; 16 S Bottomley (Eccles) 19:10; 17 J Butler (Keigh RR, M40) 19:11; 18 B Stephenson (P&B) 19:15; 19 M McGlincy (Bing) 19:21; 20 P Crabtree (Bing) 19:27

U16: 2 L Broadley (Bing) 19:56; 3 D Needham (Keigh RR) 20:49; 4 G Pearce (Ilk) 20:57; 5 M Buckingham (Holm) 21:25

M40: 3 J Winder (Cald V) 19:34; 4 D Thompson (Cald V) 19:44; 5 N Pearce (Ilk) 19:50

M50: 1 P Carr (Keigh RR) 19:47; 2 T Knowles (Keigh RR) 20:33; 3 R Asquith (Holm) 21:30

M60: 1 B Crowther (Bing) 25:11; 2 B Hargreaves (Todm) 27:03

TEAM: 1 Bingley 34; 2 Keighley Road Runners 40

Egg Stage Prize: 1 Devine 3:26; 2 M Moore (Pudsey Pacers) 3:27; 3 Lawrence 3:29

Women

1 C Greenwood (Bing) 20:41; 2 E O'Shea (Leeds) 21:12; 3 K Drake (Spen, W35) 21:27 (rec); 4 P Oldfield (Brad Air, W35) 22:49; 5 A Lloyd (St B) 23:05; 6 H Johnson (unatt) 23:08; 7 E Tomes (Keigh RR, W35) 23:38; 8 L Crabtree (Hal, W35) 24:30; 9 G Leary (Hal, W40) 24:31; 10 C Fawcett (Keigh RR, W40) 25:00

U16: 1 J Astin (Roch) 24:58; 2 L Hampshire (Holm) 27:57; 3 L Hampshire (Holm) 28:31; 4 R Long (Keigh RR) 29:09; 5 A Jagan (EPOC) 32:36

TEAM: 1 Keighley Road Runners 34; 2 Bingley 34

W50: 1 P Collier (Todm) 29:21; 2 C Dawson (P&B) 35:14