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## Self-Transcendence

Progress is self-transcendence and self-transcendence is undoubtedly true perfection according to me, perfection is selftranscendence, perfection is constant progress which is always transcending itself. Otherwise, if I say that this is perfection, you will say no, something else is perfection. So there will be no end to our dispute. My perfection need not be your perfection, but my self-transcendence will always give me satisfaction and your self-transcendence will always give you satisfaction. Where there is continuous satisfaction, glowing satisfaction, illumining satisfaction, we have to know that that is perfection. Perfection is in the satisfaction that glows and grows inside our hearts.

## Sri Chinmoy

## In The Next Issue

A major theme in the next issue of Ultrarunning World will be solo runs - Journeys across Wales, Canada and a project along the Silk Road will accompany articles on events nearer to the UK.

News of recent publications and new races as well as a look at some of the major events in the Ultrarunning calendar will mean a bigger issue for April May.

If you would like to contribute news, articles or photos of ultrarunning events please send email to the adress below. If you would like to promote your events or products related to ultrarunning, very reasonable rates apply and at the same time you will be helping to finance a better production plus the possibility of a reasonably priced print version.

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Welcome to the March/April 2011 edition of Ultrarunning World. This issue I am very grateful to be able to share personal experiences from some wonderful ultrarunners.
I would like to thank the contributors to this issue for their kind permission to use the material included here. Without material and generosity such as this, the magazine wouldnt exist.
Alan Young, athlete/manager/handler extrordinaire, has been extremely kind in giving me permission to use his photos again. Alan helps several runners and gets to see a lot of races around Europe and has a website: www.dionnetworks.com/

Thanks are due to Richard Meade for his story about the Druid Challenge and to the RD Neil Thubron for his support.
I am very grateful to Lucy Rivers Bulkeley for writing her article for me. She is a courageous and very impressive woman. I look forward to hearing more of her running adventures
Race director Bernard Marchal is helping hundreds of children through his solidarity work in Costa Rica as well as providing a running challenge in a beautiful part of the world.
Don Winkley runs all the time long or short, a man who is crossing the races off his bucket list. I love listening to Don's stories and I am grateful he lets me use his writings in this publication
Many thanks to Prabhakar and Alakananda for their photos.

Abichal Sherrington
Cover photo by Alan Young:

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## February News round up

We start off in Northern Europe with the Finland Endurance team who hosted the $4^{\text {th }}$ Espoo 24 hour Endurance race. In an international field, Fins took the first three mens places with Jari Soikkeli taking top spot running 247.944 km . One of Japans leading ultrarunners, Sumie Inagaki, was first lady and second overall with 240.631 km . Second was Valerie Glavin from Ireland with 217 km and third was Marjukka Sinisalo from Finland with 204 km.
http://endurance.fi/
The first 24 hour in February in the USA was the Beast of Burden 24 hour/100 mile race in Lockport near Niagara in northern New York state. The course is a 25 mile "out and back" loop. 22 warriors signed up for this event. First man was Matthew Houtman completing 75 miles and the only lady was Eva Basehart completing 50 miles in 16:47:20.

The Long Haul 100 is an "extreme race with an extreme" cause with individual $100 \& 50$ mile ultramarathons and 5 or 10 runner team relays. Taking place on a 30 mile loop mostly on paved roads This event raises money for Praxis Haiti who support Haitians affected by the devastating 2010 earthquake. The inaugural Long Haul 100 miler was won by Gabriel Helmlinger in 15:32:38 and first lady was Amy Palmero Winters in 23:59:16 with 12 starters. The 50 miler was won by Julian Vincente in 7:48:21 and the womens winner was Eve Lane in 11:09:05 with 9 starters. Seven teams ran in the 10-person team relay. The 2012 event will take place at Wesley Chapel, FL and the tentative date is January 2122.

The 2011 Coastal Challenge, a six-day stage race that covers over 200 kilometers of varied terrain in Costa Rica, was won by American runner Dave James 23:35:14 and Monica Aguilera was first lady in 28:48:05.

The Arrowhead 135 takes place on the Arrowhead State Snowmobile Trail from I-Falls to Tower, MN in the USA. Created in 2005 this race experiences some of the coldest temperatures in the US, this year dropping to around -37 degrees. The event has a ski and bike division as
well as a running category and this year first runner home was John Storkamp finishing in 44:32:00. There were 18 finishers from 57 starters and Barb Owen was the only female finisher in 57:38:00.

The Yukon Arctic Ultra is truly one of the toughest endurance races on the planet. Another human powered multiday endurance race with bike/ski/ run categories, the YAU has marathon, $100 / 300$ and 430 mile races starting at Whitehorse in February. The 2011 event is the $9^{\text {th }}$ edition of the race which first took place in 2003 and follows the Yukon Quest dog sled race course. Runners are self-supported in the non-stop event dragging their food and gear on pulks. This year there were 77 starters in the four events from 14 countries mostly in the foot category with five xc skiers and three mountain bikers in the 430 mile race including British rowing champion James Cracknell, the double Olympic gold medalist. Cracknell took part in a race to the South Pole in 2009 so is familiar with extreme conditions. July 20th 2010, Cracknell was 400 miles into an attempt to set an endurance record crossing the US when he was knocked off his bike by a truck fracturing his skull in two places and suffering brain damage. It was only 5 months later that Cracknell arrived in Whitehorse to ride the 430 miles to Dawson City finishing in second place behind Alan Sheldon also from England.
The 430 mile Foot event was won by Canadian Greg McHale finishing in 8:16:15:00 a new race record.

Farther South in more ambient conditions, Serpentine club runner Ian Sharman stunned the ultrarunning community with a record breaking performance on February $5^{\text {th }}$ at the Rocky Raccoon 100 mile Endurance race in Huntsville, Texas. In a field that included Anton Krupicka, Hal Koerner, Karl Meltzer and Scott Jurek, Sharman ran his own race and smashed the previous course record held by Eric Clifton who, in 1996, ran 13:16:02. Ian's time of 12:44:33 is the second fastest 100 mile trail time in the world behind Sweden's Jonas Buud who ran the TEC 100 mile race in 12:32:03 in 2010. iRunFar had good coverage of the race and interviewed Ian after the race. Ian also wrote about the event on his blog (http://sharmanian.blogspot. com) which is well worth reading. As if that was not a complete
demonstration of his capability as a runner several weeks later Ian set a new Guinness record as the fastest marathon dressed as a superhero, Spiderman. With a time of 2:40:06 at Napa Valley marathon ,Ian finished $5^{\text {th }}$ overall - however his record didn't last long as Michael Wardian ran under 2:35 the following week also dressed as Spiderman.

February $5^{\text {th }}$ Belgian runner Stephan Engels completed 365 marathons in 365 days to set a new record of consecutive marathon's surpassing the old record which was 52 marathons.

World Runner Jesper Olsen is in Argentina just having completed 50,000 kms and at the same time engaging in philosophical realities.

Included here is the latest report lifted from his blog.

## Turtle report

An odd occurrence on today's run: Halfway into the stage a big turtle was slowly crossing the highway! Where it came from in the arid terrain of the "Las Pampas" region which I ran into today no one knows! Jamie chose to film it - I ran past. At the next water-stop I learned that it hadn't been helped across the road afterwards. For my


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part I was most of all angry w. myself that I hadn't stopped and made sure it got safely across the tarmac. So: the gps was put at "pause", a marker put at the road and I got in the support car to drive back to lift it out of harms way (Else I NEVER get in the car from start to finish for whatever reason). But this animal was helpless w. the heavy trucks coming every few minutes !!

- He was gone. Either driven over or 'sprinted' across the road. An intense argument followed before I resumed the run where I had left it: Shall we leave nature to itself or try to prevent disaster, small or big, if we can? A dilemma. But sometimes one feels inside beyond any doubt what is right to do.. Later comes the doubts, reasons; excuses for our comfort!

Btw:
Just noticed that the 50 000km running barrier has been broken. Wr 1: 26232 km , wr 2: $23879=50111 \mathrm{~km}$ :-)

But what does it all matter if I can't help 1 turtle across the road? Be KIND at each chance you get!
Jesper Olsen http://www.worldrun.org/
Tony Mangan, on his way around the world, is currently crossing Nevada in the US. Fascinating day by day adventures on his blog reveal another side of America and a reminder of how amazing and incredibly rich life is.
Also making the huge crossing of the United States is Dennis Yang who is helping promote literacy for kids. He is raising money for the Papa Didos Ideals Foundation. Dennis started his journey on Feb. 10, 2011 at Long Beach, CA. and will end in Coney Island, NY. You can follow Dennis at www.papadidos.org.

Dean Karnazes has teamed up with a popular US tv show that is supporting and publicizing his run across the US and are about three weeks into the project that is bringing the spirit of running to a lot of people.

An exciting new project will be taking place in April as Kevin Lin and friends undertake to run the Silk Road.
Running The Silk Road is organised by http://www.thehomeexpedition.org. The Home Expedition (THE) is an institute devoted to promoting a sustainable earth, long term solutions for deprived peoples/regions and a sense of responsibility among privileged groups by means
of expeditions throughout the world. THE hopes to inspire everyone into taking action.

This is one of the most significant Asian running events this year raising awareness of the water well crisis along the route. A team has been formed to crew for the runners on their $10,000 \mathrm{~km}$ journey. Although the only physiotherapist, Dr Stephen McNally (Ireland) currently working in Kent will be part of a team of world wide experts that will assist the runners while they run approximately 70 Km per day for 150 days along the famous Silk Road. Nobody has previously run the Silk Road and part of this expedition will not only raise awareness for the well-water crisis but will be life changing for all involved.

The expedition commences on April 20th and runs until September 17th, from Istanbul to China. For more information visit http://www.thehomeexpedition.org The 4Deserts Atacama Crossing which began on March $6^{\text {th }}$ in Chile is a 6 day stage race covering approximately 250 km . Anders Jensen (below) from Denmark won for the second year in a row and Nahila Hernandez San Juan won the womens division. There were 87 finishers.


Photo: Racing The Planet

## Quick Links

Stephan Engels 365 marathons http://www.marathonman365.be Tony Mangan theworldjog.com/blog/ Dean Karnazes - Run Across America http://tinyurl.com/6fivfty Andy Murray - Scotland2Sahara
"I need 500,000 volunteers to build a pyramid for a dead King. Long hours, no wages, sleep on the ground. Can you get them for me son? Can do! Can do!"

The Fugs


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#### Abstract

\section*{I'VE GOT A LITTLE LIST}

In the early 1980's I looked forward to Malcolm Campbell's annual I'VE GOT A LITTLE LIST. To quote Malcolm "Here's the way it works. The list is an attempt to record the ten best performances of the year. A runner has only one place on the list and this is for one specific performance. I always stress that this list is a reflection of my own opinions and whilst I naturally respect the views of many others I am rather inclined to agree with Oscar Wilde who said "I dislike arguments of any kind. They are always vulgar, and often convincing". On the same theme I warm towards the Earl of Mansfield who suggested, "Give your decisions, never your reasons; your decisions may be right, your reasons are sure to be wrong". Right or wrong this gives me an opportunity to reflect upon some great achievements of xxxx. They were:"


So if I may be so bold I thought it would be a good idea to resurrect this theme, but with a slight change, in that I will base the list on more than one performance, and for 2010 "They were:"

1
SUMIE INAGAKI (JPN)
Her great performances started early, when in January, at the Helsinki Indoor 24 Hour, and with guidance from the famous Fin Seppo Leinonen her crew chief, she set a World Indoor 24 Hour Best of 241.426 km .

