

Caboolture Dusk to Dawn 6/12hr Ultra Race, Queensland

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A record number of Dusk to Dawn 6 and 12 hour participants contesting the 50km and 100km State Championships or team relays churned out endless 500m laps of the compacted gravel circuit which weaves its way through the Caboolture Historical Village. They soaked up the unique experience of being cheered on by spectators nursing coldies and relaxing comfortably on the verandah of a heritage pub!

WARM and humid conditions 'till midnight didn't slow down 2003 British Ultrarunner of the Year, Siri Terjesen who added another Australian race win to her recent Kurrawa 50km victory. In winning the event outright as well as the Women's category, the US native clocked 50kms in four hours and then cruised home to put the finishing touches on a 70.2km performance that she hopes will stand her in good stead for an assault on the Six Foot Track Marathon. Prolific 50km race winner, Adrian Pearce had his fair share of problems but still managed to equal his 2004 race winning performance of 68kms and take out the Men's category, thanks to a strong 12km last hour.

The 12 hour event saw Adam Barron build a 6km lead by midnight, but he wasn't counting his chickens before they were hatched and commented 'Ultras are usually won by the runner with the best second half.' Fortunately for Barron, the adage did not ring true on this occasion because Nic Moloney equaled Barron's lap count after midnight. Moloney's 112.3kms pushed Barron to 118.2kms, a mere 300m short

of Martin Schot's race record. Far from regretting a missed chance, Barron good humouredly said 'It'll give me a reason to go back next year!'

The Women's event featured a similar contest between 2004 and 2005 Dusk to Dawn 6 hour champion, Theresa Fabian and 2005 Kurrawa 50km placegetter, Tamyka Bell. Fabian was placed ninth after the opening hour, before opening up the throttle to be outright third and first female after four hours. Fabian went on to win with 105.5kms from a spirited Bell who provided one of the highlights of the event by lifting her pace in the final hour to crack the 100km milestone with minutes to spare. Fabian summed up the spirit of the night well when she commented 'The support from my incredible crew, fellow competitors and spectators made the journey so much easier than I anticipated and I can honestly say I enjoyed myself for most of the 12 hours I was out there. To surpass my goal of 100km was very satisfying and picking up the state title was the icing on the cake!'

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RESULTS

12 Hour - Solo

Men

- 1. Adam Barron 118.2 km
- 2. Nic Maloney 112.3 km
- 3. Geoff Last 102.7 km

Women

- 1. Theresa Fabian 105.5 km
- 2. Tamyka Bell 100.6 km
- 3. Tina Fiegel 66.8 km

6 Hour - Solo

Men

- 1. Adrian Pearce 68.0 km
- 2. Nicholas Petrie 53.0 km
- 3. Peter Bielenberg 47.1 km

Women

- 1. Siri Terjesen 70.2 km
- 2. Liz Novotny 56.9 km
- 3. Louise Auld 52.4 km



An ecstatic Tamyka Bell (Right) celebrates the finish of the 12 hour event with Theresa Fabian

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