Then in May she not only won the "des 48 hours pedestres de Surgeres", but set a new World 48 Hour Track Best of 397.103 km , and with better crewing from her Japanese team, she surely would have broken 400 km

## 2

SHINGO INOUE (JPN)
The World 24 Hour Championships were held in Brive, France, and in the men's race a great battle between Shingo and Scott Jurek, saw the Japanese athlete come out on top. But to win his deserved gold medal be had to record the best 24 hour distance of the year with 273.705 km .
Rarely do Championships combine both great performances and distances, but Shingo managed both.

## 3

RYOICHI SEKIYO (JPN)
Although not competing at the World 24 Hour Championships, he won the 24 Hour event at the Athens Ultra Festival with 250.368 km in April. Then he went on to win the Surgeres 48 Hour with 407.066 km , and rounded off the year by winning the Soochow 24 Hour in 268.126 km , the second best 24 hour distance of the year.

## 4

SCOTT JUREK (USA)
This great American Ultra athlete is world famous for all his off road performances, and wonderful victories at Sparthalon and Badwater, but could he deliver over the more traditional 24 Road Race and especially at a World Championship, round and round a small circuit.

Although he had to settle for silver, his new USA best of 266.677 km provided the clear answer.

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## JULIA FATTON (SUI)

Julia runs many off road events, but had two outstanding runs on the roads. Firstly winning a bronze medal at the World 24 Hour Championships in a very hard race, with 230.258 km . Then later in the year at Royan she broke the World's 48 Hour Road Best with 367.918 km

## 6

ANNE-CECILE FONTAINE (FRA)
In a very competitive ladies 24 Hour race at the World 24 Hour Championships, held in her native France, she produced the goods and won the gold medal with 239.797 km .

At the end of the year she went to Soochow 24 race and was a creditable 2nd with 223.639 km

7
MAMI KUDO (JPN)
Although Mami was slightly in the shadow of her compatriot Sumie Inagaki at Surgeres she did come second with 362.704 km .
However she won the Soochow 24 Hour with 239.325 km .

## 8

WOLFGANG SCHWERK (GER)
The first 1000 mile race since 1999, was staged at the Athens Ultra Festival providing the ideal setting for Wolfgang. Since the
 heady days of Yiannis Kourous he has become the most dominant multiday athlete. He won well taking 11 days 23 hrs 18 mins and 32 secs.

## 9

WILLIAM SICHEL (SCO) (left)
Now in the M55 age group, he has become the strongest GBR multiday athlete, he also took part in the Athens 1000 Miles. Finishing a creditable second to Schwerk, and during the event broke World Age M55

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1000miles Road - 13days 20hrs 8mins 1 sec


## 10

CHRISTIAN FATTON (SUI) (left)
Although not setting World Bests, and being upstaged my his new bride Julia, he produced many consistent performances throughout a busy year, 235.811 km at World 24Hour Championships, 378.464 km at 48 Hour Royan and 842.254 km at 6 Day Antibes.

ALAN YOUNG


Julia Fatton


Anne-Cecile Fontaine


Mami Kudo


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The 10 Peaks is a charity event and open to anyone who is fit, healthy and mad enough to attempt it! For more information, to register for the event, or to donate please visit www.10peaks.com.


## Race Reports

# 1000 Km In 28 Days Across 4 Deserts <br> Lucy Rivers Bulkeley 

# "The second toughest endurance race in the world" 

Time Magazine, May 2010

## "The ultimate test of human endurance" <br> Men's Health,July 2010

airport was closed to all international flights. The only alternative was to fly into Buenos Aires, then up to Salta, before hiring a minibus and driver to take us across the Andes. Luckily the organisers had delayed the start of the race by 24 hrs to allow us all time to arrive.

The drive was stunning but rather hairraising at times as most of the journey was on rocky tracks with spectacular drops! Thankfully, I was with five other competitors, and after 13hrs and two flat tyres, we arrived in the sleepy town of San Pedro de Atacama. The race itself
in just under 24hrs, which was a new record. The rest of us were slightly slower!

After a couple of weeks of recovery, it was time to start thinking about the next one. Flights and hotels to book, visas to be sorted, dehydrated food to be ordered and the key dietary essentials - I would not have survived the year without crushed Pringles, Skittles and Haribo!

Flying into Urumqi, in the northwest corner of China at the end of June for the Gobi March was rather a shock to the system. We had been warned of temperatures up to 50c but we arrived to torrential rain and threats of flash flooding. Luckily at the race check in where medical forms are signed, our equipment and kit is checked and we're given the race stage breakdowns, the course director informed us that it was a freak storm and the heat was following - he wasn't wrong!
The first couple of days of the race weren't too bad as we crossed dry riverbeds, climbed very steep hills and shuffled through deep ravines at the base of the Flaming Mountains as we headed in to the Turpan Basin (known appropriately as "The Oven"). Stage 5 was 107 km and looking back, it was one of the worst moments of the year. Every time you thought you were nearly at camp, there was yet another monster sand dune to climb, which in 50c, was energy zapping. Morale towards the end of the race was pretty low as a fellow competitor, Nick Kruse, had collapsed on stage 4 and was in a coma in hospital. Guttingly, after we'd all crossed the final finishing line, received our race medal and were safely back at the hotel, we were told that Nick had passed away. We all sign up to these

In August 2007, my father lost his battle with Cancer at only 62. If I was going to raise muchneeded funds for Macmillan Cancer Support in his memory, I had to find an extreme event. The 4 Desert Challenge fitted the bill! It is a series of 250 km self supported races across the largest and most forbidding deserts on Earth (Atacama, Gobi, Sahara and Antarctica), carrying all our own equipment, food and clothes. The average rucksack weighs in at about 7.5 kg .

To make it even tougher, and to become the first British woman to complete the Grand Slam, I had to complete all four in one calendar year. Only two men had achieved this before.

The first race was the Atacama Crossing in Chile. All the experts suggest arriving at least a couple of days beforehand, to allow the body to recover from flying and to acclimatise. Especially in this case, as we were going to be at an altitude of 3500m from the start. Unfortunately, the large earthquake struck and Santiago
(photo courtesy of RacingthePlanet) was luckily less eventful and the long stage on day 5 was 78 km . We crossed endless salt flats, climbed huge dunes, waded though knee-deep water in the slot canyons and passed a couple of very remote tiny villages. I dread to think what the locals thought of us all as we shuffled past them, clad in lycra with rucksacks on our backs.

The finishing line after 250 km over 6 days was a welcome sight - my knees had been strapped from day 2 onwards after slipping on some shingle at the top of a gorge and were looking like rugby balls. Ryan Sandes, the South African, managed to complete the whole race


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races to test ourselves and know that there are risks involved but you never expect the worst to happen.

In the weeks that followed I did start questioning why I was attempting this challenge. At the start it was just a crazy idea as no woman had done it, but now that I was half way through, and had seen the risks first hand, it made me think. I was doing it for Daddy and that is what kept me going.

Once again it was back to the knee specialist to have my knee scanned before the trainers went back on in preparation for the Sahara Race at the beginning of October.

As soon as I landed in Cairo, the usual nerves kicked in. Theoretically, this was meant to be the easiest of all the races, but my body was beginning to feel the strain of the year. Two of my fellow grand slammers had dropped out by day 2 , both of whom were normally very strong guys. Mentally it was the toughest due to the monotonous landscape..... Sand, sand and yet more sand! My knee was the worst it had been due to the endless soft sand. The long stage of 96 km went through the Valley of the Whales which was stunning and helped keep my mind off the pain. As with the other races, I decided to kick on through the night as I knew that if I stopped at the optional overnight camp, I'd completely seize up and be in a whole world of
trouble. Thankfully, through a haze of strong painkillers, I hobbled over the finishing line in front of the Pyramids to finish the third desert.

Worryingly, we only had six weeks before we had to be in Ushuaia for The Last Desert. Very little exercise was done, it was more a case of trying to help the body recover before its final test of the year, and to finish finding all the specialist equipment that was needed.

57 of us boarded the boat and set sail across the Drake Passage for Antarctica. The crossing was some of the roughest seas I have ever experienced. Serious cabin fever began to set in and we were all very relieved to finally see land even though it meant we were about to start our toughest test. The start of the race was delayed due to bad weather but luckily a pod of orca's as well as a humpback whale and her calf kept us entertained beside the boat for an hour or two.

Stepping foot on Antarctica was very surreal - we were at the bottom of the world and only had penguins as company. The course varied from compacted snow and ice to knee deep soft snow. It was also very hard to differentiate between the ground and the skyline, even with our special polar glasses. Because there is very little darkness, we were out on the course for longer but over fewer days. The final

finishing line, at 9 pm on Dorian Bay, was incredible. Complete and utter exhaustion combined with the realisation that I had finally finished the challenge - I have to confess that there were definitely tears!
Looking back on the last year, I still can't believe that I've done it - the first British woman to complete the 4 Desert Grand Slam.

I've pushed myself to the limit both physically and mentally. The camaraderie amongst my tent mates and fellow competitors was incredible and I'd never have finished without them.

There were definitely a couple of 'moments' along the way due to pain and I have since discovered that I've a badly strained left LCL and a hairline stress fracture in my right foot. Once I've fully recovered, I'll have to start looking for the next challenge!

Lucy Rivers Bulkeley
December 2010
http:// www.4desertchallenge.


In 2011 Lucy was awarded the Endurance Fundraiser of the Year by Justgiving.com for a challenge that most professional athletes could only dream of achieving.

As a non-athlete, Lucy completed the famous 4 Desert Grand Slam Challenge, risking her life in the most extreme conditions, to become the first British woman to accomplish the 4,155 mile desert runs across the Gobi, Atacama, Sahara and Antarctic deserts in one calendar year.

Lucy raised in excess of $£ 35,000$ for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of her father.

The judges commended her incredibly fearless attitude and enormous courage.


# The Druid Challenge: 

 a three day stage race along the 5000 year old Fidgeway Trail hosted by Dxtreme Energyo

# My First Ultra Marathon, My First Ever Race Win! 

## Richard Meade

## Photos Courtesy Extreme Energy

Okay, so the title, like the film, Titanic, kind of gives away the ending. However, as with all good stories the fun is in the journey as much as the ending.
I had entered the Druid's Challenge an 82 mile 3-day trail race across the Ridgeway, earlier this year, long before I had entered the Amsterdam Marathon, as I saw it as an ideal way to see how my body would shape up to the rigours of ultra running and multi-day racing in preparation for the MDS next April. Once I entered it I promptly put it to the back of my mind, as I focused all my efforts on gettingthe PB I craved at Amsterdam.

It was only after I had finished the Amsterdam marathon and was still hobbling about the following Friday did it dawn on me that three weeks later I would be running this ultra race. Not much training or preparation time. In fact I had two hard weeks of 90-100 miles
each and then a four day taper.
On the Thursday before the race I sat in my Travelodge in Luton and it suddenly dawned on me that $I$ had never done anything like this! 3 marathons in 3 days, all across hard trails, forest paths, ancient roads and tall grassy hills. I was actually scared. I sat there thinking about all the things that could go wrong.

Mostly I was worried about getting lost. I can get lost in a supermarket, even with numbered aisles and shop assistants eager to point me to the sweets section. This race wasn't marshalled. We simply had to follow the well marked trail paths.

I was always confident of getting through the first day. At 29 miles it would be the longest I have ever run in one go, but I felt with all the long 26 mile runs I had done and my high mileage training weeks I would be okay. I was more concerned about days two and three
and how my body might recover from day one. Especially, considering I have a propensity not to hold back. I knew there was every chance that I would go out hard on day one, run as fast as I could, shredding my legs and leaving nothing for the next two days.
I was honestly frightened of failure. I pin a lot of stuff on my running, with plenty of training and boring people to death with my endless chat about it, so I didn't want to come home having had to pull out or having had to walk the last couple of days due to ruining my body on the first day. So, Thursday was a restless night.

Friday and stage one came. The 150+ competitors were organised into three starts a slow group, medium group and fast group. The slow group were set off at 10am, the medium group at a 11am and the fast group, which included me, set off at 12 pm .


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Stage One: Ultra Running Lesson One the hard way!!
It was cold, very windy and heavy rain clouds hung over the horizon as we stood at the top of the hill at Ivinghoe Beacon waiting for our start. I felt surprisingly calm and in pretty good shape. My game plan was to stick with the main bunch of runners for the first 20 miles or so and then see how I was feeling and maybe push on from there or at least try and hang on to the leaders if they were faster.

Of course, this is me! So instead of doing what was sensible I blasted down the hill at in impressive pace opening up a 100 m gap before we'd reached the end of the first field. I tired to tell myself to slow down and that 30 miles was a long way to go and that it was foolish, but none of it got through. I just went. It felt great and I felt as though I was skipping across the beaten mud and chalky paths through the green fields and into the
forest paths. After about 4 miles I glanced back over my shoulder and there was no one in sight, I was clear. There was no one about and no one in front of me, as it would be at least 9 or 10 miles before I got the first of the slow runners. The course was magnificent and although it was breezy and damp with light rain it wasn't too cold. I was having a great time.

At 6 miles I was following the little white acorns and finger signs that indicated the way to go and was starting to feel pretty good about myself. I was even patting myself on the back for following the course so well. I was about to learn my first lesson in trail running. Don't get complacent with the route. I came out of a forest and the finger sign said left on to a tarmac road, which I followed. I was still all on my own and apart from a tractor with a hedge trimmer there was no sign of life. I followed the road looking out for the next finger sign for
the Ridgeway, but nothing. The road kept going. There were a few footpaths, but we had been told explicitly that there would be either a white acorn or a finger sign saying Ridgeway and I couldn't see either of them. I started to panic, it didn't feel right.

Of course any sensible trail runner would have done some preparation before such a race and at least looked at a map of the Ridgeway. Shit, I am lost!, was all I could think! I ran back up the road and found an old lady getting into a car. I quickly sprinted up to her before she could drive away and asked if she knew where the path to the Ridgeway was.
"Ridgeway?" she answered confused and my heart sank. She pondered for a moment and then said she would ask her son. Moving agonisingly slowly she wondered from her car to another cottage buried behind a thick hedge. I looked at my watch as the minutes and seconds


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ticked on. I felt for sure that any lead I had made would now be gone. I cursed myself and all the praise I had just given myself for not getting lost. Eventually her son appeared and was almost as confused. He thought it was back up the road I had just run from, so I had no choice but to turn back and head to the last clear sign I'd seen.
I headed back up the road quickly, and at the top saw a large bunch of runners who not long before I had been well ahead of. However, they too were lost and were looking for the sign. I told them it wasn't at the bottom of the road for sure, so as a group we searched and not too long after that we found a turnstile hidden behind some hedges. It had to be it. I was really annoyed, as I remembered running past it and dismissing it, as it wasn't obvious as I thought a turnstile for the Ridgeway would be. I was in too much haste to stop and check to make sure, which was what I should have done.

I was pretty angry with myself now, as I could see across the field that a dozen and more runners were now ahead of me. From my watch I reckoned that I had ran an extra 2 miles as a result of missing the gate. Instead of calming myself down I allowed my anger to dominate my thoughts and display itself in the only way I know how in a pair of running shoes. I dropped the hammer. Instead of doing the steady 7-7.30 minute per mile pace that I had done so far, I started doing sub 7 minute miles and then 6.30 s and even some 6 minute miles. I raced past people, sprinted up hills without easing my stride.

The first checkpoint was due at 11 miles. My GPS read just short of 13 miles when I got there, confirming to me that I had added an extra 2 miles to my day's race. I was still angry, so instead of stopping for water and some food, I swiped my chip card and kept on running. By now I was catching the slower runners from the earlier groups. I wasn't sure how many from my fast group were ahead of me at this point, so I just kept banging out the fast miles.

The countryside was beautiful, but a blur, as I carried on in my rage. I reached the second check point, which was meant to beat 17 miles, but for me was 19 miles. Still annoyed I didn't stop for any food or drink, just to swipe the card. I asked the checkpoint guy how many more people
were in front of me and he told me about a dozen, I then asked how many from the late starters and he said none and that I was in the lead. For some reason, this didn't register at all. I simply didn't believe him, as I set off.
I continued at my frantic pace determined to catch everyone. In my head at this time I was thinking if I could just get within 10 or 15 minutes of the leaders then I could maybe make that time up on the next couple of stages. I passed a several runners and then another group of four runners not long after that, as we followed a path leading through some farm fields and up a hill. The next check point was due at 22 miles on the official course route, so 24 miles for me.

It was now I learnt my second important lesson about ultra racing and trail running - always refuel as you go!! I had a camelback on, but stupidly had only filled it with half a bottle of energy drink and the same again of water, so about 500 ml of liquid. I had no food. Because I hadn't been stopping at the check points for water or food I had now drunk my camelback dry and was starting to feel a little uneasy on my feet. I began to suck at the mouthpiece to continually find nothing coming back.
I carried on through the fields, my legs getting less and less sure. I don't know if this was the reason for my next mistake, but I am sure it was a factor. I came up to a turnstile that led into another field, with a clear path leading away. It was quite dark now as it was approaching 3 pm and the dark rainy clouds had made everything grey. Instead of slowing to look for the white acorn or any other signage I just carried on.

I was now on a path that went straight down and turned a sharp right keeping it inline with the sheep field that was fenced off to my right. I ran down the full length of the field and then turned another sharp right before heading back up the field, it was only when I reach the top of this path and made another sharp right did I realise that I was now heading back to toward the turnstile I had just declined. I had made another course mistake. Worst of all, was this hadn't been a small farm field, but a rather large one, so that by the time I got back to the turnstile I had been caught up by the group of four runners I had passed about a mile before.


Sure enough there on the turnstile was the white acorn that I would have clearly seen if I had been smart enough to slow down for just a few seconds and had a look. I passed the group of four again, and told them that I loved it so much I was doing it twice. They laughed and got the joke. I raced across the field. Again I was angry with myself and again I responded in the same way by upping my pace. This time, my body began to kick back. My watch read 24 miles at this point and I had guessed that my little excursion around the sheep field would have cost me another mile, so that meant I was still a mile away from the checkpoint. I tried sucking my camelback for any hint of water, but nothing. By now I was looking at the muddy puddles on the ground and seriously thinking about stopping to drink from them. My head was throbbing and I was very unsure on my feet. My pace dropped and I began to wobble a bit. I tried to keep going, begging for the check point to arrive.

At 25 miles there was still no check point and I simply couldn't go on..
For the first time in a very long time, I gave in. I simply had to stop. My body ground to a walk. I walked for a bit and then jogged for a bit. My head was all over the place. I didn't feel well. I was still angry and annoyed with myself for having gotten lost twice! All I could think about was how I had thrown away the

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race on the first day through stupidity. I tried running again when I got to the top of a small hill, as the gentle decline allowed gravity to help me out. Then, in what can only be described as one of the greatest sights of my life, two men got out of a minibus and started clapping at me - it was the checkpoint. I ran to them and found a whole table full of fruit cakes, pasties, Jaffa Cakes, Jelly Babies, biscuits and cup after cup of orange juice and water. I swiped my card and then emptied about 6 cups straight off without stopping for air. I followed this up by filling my face with something from every plate on the table. The guys were full of sympathy for me and gave me a bottle of water for the rest of the stage. Later in the weekend when chatting with me, one of them said that when I arrived at the checkpoint that day I had looked ghostly and eaten as if I hadn't eaten in a month. It had felt like it. After about 5 minutes of pulling myself together I picked up some food for my pockets and
earlier on.
My watch beeped at 27 miles and again I found myself stopping and walking. I'd simply had enough. I've always considered myself mentally tough and strong, but at that point, in that muddy field slipping from one tree root to another, soaking wet from the rain and freezing cold from the wind, I had never felt mentally weaker. I wanted to sit down and cry. I wanted to lie down in the bushes and go to sleep. I would have given anything to have pulled out then, to get into a dry car and go somewhere warm. I started telling myself that it would be okay, I started to try and find excuses about why. I blamed inexperience, I blamed Amsterdam, I blamed anything I could think of and then from nowhere I got angry again and told myself how in reality it was all my fault. I thought of something my brother, Stephen, says, and had been told during his time in the Navy - Piss, poor preparation leads to piss poor

wearily set off, knowing that there was still seven miles to go.

Within yards I felt sick. I had eaten too much, too quickly. My stomach started to spasm and cramp, as I struggled to hold everything in. I slowed to a real gentle jog to try and allow things to settle.
It was terribly slow and my legs began to cramp as well. Now, my body was paying for all those stupidly quick miles
performance. That's what I had done.
Yes, I'd trained well and I was in good physical shape, but I had done little by way of preparation for taking on this challenge, which was so different from anything else I have done. I should have studied a map. I should have taken more water and some food. I should have run at a better, more controlled pace and evenly. This anger made me pick up my pace and begin running again. I did
have to stop and walk for a bit, but I only allowed myself 10 seconds of walking whenever I did stop.

At 29 miles I looked at my watch and it read 3 hours 50 minutes. I should have been finished, but instead I had 3 more miles to run as a result of my stupidity. This somehow seemed to have a major affect on me, as I suddenly found some more pace and I was no longer stopping for walking breaks. Maybe the food and drink from the check point had started to refuel my body, but for whatever reason I was running again, at pace and not stopping. I went though mile 30 in 9 minutes, a marked improvement on the previous three or four miles. Not long after mile 30 I saw the yellow and black arrows we had been told would be there to lead us to the town and school we would be staying in that night. It felt great, mostly because I knew I wouldn't be getting lost anymore, but also because I knew it was only a mile and a half away. I turned off the Ridgeway and on to the road.

Oh, how I had missed the road! I am still a road runner at heart! I picked up the pace and fuelled by Jaffa Cakes, fruit loaf and a longing for a shower I banged out my last 2 miles in 15 minutes. Seeing the school gates and the final line I felt totally empty. I barely acknowledged the applause from the gathered organisers, helpers and volunteers as I crossed the line and swiped my card to mark the end of the stage. I'd finished in 4 hours and 14 minutes and my GPS read 32 miles, 3 miles more than I had meant to.
I asked the guy how many people were ahead of me. I could see four runners sitting inside drinking coffee, so didn't expect to be anywhere but at least fifth. It was then that I was told that I was the first of the late starters back and that the four in front of me had been from the early start meaning they had been given an hour's head start. I was told I had won. I had won the first stage. I simply couldn't believe it. I moved through into the building to get a coffee and collect my head.

Despite everything I had been through I had still won. It was hard to enjoy the moment, as I still felt a combination of anger, despair, and depression from everything that had happened. Not to mention the fact that I was utterly shattered!

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We spent the evening sleeping in the gym and theatre halls on school gym mats. I went straight to my bed straight after eating. My legs felt pretty done in and I was really worried about how they would feel in the morning, as despite everything, I would have to get up the next day and do another 27 miles!

Stage two - learning from my mistakes!
I woke up at 6 am and had porridge and toast for breakfast. I also drank loads and filled my camelback to the brim with energy drink and water. I also stuffed my pockets with dried apricots and a croissant that I had left from breakfast. There was no way I was going to make that mistake again.

The start of stage two was the same as the first stage, the slower runners and some walkers set off first at 7 am , the middle group at 8 am, and then the top 25 at 9 am . It was nice to have a little bit more time to prepare and stretch. Despite the day before my legs felt pretty good. My body did feel like it had a hangover though, probably dehydration.

My winning time of 4 hours and 14 minutes from stage one had given me a 15 minute lead over my nearest rivals a group of 4 runners. There were a few further back from that, but I knew that all I had to do was sit with the pack and not let anyone get away and I would be still in the lead for the last day. A good sensible plan or so I thought.

We lined up on the start line and then after a quick briefing we were sent on our way back down the road we had come the night before and back on to the Ridgeway. One of the other runners took to the front so I quickly took in step next to him. My legs ached a bit, but felt fairly good. Surprisingly, it was my lungs that hurt most of all. I felt as though I had them punched repeatedly by David Haye. The harder I breathed the more it hurt. It dawned on me that this was the first time I had ever raced back-to-back, day after day and that my lungs were also like muscles and were probably stiff and sore in the same way. They just needed warming up.

Unlike the start the day before, I ran as part of a group of three, with two guys, Ben and Ivan, who like me had also got
lost the day before, so they were looking to make up time and get close to the top three. We were working at fairly good pace of around 7.30 per mile for the first few miles, which felt comfortable. I was happy with my plan. It was quite nice to have company and to chat as well.

However, after about 4 miles we hit a hill and Ben and Ivan slowed into a power walk. I decided that I would keep running and that they would catch me back up at the top of the hill. At the top of the hill I looked back and had opened up a gap of about 50 m . I remember thinking at that point I had a choice of easing up and letting them catch me up or just going for it. My legs were now feeling good and my lungs only ached a little. It was a lovely fresh day and conditions for running were good.
It took me less than a second to decide. I turned and dropped the hammer. Flying down the other side of the hill we had come up and disappearing into the woods. It was another lovely route. Up to the first check point we ran through forest paths, by fields filled with horses, and even right through the middle of a golf course. We were told at the briefing we had right of way, so I took a little bit of pleasure running right through the middle of a game and waving at the golfers as I went. The club had been told we were coming, so I even got some cheers back.

I reached the first checkpoint at 8 miles, quickly swiped my card, grabbed a cup of water and a banana and was straight off. I wasn't going to make the refuelling mistake again.

The next 9 miles went incredibly smoothly. I couldn't believe how well I was running, how comfortable it was and how little effort it seemed to be taking. I was well clear of the faster group behind me and was making good inroads into the two other groups ahead of me. One of the great things about this race was there was a great camaraderie among the competitors and everyone I passed clapped and cheered me on. It felt great and really spurred me on to get to the next person.
The next check point was at 16.5 miles and again, I stopped briefly to grab juice and food before disappearing up the road.

The other lesson that I had learned from
yesterday was about being a lot more careful on the route to make sure that I didn't miss any signs, so at every point where I was on my own and had doubt, I slowed and made sure. Sometimes I even stopped for a second just to make sure the arrow was pointing down the path I was about to take.
By the time I reached 20 miles the number of people to pass had reduced considerably and I was really on my own. However, I was having a great time. I felt strong, fit and fast, and when I pulled into the final check point before the finish I met the guys who had helped me on the final checkpoint the day before. They were quick to tell me how much better I looked today and we shared a quick joke before I set off for the last stretch. The last 5 miles was undulating chalk and hard grass paths, which battered the feet as you went up and down them. I have to admit that at this point I could feel blisters on my toes and definite bruising, but that was it they were my only concern.

The last two miles was all up hill, but at the top of that hill I could see the finishing flags. It was a great sight, as I knew two things for certain. I wasn't going to get lost and I was going to win the second stage. It was a brilliant feeling. The last two miles weren't a struggle at all, they were almost a pleasure, as unlike the day before I had done everything right and I felt like I deserved the win. I crossed the line in 3 hours and 32 minutes, not bad for 27 miles of hills, forest paths, trails and slippery mud.

I finished seven minutes ahead of Ben who I'd left at 4 miles, but had stayed strong and ran well. My nearest rivals from stage one finished 25 minutes behind me, giving me a forty minute advantage for the last day.

Later that night as we chatted, shared stories and listened to a talk about the MDS from Rory Coleman people kept telling me that I was sure thing to win the race. Friends from home were texting me too, saying how great a chance I had to win. This made me incredibly nervous. I had never a won a race before, never crossed the line first and hadn't expected to be in this position in this race. My hope had been for a top 10 finish, maybe top 5 and my secret dream finish had been a podium.

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It felt odd to think about winning the whole thing, especially as I still had a whole marathon to run the next day. One thing was for certain though, I was desperate to win. I really wanted it, so after a massage I took myself off to bed another mat and sleeping bag in another sports hall.

That was an experience in itself. 100+ people all lying on mats and blankets. It was a like a refugee camp for runners, sponsored by Gore-tex. The smell wasn't much better than a refugee camp either, as high protein diets, sweaty sports kit and damp trainers filled the air. Add to that the loud snoring that seemed to come from all corners of the room sounding like a bad impression of Paul McCartney's frog orchestra and it was a wonder I got any sleep at all.

## Stage Three: Feeling brilliant!

I did get some sleep, although not massive amounts. In the morning I tried to eat breakfast, but I don't know if it was my nerves or as a result of two days hard running, but my stomach wasn't enjoying eating.

I managed a small bowl of cereal and half a jam sandwich before trying a banana. I hate bananas. I hate the smell, the taste, the touch, everything about them I hate. However, if I can force myself to eat them before or during a run they always help me. I discovered that in Amsterdam 2008 during the marathon when I just had to eat something and all I could get my hands on was a banana. I tried the banana and after one mouthful I quickly brought it back up again, which I had to then force back down, not very nice at all. I stopped eating.

I'd thought the night before that my legs had felt better than after the first day and I wondered if that would hold out till the morning. They did. They felt really good. I looked about the refugee camp and saw that most other people were limping, hobbling and shuffling about, but I was feeling quite light and fit. It filled me with confidence and I started to believe that I was going to have a good race, as long as I didn't get lost!

My race plan was again the same as day two - to sit with the pack and not let anyone go. I had forty minutes on my nearest rival and so there was no way I
could lose it unless I got lost or injured, or took it so easy that someone took forty minutes out of me.
We were taken to day two's finish spot and set off. My race plan lasted a mile. I couldn't help it. I felt brilliant for my third day of marathon running. Okay, I had a few tight spots and aches and my lungs were a little tight again, but apart from that all was good. I dropped Ben who had stuck with me for the first mile and just pushed on.

The first 16.5 miles of this stage were simple and straight forward. Heavy grass paths littered with chalky rock, sometimes the chalky paths broke to make a proper road, but it was fairly straight with few direction changes. It was just what I wanted. It was undulating, with a few hills thrown in, but I was really enjoying myself. There was a stiff breeze and the rain was coming down in fits, but it didn't bother me. I stormed through both check points stopping briefly for refreshments and to swipe my card. I also began to pass the earlier groups, and again it was great to get their support. I'd got to know some of them by now and it was great to get their encouragement.

The last 10 miles was mainly through fields and farm fields across open country. By the time I had got to 22 miles I had passed most of the earlier groups and was very much on my own. After stage one I was still very paranoid about getting lost. I didn't allow myself to think about wining at all. In fact I kept thinking about losing, and how that would happen if I got lost. I thought about how I would have to tell people I didn't win, I thought about how I would feel about not winning. It was a strange negative image to pump through my mind, but it kept me focused.

We were due to finish on top of a hill at Barbury Castle. At mile 24 I moved into more open country and a farmer's fields with a path leading through the middle up the hill. I kept expecting to see a castle in the horizon, but nothing. I started to worry a bit when I got to 25 miles and all I could see across the open countryside was fields and no castle. I kept telling myself that it would appear at the top of the next brow, but at the top of every little bump and hill there was yet more countryside. My watch hit 25.75 and I still couldn't see anything. I was beginning to panic. I wondered, if I
should have taken a different path or if I'd missed a turn. There was no one about either, so I couldn't ask anyone. I could make out some signage at the end of the farmer's field and decided I would go as far as that and see if it would point me in the right direction. By now my watch beeped 26 miles.
Thankfully the sign said Ridgeway right and as I climbed the gate and turned two guys started clapping at me. It was the two guys from the last checkpoints from stages one and two. They cheered and called out to me, pointed me off the road and then I saw for the first time the finishing gate and the flags. It was only at this point did it really hit me, that I was going to win. I was going to win!

It was an awesome sensation. I picked up my pace for a home straight finish with a small crowd cheering me on. I couldn't help but smile, as I sprinted over the line to complete the 26.2 miles in 3 hours 18 minutes.

The organiser, Neil, shook my hand and handed my medal congratulating me on the stage and the race. Incidentally, I never did see the castle.

I have never won a race, ever, not even at school (well not that I can remember, there maybe an egg and spoon race way down the line, but I don't recall) and as most people know, I have really wanted to win a race since I started running back in 2007. I have to admit I never thought I would do it on my first ever multistage race or in an ultra-marathon.

I learnt loads during my first ultra mainly that training hard isn't enough, preparation is just as important. I never, ever, want to go through what I did on stage one (well, apart from the winning bit!).

It felt brilliant collecting my winner's trophy in the tent in front of a lot of the people I had raced with over the weekend. I keep looking at it and pinching myself that it is mine and I did win it. It's now sitting on top of the mantelpiece in pride of place. Hopefully, it won't be too long before I can replace it with another winner's trophy.

Overall, this was an extremely well organised event and one that I would recommend to anyone curious to try an ultra marathon/multi-day event.

Well, like Titanic, this report has not only given the ending away in the title, but has probably taken you as long to read as it would to have to watch it. Sorry about that, but hope you stuck with it.

## Finishers List

| Posn | Surname | First | Overal Time |
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| 1 | Meade | Richard | 11:04:00 |
| 2 | Zeidan | Michael | $12: 04: 00$ |
| 3 | Pearce | Ben | $12: 06: 00$ |
| 4 | Lockett | Andrew | $12: 07: 00$ |
| 5 | Finn | Julie | $12: 08: 00$ |
| 6 | SADLIER | IVAN | $12: 34: 00$ |
| 7 | Humphreys-Evans Giles | $12: 45: 00$ |  |
| 8 | Mcburney | John | $12: 50: 00$ |
| 9 | Treadwell | Robert | $12: 59: 00$ |
| 10 | Hart | Matthew | $13: 04: 00$ |
| 11 | Britt | Paul | $13: 13: 00$ |
| 12 | Merrell | Andrew | $13: 19: 00$ |
| 13 | Brightwell | Simon | $13: 33: 00$ |
| 14 | Fox | Paul | $13: 34: 00$ |
| 15 | Ferguson | John | $13: 36: 00$ |
| 16 | MCDONAGH LUKE | $13: 54: 00$ |  |
| 17 | Green | Malcolm | $13: 46: 00$ |
| 18 | Salter | Jenny | $13: 50: 00$ |
| 19 | Haywood | Simon | $13: 54: 00$ |
| 20 | Mitchell | David | $13: 54: 00$ |
| 21 | Curtis | Anthony | $14: 04: 00$ |
| 22 | Smith | Helen | $14: 20: 00$ |
| 23 | Brackett | Paul | $14: 39: 00$ |
| 24 | Afshar | Dan | $15: 04: 00$ |
| 25 | MACKAY | HEATHER | $15: 08: 00$ |


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| Cuttle | Ben | $15: 24: 00$ |
| TILLER | NICK | $15: 26: 00$ |
| Gordon | Alexander | $15: 28: 00$ |
| LIENERT | ROHAN | $15: 44: 00$ |
| Calkins | Julie | $15: 50: 00$ |
| Stout | Paul | $15: 53: 00$ |
| Hall | lan | $15: 54: 00$ |
| Matkin | Penny | $15: 54: 00$ |
| Allen | Paul | $16: 00: 00$ |
| Meston | Niki | $16: 08: 00$ |
| Goldthorp | Wendy | $16: 10: 00$ |
| Conroy Harris Michael | $16: 12: 00$ |  |
| Adams | John | $16: 13: 00$ |
| West | Stephen | $16: 13: 00$ |
| Blackwood | Mark | $16: 13: 00$ |
| LOADER | GAVIN | $16: 31: 00$ |
| Darlow | Paul | $16: 46: 00$ |
| Ali | Paul | $16: 52: 00$ |
| MASTERS | LEE | $16: 52: 00$ |
| Stevenson | Nicola | $16: 56: 00$ |
| Shenton | Rob | $17: 00: 00$ |
| Lundie | Ben | $17: 01: 00$ |
| TAYLOR | PHILIP | $17: 02: 00$ |
| Booth | Sarah | $17: 07: 00$ |
| De Belder | Daniel | $17: 11: 00$ |
| Charalambous Charlie | $17: 12: 00$ |  |
| GUERRERO | FERNANDO | $17: 14: 00$ |
| Foster | Mark | $17: 17: 00$ |
| MacDonald | Jay | $17: 21: 00$ |
| Di Meo | Alfredo | $17: 26: 00$ |
| Wakefield | John | $17: 39: 00$ |
| Robbins | Phil | $17: 43: 00$ |
| Diment | Daniel | $17: 43: 00$ |
| Healey | Becky | $17: 46: 00$ |
| Wilkinson | Nick | $17: 48: 00$ |
| Hatton | Katie | $17: 51: 00$ |
| Marchesi | Andrew | $17: 51: 00$ |
| Smith | Lee | $17: 55: 00$ |
| Barton | Paul | $17: 55: 00$ |
| Hill | Janet | $17: 56: 00$ |
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| 66 | Baker | Dave | 18:00:00 |
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| 67 | Sampson | Matt | 18:05:00 |
| 68 | Bailey | Howard | 18:22:00 |
| 69 | Davis | Maria | 18:27:00 |
| 70 | Helliwell | Annette | 18:29:00 |
| 71 | Staunton | Richard | 18:32:00 |
| 72 | Newton | Phil | 18:37:00 |
| 73 | Zeffert | Jonathan | 18:37:00 |
| 74 | Greenwood | Gemma | 18:41:00 |
| 75 | Adams | James | 18:42:00 |
| 76 | PRETORIUS | KAREN | 18:43:00 |
| 77 | Bowran | Steve | 19:02:00 |
| 78 | Chilvers | Sarah | 19:02:00 |
| 79 | Campbell | Bruce | 19:03:00 |
| 80 | Smith | Mal | 19:57:00 |
| 81 | Davies | Chris | 20:09:00 |
| 82 | Quant | Jacqueline | 20:09:00 |
| 83 | Pratt | Megan | 20:13:00 |
| 84 | Meade | Tom | 20:16:00 |
| 85 | Crocker | Philippa | 21:12:00 |
| 86 | Sloan | James | 21:13:00 |
| 87 | HOLLIDAY | JILL | 21:38:00 |
| 88 | JURY | TINA | 21:38:00 |
| 89 | Boulter | Neil | 21:42:00 |
| 90 | Speake | Justin | 21:54:00 |
| 91 | Venn | Kerry | 22:08:00 |
| 92 | Chrascina | Nicky | 22:08:00 |
| 93 | Miles | Phil | 22:27:00 |
| 94 | Patel | Nalin | 22:39:00 |
| 95 | Strange | Steve | 22:58:00 |
| 96 | Hersheson | Daniel | 23:05:00 |
| 97 | Roberts | Justin | 23:51:00 |
| 98 | Buckle | Ben | 23:56:00 |
| 99 | Mead | Christopher | 15:48:00 |
| 100 | Jenkins | Trevor | 0:49:00 |
| 101 | Tunna | Elizabeth | 1:16:00 |
| 102 | Yearley | Lesley | 1:22:00 |
| 103 | Marriott | Catherine | 2:20:00 |
| 104 | Doran | Susan | 3:04:00 |
| 105 | Lloyd | Philippa | 5:41:00 |



A$s$ the popularity of endurance events including the marathon, Ironman and adventure racing has exploded, more athletes are venturing into ultrarunning.

Squamish author Margreet Dietz, a five-time Ironman finisher and a 3:07 marathoner, is
among them and has written a book to inspire and encourage those tempted to try it, with some practical advice too: A Hundred Reasons to Run 100 km .

After finishing a 50 -mile run on the trails in British Columbia in August 2010, Dietz decided to prepare for a 100-kilometre (62mile) ultra three months later. The century distance is drawing an increasing number of runners worldwide. «It is the universal ultra distance,» Marathon \& Beyond magazine editor Richard Benyo says in the introduction to A Hundred Reasons to Run 100km.

Vancouver's Lucy Ryan has run four 100km ultras, finished eight Ironman triathlons and Ultraman Canada in the past four years. In 2005, the mom with a fulltime job had never run farther than a half marathon. «Running 100 km gives you a 'day off' from regular life. It's like a vacation of the mind - no thoughts of finances, work, what the kids are up to, etcetera-just pure survival. How often do you get to do that?» Ryan says in A Hundred Reasons to Run 100km.

There now are hundreds of 100 km races around the world, on trails and roads. Some run from $A$ to $B$, others on fixed circuits such as the Fast Trax 100 km in Edmonton, Canada, which consists of 10 km loops. Runners can participate on their own, or on a team.

In Oxfam Trailwalker events, which are point-
to-point races held in a dozen countries, teams of four also commit to raising money for development projects.
Jen Segger, professional endurance athlete and owner of Challenge by Choice Coaching, advises in A Hundred Reasons to Run 100 km , «Choose to race your first 100 km in an area that you have always wanted to see and experience. I select races based on location.»

As A Hundred Reasons to Run 100 km author Margreet Dietz was finalizing her physical preparations for her century race, she started to ready herself mentally too. She knew that there would be moments during the day when she'd be asking herself why she had entered. An experienced endurance athlete, Dietz knew she'd better have at least one good answer, which turned into one for every kilometre. This book on ultrarunning offers plenty of inspiration, practical tips, and the key reason to run 100 km -because you can.
«The book is a very good read-very intuitive for someone who is a veteran of ultramarathons or for those who are attempting their first century distance," according to Nadeem Khan, director of communications, International Association of Ultrarunners.

A Hundred Reasons to Run 100km by Margreet Dietz is available in paperback (132 pages) through https://www.createspace. com/3450183 and Amazon.com.


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## Tuesday 15 March I Start 6.30 pm

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## Tuesday 22 March I Start 6.30 pm

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## La Transtica 2010 Story \& Images Bernard Marchal

On November 12th the first team from the organization left San José to carry out the last reconnaisance on the areas affected by the heavy rains of the end of October.

The situation on the ground was not brilliant but solutions were found, and alternatives were validated in order to be able to cover the 5 stages in total safety.
In San Jose, the rest of the organization focused on the final preparations before the race, on the clearance of our donation through customs and on the validation of the solidarity projects.

## November 18th, 9 AM:

A Press conference followed by a briefing between organization and runners 48 participants (including 8 women) representing 7 different nations, USA, Sweden, Germany, France, Belgium, Netherlands and of course Costa Rica.

The organization team, from France and Costa Rica was composed of 20 members, including two doctors, two French physiotherapists and 7 firemen and were reinforced as in 2009, by a dozen Firemen from the "Cuerpo de Bomberos de Costa Rica" with their vehicles and logistics. One of our doctors ran the race with the runners to take care of their safety.

On the solidarity aspect of the race, the container with the donation from Monoprix, $1,300 \mathrm{~kg}$ of school stationery arrived at Puerto Limon and we worked actively on its custom clearance with the assistance and the support of the French Embassy in San José, the ministry of Tourism (ICT) and the ministry for the Sports (ICODER) in Costa Rica.

In addition, the 1st Challenge Technip Humania, organized by the Company Technip France and its employees to finance the solidarity projects carried out by theassociation El Niño during La Transtica 2010, was an exceptional success as they collected nearly 9.000 Euros.


An extra $2.000 €$ will be added from benefit collected by associations El Nino and CG Sport Vent, at races they organized in France, "La Free Ride Classic Mandelieu", "Le Trail des Illuminés" and "Le Trail des Balcons $d^{\prime}$ Azur" as well as a donation of $\$ 940$, from profits of the sale of T-shirt,s carried out by a couple of runners - Amalric and Lejosne.

In the afternoon, the first donation of educational and exercises books to the library of the School "Finca la Caja", which takes care of 1,800 children from the disadvantaged district of La Carpio. This donation was financed with more than $\$ 7,000$ from funds collected by the 1st Challenge Technip Humania.

3 Laptops, a donation of the Company Thales Alenia Space, was also given to this school, including one for the association Voz of Carpio which works for the rehabilitation of this district.

## November 19th: Prologue

After a transfer to Manuel Antonio, it was time for the prologue - 2 loops of 3 km on the beach of Manuel Antonio.

The sun was shining on the beautiful setting where some watched and others ran, ending with a victory on the Extreme course by Roini Villegas (CR), winner in 2009, in $23^{\prime} 34^{\prime \prime}$, before Vincent Rivoire (FR) and Richard Finot (FR).

On the Adventure course, David Loutzenheiser (USA), finished 1st in $26^{\prime} 09^{\prime \prime}$ in front of 5 runners within a minute!

The competitors had a swim in the warm water of the Pacific Ocean, before benefitting from a last night of comfort at the Parador hotel.

During the dinner, an electro cardiogram (Hospital of Cannes) and a laptop (Thales Alenia Space) was given to the representatives of the dispensary of Londres, in prolongation of our 2008 and 2009 aid.

## November 20th: Stage 1: Paquita Selvita - Napoles

The departure of the Extremes was at $9: 18$, for 38 km and $1,740 \mathrm{~m}$ of positive altitude gain.

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A small group formed at the head of the race with Vincent, Roini and Richard The course followed tracks along plantations of palm trees, long interminable straight lines under a white sun, the heat was suffocating, the organisms suffering terribly and the gaps started to widen. The part which followed became more undulating with the first ascents and gradually brought us into the tropical jungle.
The Adventure departure was at the PC2, at 10:21, for 19 km and $1,375 \mathrm{~m}$ of
positive altitude gain. The serious things started, with a slope of 1,600 meters. The weather was changing quickly and the rain made its appearance, refreshing the organisms. The rain intensified and the end of the course alternated with soft and severe slopes.

Vincent Rivoire (France) won the Extreme stage in 4h05, followed by Roini Villegas (CR) in 4 h 14 and by Christophe Traina (BEL) in 4:39, the 1st woman, Isabelle Moes, finishing in 5h39.


In the Adventure race, the gaps were tightened, Anthony Didion was 1st in 2h34, in front of David Loutzenheiser (USA) in 2h37 and Bernie Sandoval (CR) in 2h42, the 1st woman, Francoise Leroi, finishing in 3h02.

In Rancho Guayabal, our camp in Santa Maria de Dota, a fire and a good soup welcomed us. It was true that the transition with the Hotel from the day before was huge!

## November 21st: Stage 2: Santa Maria de Dota - Ojo de Agua

The Extremes started at 8 a.m., from the village of Santa Maria de Dota for the stage considered to be most difficult considering its impressive $2,720 \mathrm{~m}$ of positive difference in level and $1,310 \mathrm{~m}$ of negative difference in level.

As a starter, a first $15 \%$ slope makes the difference, Vincent is testing Roini all along the 15 km covered to reach the first pass and the PC 2 from where, at 9:40, the start of the Adventure race took place.

An interminable descent to the village of Providencia, to arrive at the PC 3, before tackling the last difficulty of the day: 12 km and $1,140 \mathrm{~m}$ of positive difference in climb which brought all the runners to the altitude of 2,950 meters.

The rain made its appearance, the more we climbed the more the weather became colder, and the more the rain and the wind intensified, the air rarefied...

The competitors were quickly transferred on their arrival to the village of
Esperanza, our bivouac place for the night.
Vincent Rivoire won the stage on the Extreme course in 4h47 and increased the gap with Roini Villegas (CR) in 4h56 and Christophe Traina (BEL) in 5h23.

On the Adventure course, Bernie Sandoval (CR) in 2 h 25 took again 1 min to Antony Didion (FR) in 2 h 26 and David Loutzenheiser (USA) in 2h29.
After a collation and a hot soup, a donation of 40 school kits was made to the school of Purisil. The dinner was prepared by the local community. The weather was cold and wet, it was very difficult to be dry and to dry our clothes.

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La Transtica 2010 \& Solidarity
During La Transtica 2010, and for the third consecutive year, El Niño has been able to complete a large number of solidarity actions in Costa Rica and far exceeded its original goals.

In addition to the school supplies (worth $€ 10000$ ) carried by sea to Costa Rica were added over 11000 Euros spent locally to buy school and educational books, additional school supplies and materials to cover the school playground in La Esperanza.

In continuation of our work in 2009 and based on the needs identified by Elena Arias, we were able to perform throughout La Transtica 2010 many donations.

We have been able to distribute to a dozen communities, 6 laptops, an electrocardiogram, 182 school kits, $1,400 \mathrm{~kg}$ of school supplies (over 1,500 books, 1,000 reams of paper), materials for the rehabilitation of the school of La Esperanza.

In total 850 children were helped through this donation through the support and the contribution of the Companies Technip, Thales Alenia Space and Monoprix.
This latest donation closes Transtica 2010 which has been outstanding, both athletically and in humanitarian terms.

## November 22nd: Stage 3: Esperanza Kiri Lodge - El Humo

The first difficulty of the day was to get dressed, because of our cold and wet clothes...
Right before the departure, we were warmed by the songs of the children of the school to which we had just given the school kits as well as materials for the restoration of the dilapidated buildings of this school.

The profile of this stage looked easier, but did not reflect the difficulties that we had to face. During the briefing, the organization warned us that it would be necessary to manage de-escalation on a single track full of traps: mud, roots, thorny vegetation, and steep slopes.

We started with a steep climbing slope of 3 km , to reach $2,850 \mathrm{~m}$, before facing a first downward portion, then in the $6^{\text {th }} \mathrm{km}$, we entered the famous single track, the vegetation changed, we were penetrating to the real heart of the "Tapanti", and to add more pain, it started to rain. The slopes were very steep, the ground was an extremely slippery spread of mud and roots, and it was necessary to be very careful before clinging to the branches because some were strewn with spines....
Down again to a river crossing secured by a rope before a small but heavy rise through the jungle... really hard... Another descent, through the plantations
of coffee-trees to reach PC 3, which was the finish line for the adventure race.

For the Extreme runners another slope before the last long and interminable 11 km descent, to reach the arrival at El Humo...

Providing an exceptional effort, in the last descent, Roini Villegas (CR) filled the gap he had on PC 3 and crossed the finishing line $1^{\text {st }}$, covering the $42,1 \mathrm{~km}$ of the day in $4 \mathrm{~h} 06,1 \mathrm{~min}$ before Vincent Rivoire (FR) in 4:07 and more than 30 minutes on the other runners, ensuring $2^{\text {nd }}$ place on the scratch.

In the adventure race, Bernie Sandoval in 2h25 took 11min off Antony Didion (FR) in 2 h 36 and was now 1min below Antony Didion, still leader on the scratch.

We were lodged cordially by the villagers: smiles, good meal and local dances afterward. We went to sleep relatively early because the next day was a night stage, the alarm clocks were programmed for 2:30 AM for a departure at 3:45 AM...

## November 23rd: Stage 4: El Humo - San Pablo

3:45 AM, everybody looked tired whilst we were leaving - a short walk to the real departure which was at the exit of the village. The pace was good, first slope, a muddy descent followed a little road section to join the PC1. A few kilometers later, three Adventure runners were leading the race in the heavy night, fighting for first place on the scratch.

It was on the beginning of a slope towards the top of the Cerro Atirro, through a sugar cane plantation, that the sun rose, revealing a sublime campaign. Arriving in Pueblo Nuevo, we crossed a suspended bridge before starting a long slope towards the village of El Silencio, PC3, km 23,7 and finish for the Adventurers... It started to rain once again, a last pass for the Extremes, before going down to the village of Pacayitas, to the PC4, then the last 9.5 km up and down to reach El Humo.
Vincent Rivoire (FR) managed this $4^{\text {th }}$ stage, covering the 41.2 km in 4 h 04 taking another 10 minutes to Roini Villegas (CR) in 4h14 and 23 minutes to Richard Finot and Christophe Traina in 4h27.

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On the Adventure, Bernie Sandoval in 2h19 took 1mn to Antony Didion (FR) in 2 h 20 and was now 1st on the scratch. We slept in the classrooms of the school of San Pablo and during the meal a donation of school kits was organized.

## November 24th: Rafting

Adrenaline was guaranteed today during the rafting on the Pacuare River with rapids class III to IV! We embarked on rafts of 6 with a coxswain guide, who explained the safety instructions and the 4 basic moves: Forward, backward, hold the strings, and protect ourselves in the boat ... He also explained the attitude to have if we fell into the water.

The scenery while rafting was simply unique - impressive waterfalls, lush tropical vegetation and the power of the water transported us into a fantastic and magical world.

## November 25th: Stage 5 Playa Negro Manzanillo

After breakfast another donation of books (financed by the 1st Challenge Technip Humania) and of a laptop (Thales Alenia Space) for the library of the community of El Yüe who lodged us.

The day before, in the evening, the container of 1.300 kg of school stationeries shipped from France, was delivered. After the moments of emotion shared with certain competitors during the unloading of the container at the end of the evening, Sylvain, Max and Elena spent the day sorting and preparing the donations of the evening for the schools of Panama.

The runners joined Playa Negro at 4 km , for the last stage of the race.
First withdrawal, on medical advice; everybody was sad for Eric Martinez who would not be able to make it.

The sun was shining and even before starting running, we were suffering from the heavy heat.
The departure was given at 8 h 38 on the beach, and everybody realized immediately how difficult the day was going to be, as it was necessary to make a considerable effort for each stride.

The first kilometers were really hard,
trying to find the best path on a beach, cut by a refreshing river crossing.

At the 9 km point, the first check-point and 4 km of macadam before going back on the beach, another river to cross, a few more kilometers on the beach until PC3 in Manzanillo before starting a last loop of 3.3 km for the Adventures and 11.6 km for the Extremes in the muddy jungle around Manzanillo, marshy part, sticky mud up to the knees ... then back to the beach of Manzanillo, to finally reach the finish line...

Last moment of emotion for the organizers and runners who waited and encouraged all the runners until the last of them crossed the finish line.

In the evening, the French ambassador, invited us for dinner, where the awards ceremony took place, as well as a last donation for schools of communities living in Panama.

Vincent Rivoire (FR) finished 1st on the Extreme race, covering the 196 km and $6,855 \mathrm{~m}$ of positive difference in level in 20h00 in front of Roini Villegas (CR) in 20h27and Christophe Traina (BEL) in 20h42.

The 1st woman, Isabelle Moes 5BEL) finished 14th in 29 h 58 in front of Naiti Del Sante (SWE), 18th in 32h41.
Bernie Sandoval (CR) finished 1st in the Adventure race, covering the 116 km and the $3,950 \mathrm{~m}$ of positive difference in level in 12h11'19', 53 seconds in front of Anthony Didion (FR) in 12h12'12' and David Loutzenheiser (USA) in 12h49.

The 1st women Francoise Leroi (FR) finished 10th in 14h 33 in front of Odile Lejosne (FR), 18th in 15 h 27 and Dominique Garcia (FR), 20th in 14h36, the last runners finishing in 19h00.

## Conclusion:

The 48 runners entered in La Transtica 2010 discovered, through the stages
proposed, a varied course which brought them from the Pacific coast to the Caribbean coast.

They were faced with numerous changes of weather conditions, often rainy, alternating heavy and moist heat of the plains, refreshing tropical rains, wind and icy rain of the high forests. They were involved in the solidarity aspect of La Transtica through the various donations, lots of emotional moments that we shared together. They were welcomed, lodged and celebrated by the local communities, sharing time and privileged to meet the lifestyle of different communities living in Costa Rica.

The 2010 organization, building on the experience of previous editions, has been particularly effective, responsive and allowed all riders to fully live this adventure within conviviality and in full safety.

Our objective "The discovery of a country and its way of life through a sporting event with humanitarian goals" was largely achieved, at the price of the enormous and effective work of each member of the organization.

The group of the 48 runners of 7 different nations was also largely involved, each one bringing their own touch, carrying out their challenge and thus contributing to the total success of this Transtica 2010.

The good and friendly feedback which we received, during and after the race, gave us the daily motivation and energy necessary to build this success.

We , the 80 runners and organizers were happy to have had the privilege of sharing this huge edition of La Transtica.
La Transtica 2011 will be held from November 23rd, 2011 to December 3 rd , 2011 and will be limited to 60 participants.
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## Race Reports

## From: Don Winkley Subject: Spartathlon 2005 Race Report

TThis was perhaps my best race ever but I can't find that I ever wrote a race report. So very belatedly I want to share the story of how once the planets were in alignment.

Spartathlon It all starts with the ancient Greek messenger Pheidippides who ran from Athens to Sparta a distance of 150 miles and arrived the next day. The race named Spartathlon has been organized since 1983 and has attracted athletes from many nations to attempt to run from Athens to Sparta in 36 hrs.

I entered Spartathlon a number of times and must have started in about 1999 to 2000. In my first attempt I made it to the 100 k mark and was timed out. Each 5k aid station is a cut off and there are fifty 5 k aid stations. The next year I came close to 100 miles before being sum-
moned into the bus. I was really unhappy and protested I wanted to make it to 100 miles.
The scene was of the ugly American who refused to get into the bus and I was not invited back for a couple of years. After my cool off period I received an race invite and returned to make it to the base of the mountain about mile 98 . Finally the next year I actually got the see the mountain.

This 1200 ft climb up Mount Parthenio in the dead of night after running 98 miles is simply cruel. There is no pathway up the mountain only glow sticks to guide you. The footing on loose racks is slippery and only by grabbing and pulling on bushes was I able to summit the mountain.

Upon summiting a race official meet me
to announce I was out of time. So into the packman bus. Now the packman bus follows behind the runners picking them off one by one as they fail to meet the cut-offs. You are required to surrender your numbers and sign a paper that you voluntarily withdrew.

Riding in the packman bus to Sparta, how we all hated it.

Finally we come to 2005. I have had a good Transe Gaule race running 42 miles per day at about 5 miles $/ \mathrm{hr}$ for 18 days in a row. Then immediately to Font-Romeu to train at altitude in the Pyrenees and recover from Transe Gaule. Arrived in Athens for my 5th or 6th attempt.

I remember putting more effort into what I wanted in my drop bags. You could leave a drop bag at any 5 k aid station

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but I chose one about every 10 to 15 k . I found it humorous to prepare drop bags for the last 50 miles. I suspected I would never see them. But we dream on so my drop bags for aid stations all the way to Sparta were put into the bins.

The race starts in the shadow of the Acropolis and I immediately team up with Mark Williams the English/American. Mark had a number of Spartathlon finishes and was a master at skimming the early cut-offs saving energy for later in the race when he would open it up. I had witnessed Mark's first ever Barkley marathons finish and my photo of his finish made it into Ultrarunning magazine. When Spartathlon finished Mark would travel to Athens with me to see the sights, then he had a girl friend, then he married the girl friend and finally brought his daughter to Spartathlon. That tells you how many years passed as I time after time was a loser.

So now fast forward to 05, Mark leads me skimming cut-offs until about 100k when he takes off. I now am on my own. There are tell-tale symptoms of cramps but I carry on. Suddenly my toes point like a ballet dancer and I actually go backwards falling on my butt. I lie on the ground in pain, both ankles are like rocks, muscles locked. Many runners pass asking if I need help. With my hands I squeeze both ankles as hard as I can. I know it is over, less than half way only 1 minute ahead of cut-off. Some-
how I get up, arrive at the next aid station and eat potato chips, anything with salt, and carry on.

It's a miracle. Somehow the ankles gradually recover and I can run again. Eventually I get back that 1 minute advantage over cut-off. Second disaster occurs when I leave an aid station at about 80 miles. I go straight instead of turning right. An official noticed my error and chased me down with a car.Returning to the aid station, taking the proper turn I am again just at cut-off.

The packman bus has been busy eating runners behind me. The bus will pass me on my journey to each aid station and await. It was maddening.

Finally I arrive at the base of the mountain, I run around the bus, make eye contact with no one. Standing at the base of the mountain is a German who gives me a great torch. Some runners who arrived just minutes before me said later that they were pulled. I was not about to get into that packman bus - it would have to chase me up the mountain.

So learning from the previous year I had gloves to grasp the bushes and literally pull myself up the mountain. Otherwise my feet would slide down just about the same distance as I stepped. I was last to start up the mountain. Ahead were flashlights; below me only darkness. Somehow I arrived at the

top. There was no official to time me out and the aid person offered nothing only yelled "RUN". I got rid of my jacket and now the run down the mountain on a dirt trail.

When I emerged onto the highway I swear a cold front came in. The temperature dropped into the 40 's and rain. Huge drops of driving rain right into our faces. After 10k or so on the highway I had joined the back of the pack. Runners who always barely make it to Sparta within the time limit. We passed and re-passed each other repeatedly barely making cut-off times.
Actually we had no choice, either run to Sparta or freeze to death.

Strange how it was never over. Disaster seemed to loom each minute.

Finally on the outskirts of Sparta there were no course markings. A young boy on a bicycle became my guide. He seemed totally unconcerned, talking to people leaning out of second story windows. Finally the run to the statue of Leonidas and touch the foot of Leonidas symbolic of the finish. The olive wreath on my head and a drink of water from the Evrotas river commemorate my finish.

I am led into the medical tent. My feet are washed, I don't remember any blisters but I got the little plastic booties and was taken to the hotel. I remember as I watched in prior years how jealous I was of those with plastic booties. I told myself I would never take them off if I should ever be so lucky. Actually my feet were swimming in sweat in just a few minutes so the booties were taken off and the sweat poured into the sink.

At dinners I had always sat with the English speaking group and after the finish there was always the losers table.

When I had finished in 2005, the only change was I sat at the head of the losers table. These were the runners I so identified with.
When I reviewed finish results 1983 to 2005, I found I was 3rd oldest to ever finish Spartathlon. I was a young 68 year's old.

It was simply a miracle, a gift from God.

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Things change faster than I can keep up so check the event website for the correct dates and if there are any discrepancies it would be kind of you to let me know so I can make the necessary changes.\#

If you would like to see a race added here please send email to: mail@ultrarunningworld.co.uk. If you would like to advertise an event let me know and we can discuss it.

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| 2/6/2011 | CAN | 430,300,100 m | Yukon Arctic Ultra | Non-Stop | Arcticultra.de |
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| 2/12/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Pemberton Trail | Fountain Hills, AZ | http://pembertontrail50k.blogspot.com/ |
| 2/12/2011 | USA | 50 km | Steep Ravine Trail Run | Stinson Beach, CA | http://www.coastaltrailruns.com/sr_steep_ravine.html |
| 2/12/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km} / 100 \mathrm{~km}$ | DWD Green swamp relay | Dade, FL | http://www.dwdgreenswamp.com/ |
| 2/13/2011 | SEN | 220 km | Saint- Louis Dakar | Non-Stop | www.extreme-runner.com |
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| 2/13/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Montaña de Oro | Los Osos, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=955 |
| 2/13/2011 | USA | 50 km | Overgrown Fatass |  |  |
| 2/13/2011 | USA | $50 / 25 \mathrm{~km}$ | Fishline | Port Gamble | www.rootsrockrun.com/ |
| 2/17/2011 | BRA | 50 KM | Super Maratona do Rio Grande |  | http://www.acorrg.com.br/ |
| 2/19/2011 | USA | 100 miles/50 k | Susitna | Big Lake, AK | http://www.susitna100.com/ |
| 2/19/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{~km} / 50 \mathrm{~m}$ | Iron Horse | Orange Park,FL | www.ironhorse100kmclub.com/ |
| 2/19/2011 | NZL | 155/100/50k | Great Lake Relay | Taupo | http://www.relay.co.nz/ |
| 2/19/2011 | LIB | 190 km | The Libyan Challenge | Stage | Libyan Challenge |
| 2/19/2011 | GUF | 270 km | La Transaharianna | Stage | Raid Sahara.com |
| 2/19/2011 | ENG | 32miles | Moonlight Challenge | Marshside,Kent | www.50milechallenge.co.uk |
| 2/19/2011 | ENG | 34 miles | CTS South Devon | Prawle Point | http://endurancelife.com |
| 2/19/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Black Warrior 50K | Moulton, AL | http://www.blackwarrior50k.com/ |
| 2/19/2011 | USA | 50 km | Sylamore Trail | Allison, AK | http://www.sylamore50k.com/default.aspx |
| 2/19/2011 | USA | 50 m | Cross Timbers Trail Runs | N.Whitesboro, TX | http://crosstimberstrailruns.com/ |
| 2/19/2011 | USA | 50 miles/50 km | Febapple Frozen Fifty | Millburn, NJ | https://sites.google.com/site/njtrailseries/febapple |
| 2/20/2011 | ENG | 50 km | London 50 km | Streatham | www.ultrarace.co.uk/ |
| 2/20/2011 | USA | 50 km | Bandit Ultra Trail Run | Simi Valley,CA | http://bandittrailrun.com/ |
| 2/20/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Chabot Trail Run | Castro Valley, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9900 |
| 2/20/2011 | USA | 50 km | Bandit 50K | Corriganville Park | http://www.bandittrailrun.com/index.html |
| 2/25/2011 | GER | 100 miles | Run2kill | Hildesheim | http://www.run2kill.de/ |
| 2/25/2011 | RZA | 106 km | Three Cranes Challenge | Karkloof | http://www.3craneschallenge.co.za/ |
| 2/25/2011 | USA | 202 m | Ragnar Relay Del Sol | Relay | Ragnar Relay.com |
| 2/26/2011 | NOR | 12 hours/100 km | Bislett 12-hours | Bislett Stadium | http://www.spiridon.no/ |
| 2/26/2011 | PHL | 160 km | Bataan Death March | Mariveles, Bataan | http://baldrunner.com/2011-bdm-151/ |
| 2/26/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Redwood Park | Oakland, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=4646 |
| 2/26/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Mount Cheaha | Oxford, AL | http://www.pinhotil00.com/mountcheaha50k/index.html |
| 2/26/2011 | USA | 50 km | Crazy Hard | Surfside Beach, TX | http://surfsidemarathon.sports.officelive.com/default.aspx |
| 2/26/2011 | ZAF | 50 km | Algoa Bus Bay to Bay Ultra | Summerstrand | http://www.bayultrarelay.co.za/ |
| 2/26/2011 | ENG | 51 miles | Winter Poppyline | Cromer, Norfolk | www.ldwa.org.uk |
| 2/27/2011 | EGY | 100 km | Le Dsert Blanc | Stage | La piste des oasis.info |
| 2/27/2011 | CHI | 250 km | Atacama Crossing | Stage | 4deserts.com/atacamacrossing |

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| 2/27/2011 | WAL | 40 miles | Barry 40 | Barry | Les Croupiers |
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| 2/27/2011 | NLD | 50 km | Yours Truly 50K |  | http://www.dfwrunners.nl |
| 3/2/2011 | NPL | 50/40/20 km | Kanchenjunga | Kanchenjunga Region | http://www.reachsummit.com/ |
| 3/4/2011 | ESP | 123 km | TransGranCanaria | Stage | http://www.transgrancanaria.net/ |
| 3/4/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Rouge-Orleans 126 miles |  | www.rougeorleans.com |
| 3/4/2011 | ENG | 40+ | High Peak Marathon (Team) | Edale | The High Peak |
| 3/4/2011 | ESP | 96 km | TransGranCanaria Sur-Norte | Stage | http://www.transgrancanaria.net/ |
| 3/5/2011 | USA | 100M/50M/50k | GUTS Reactor Run | Dawsonville,GA | http://www.getguts.com/e-grr.shtml |
| 3/5/2011 | PHL | 102 km | Bataan Death March | Mariveles, Bataan | http://baldrunner.com/2011-bdm-102/ |
| 3/5/2011 | ENG | 29.3 miles | ULTRArace Grantham | Cotgrave | www.runnersworld.co.uk |
| 3/5/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | Mississippi Trail | Laurel, MS | http://www.ms50.com/ |
| 3/6/2011 | TUN | 100 km | 100km del Sahara | Stage | 100kmdelsahara.com |
| 3/6/2011 | ENG | 30 miles | Giants Daughter | Broadwey, Weymouth | www.btinternet.com/~hardy.annual/ |
| 3/6/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Malibu Creek | Calabasas, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=4619 |
| 3/6/2011 | ITA | 58 km | Strasimeno | Castiglione del Lago (PG) | http://www.podismo.com/ |
| 3/11/2011 | USA | 150 km | 3 days of Syllamo | Stage | Syllamo.org |
| 3/12/2011 | ENG | 33 | Wuthering Hike | Ingleton | KCAC.co.uk |
| 3/12/2011 | ARG | 350 km | Raid Patagonie Antarctic | Stage | www.raidsahara.com |
| 3/12/2011 | AUS | 45 km | Six Foot Track Marathon | Blue Mountains, NSW | http://www.sixfoot.com/ |
| 3/12/2011 | USA | 50 km | Way Too Cool | Cool, CA | http://www.wtc50k.com/ |
| 3/12/2011 | USA | 50 miles/ 60 Km | Land Between the Lakes | Grand Rivers, KY | http://66.49.143.155/phpnuke/index.php |
| 3/12/2011 | WAL | 50 miles | Wye Valley | Plynlimon | www.mightcontainnuts.com |
| 3/12/2011 | SWE | 6 hours | 6 hours Skvde |  | http://www4.idrottonline.s |
| 3/13/2011 | ENG | 33 | Deeside Way D33 | Aberdeen | Deesidewayultra.com |
| 3/13/2011 | GUY | 150 km | Raid Amazonie | Stage | Extreme-runner.com |
| 3/13/2011 | NLD | 6 hours | International Six Hours Ultrarace |  | http://www.ultraloopstein.nl/ |
| 3/17/2011 | HUN | 195 km | Balaton Szupermarathon | Stage | http://www.budapestmarathon.com |
| 3/18/2011 | USA | 100m/100k | Coyote 2 Moons | Ojai, CA | http://coyotetwomoon.com/ |
| 3/18/2011 | USA | 24/12 hours | Howard Aslinger 24/12/1 |  | Howardaslingerfoundation.org/ |
| 3/18/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Run4kids | Corona, CA | http://www.r4k24.org/ |
| 3/18/2011 | CAN | 350/120 m | 6633 Ultra | Non-Stop | 6633Ultra.com |
| 3/18/2011 | USA | 50 km | Diablo Trails Challenge | Brentwood, CA | http://brazenracing.com/diablo.html |
| 3/19/2011 | AUS | 100 m \& relay | Mind Alpine Sky Run | Bogong Nat. Pk, Vic | http://www.mindaustralia.org.au |
| 3/19/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{~km}+$ | New Jersey Ultra Festival | Long Valley NJ | sites.google.com/site/njtrailseries |
| 3/19/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Pacific Rim One Day | Longview, WA | Fred (360)749-4372 |
| 3/19/2011 | USA | 35 miles | Jetty-2-Jetty \& Team Relay | Atlantic Beach | http://www.performancemultisports.com/Jetty2JUltra.htm |
| 3/19/2011 | USA | 50 km | The Hat Run | Susquehanna State Park | http://www.hatrun.com/ |
| 3/19/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Pirates Cove | Rodeo Beach, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=3903 |
| 3/19/2011 | BRA | 50 m | Ultra Desafio 50 Milhas |  | http://www.ultrarunnereventos.net/ |
| 3/19/2011 | ENG | 55 miles | Hardmoors 55 | Helmsley, North Yorks | hardmoors110.org.uk/ |
| 3/20/2011 | ENG | 12 Hour | Wiggle Lightning 12 | Eastnor Castle, Ledbury | www.provelosupportuk.co.uk |
| 3/25/2011 | USA | 100/50M/50/25k | Buffalo Run | Antelope Island, UT | http://www.buffalorun.org/ |
| 3/25/2011 | ENG | 78 miles | Jurassic Coast | Weymouth | www.votwo.co.uk |
| 3/26/2011 | NZL | 100 miles | Northburn Station | Cromwell, C. Otago | http://northburn100.co.nz/ |
| 3/26/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Moab | Moab, Utah | $\mathrm{http}: / / \mathrm{geminiadventures.com}$ |
| 3/26/2011 | USA | 24 hours | 24 Hours of Moab |  | Geminiadventures.com |
| 3/26/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Woodside | Woodside, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=5622 |
| 3/26/2011 | ENG | 50 miles | Challenge4Charity | Sheffield | www.will4adventure.com |
| 3/26/2011 | IRE | 51 km | Wicklow Way Ultra | Glencullen | www.imra.ie |
| 3/26/2011 | SWE | 75 km | Ursvik Ultra |  | http://www.ursvikultra.se/ |
| 3/26/2011 | USA | 50 km | Terrapin Mountain | Sedalia, VA | http://www.eco-xsports.com/events.php |
| 3/27/2011 | SCO | 100km | UKA 100km Champs. | Perth | www.beyondthelimitations.co.uk/ |
| 3/27/2011 | NAM | 220 km | Namib Desert Challenge | Stage | http://www.kineticevents.net/ndc/ |

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| 3/27/2011 | ENG | 27 miles | Brighton Trail Marathon | Brighton | www.extremerunning.org |
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| 3/27/2011 | ENG | 30 miles | Chagford Challenge | Chagford, Devon | beehive.thisisexeter.co.uk/ |
| 3/27/2011 | ITA | 6 hour | Erice corre in 6 ore | Erice (TP) | http://www.asdmol.it/index.asp |
| 4/1/2011 | MOR | 243 km | Marathon Des Sables | Stage | www.darbaroud.com |
| 4/2/2011 | ENG | 45 | The Four Inns Walk | Holmbridge, Pk District | Four Inns Walk.org |
| 4/2/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~m}$ | Umstead | Raleigh, NC | http://www.umstead100.org/ |
| 4/2/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Philadelphia 100 (Fat Ass) | Schuylkill Loop | http://philly 100. webs.com/ |
| 4/2/2011 | NLD | 100/80/60 km | Limburg Zwaarste |  | http://www.funrunner-heerlen.nl |
| 4/2/2011 | PHL | 50 m | Mayon $360^{\circ}$ | Peñaranda Park, Albay | http://www.takbo.ph/running-events/mayon-360-50-mile-run-in-legaspi |
| 4/2/2011 | USA | 50 miles/50 km | Hells Hills | Smithville, TX | http://www.tejastrails.com/HellsHills.html |
| 4/2/2011 | ENG | 6 \& 12 Hr | Crawley A.I.M 6 \& 12 hour | K2 Leisure Centre | Pam Storey.co.uk |
| 4/3/2011 | ITA | 100 km | 100 km di Seregno | Seregno (MI) | http://www.marciacaratesi.it/100km.html |
| 4/3/2011 | GRE | 1000 km | Athens Ultra Fest | Non-Stop | http://dayrunners.gr/ |
| 4/3/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Tilden Trail Run | Berkeley, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9901 |
| 4/3/2011 | USA | 6 hour | Vista View 360 | Vista View Park | http://www.runnersdepot.com/event-calendar/icalrepeat.de-tail/2011/04/03/2000/-/vista-view-360 |
| 4/3/2011 | GRE | 7 day | Athens Ultra Fest | Non-Stop | http://dayrunners.gr/ |
| 4/6/2011 | USA | 24 hours | The Cape Relay |  | http://13relay.com/ |
| 4/7/2011 | GRE | 72 hour | Athens Ultra Fest | Non-Stop | http://dayrunners.gr/ |
| 4/8/2011 | GRE | 48 hour | Athens Ultra Fest | Non-Stop | http://dayrunners.gr/ |
| 4/9/2011 | ENG | 37 | Calderdale Hike | runfurther Ultra Champs | http://www.calderdalehike.org.uk/ |
| 4/9/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m}+$ | McNaughtonPark Ultra | Pekin, IL | http://www.potawatomitrailruns.com/ |
| 4/9/2011 | NOR | 100/63 km | Bergen Ultra |  | Maratonkarusellen,Bergen Ultra |
| 4/9/2011 | SWE | 100/75/50 miles + | Taby Extreme Challenge | Taby | http://www.colibri.se/TEC/ |
| 4/9/2011 | USA | 100m/100k | Zumbro | Wabasha, MN | http://www.zumbrol00.com/ |
| 4/9/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{k}+$ | Labor of Love | Las Vegas, NV | calicoracing.squarespace.com |
| 4/9/2011 | GRE | 24 hour | Athens Ultra Fest | Non-Stop | http://dayrunners.gr/ |
| 4/9/2011 | FRA | 24 hour | $24 \mathrm{hr} \mathrm{de} \mathrm{Saint-Fons}$ |  | http://www.sportnat.com/cosfathle/index2.htm |
| 4/9/2011 | ITA | 24 hour | 24 ore di Torino | Torino | http://www.giroitaliarun.it/ |
| 4/9/2011 | FRA | 24 hour | 24 hr du Confluent |  | http://www.24heuresduconfluent.fr/ |
| 4/9/2011 | USA | 50 miles | Bull Run Run | Clifton, VA | http://www.vhtrc.org/brr/ |
| 4/9/2011 | USA | 50 miles | American River | Sacramento, CA | http://www.ar50mile.com/default.aspx |
| 4/9/2011 | SCO | 56 miles | Glasgow-Edinburgh GDEM | Glasgow | www.resoluteevents.co.uk |
| 4/9/2011 | NLD | 60 km | Castricum Ultraloop |  | http://www.funrunner-heerlen.nl |
| 4/10/2011 | ENG | 45 | Three Towers Hike | Tilehurst, Reading | www.ldwa.org.uk |
| 4/10/2011 | ENG | 26/35 | Pewsey Downsaround | Alton, East Hamps | www.wiltsldwa.co.uk/ |
| 4/10/2011 | IRE | 39 miles | Connemara International | Connemara | Connemarathon.com |
| 4/10/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Skyline to the Sea | Los Gatos, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=5591 |
| 4/13/2011 | DZA | 100 km | Ultramarathon des Ziban | Biskra | http://www.as-bac.com/ultramarathon/index.html |
| 4/15/2011 | USA | 200 m | Ragnar Relay So Cal | Relay | Ragnar Relay.com |
| 4/15/2011 | GER | 320 km | Rheinsteig Erlebnislauf | Stage | http://www.laufendhelfen.de |
| 4/16/2011 | ENG | 50 | The Woldsman | Driffield E. Yorks | http://www.ldwa.org.uk/ |
| 4/16/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{k} / 50 \mathrm{~m}$ | Lumberjack | Pt. Gamble, WA | http://www.rootsrockrun.com/ |
| 4/16/2011 | AUS | 24 hours | Coburg 24 hour Carnival | Coburg | Coburg Harriers |
| 4/16/2011 | GER | 24 hours | Seilersee 24-Stundenlauf |  | Seilersee 24-Stundenlauf |
| 4/16/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Virginia Cancer Relay | Hampton, VA | Peninsula track club info |
| 4/16/2011 | HUN | 24 hours | Sarvari |  | fussunk.gportal.hu/ |
| 4/16/2011 | USA | 24/12 hours | Fool Moon 24/12 |  | www.trailrunevents.com/ |
| 4/16/2011 | ENG | 33 miles | CTS Exmoor | Exmoor | Endurancelife.com |
| 4/16/2011 | USA | 50 km | Sybil Ludington 50K | Carmel, NY | http://www.runner.org/schedule2011 |
| 4/16/2011 | ZAF | 50 km | Loskop Ultra | Middelburg | http://www.loskopmarathon.co.za/ |
| 4/16/2011 | ENG | 78 miles | Votwo Oner | Studland Bay | www.votwo.co.uk |
| 4/17/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Lynchs Woods 24 Hour |  | ultrasontrails.com/ |
| 4/17/2011 | ENG | 40 miles | Coventry Way | Meriden, Coventry | www.acoventryway.org.uk/ |

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| 4/17/2011 | NLD | 65 km | Ultrarun Gilze |  | http://www.delotgenoten.nl |
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| 4/20/2011 | USA | 10 days | Self-Transcendence 10 day | New York | Sri Chinmoy Races.org |
| 4/22/2011 | SCO | 860 miles | JOGLE | John O Groats | www.ultrarace.co.uk/ |
| 4/23/2011 | ENG | 30 | Manx Mountain Marathon | runfurther Ultra Champs | Manx Fell Runners.org |
| 4/23/2011 | USA | 100 km | Ruth Anderson |  | http://www.run100s.com/ra.htm |
| 4/23/2011 | USA | $100 / 50 \mathrm{~km} / 50 \mathrm{~m}$ | Lake Waramaug | New Preston, CT. | http://lakewaramaugultra.com/ |
| 4/23/2011 | CAN | 100 m | Jerseyville Fat Ass | Jerseyville,ON | ultrasignup.com |
| 4/23/2011 | FRA | 24/12/6 hrs | 6/12/ 24 heures de Rennes |  | www.coureursdextreme.free.fr |
| 4/23/2011 | ENG | 40 miles | Compton Challenge | Compton | Compton Harriers |
| 4/23/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Sycamore Canyon | Malibu, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=5126 |
| 4/23/2011 | USA | 50 km | Cheyenne Mountain | Colorado Springs, CO | http://www.epicenduranceevents.com/ |
| 4/23/2011 | ENG | 50 miles | Peatlands Way | Thorne DN8 4AE | www.ldwa.org.uk/ |
| 4/24/2011 | ITA | 100 km | Volcano Trail | Stage | Volcanotrail.it/ |
| 4/24/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | Les 24 heures de Brive |  | www.24h-brive.fr/ |
| 4/24/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | 24 Heures de Sene |  | 24hsene.free.fr/ |
| 4/24/2011 | USA | 6 days | Self-Transcendence 6 day | Non-Stop | Sri Chinmoy Races.org |
| 4/25/2011 | NLD | $120 / 60 \mathrm{~km}$ | De Zestig van Texel |  | http://www.dezestigvantexel.nl |
| 4/25/2011 | ITA | 50 km | 50 km di Romagna | Castelbolognese (RA) | http://www.50kmdiromagna.com/ |
| 4/28/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m}+$ others | DRTE | Santa Barbara,CA | http://sber.co/ |
| 4/30/2011 | NOR | $12 / 6 \mathrm{hr} / 100 \mathrm{~km}$ | Ringerike Ultrafestival |  | www.ringerikeultra.doodlekit.com |
| 4/30/2011 | SEN | 180 km | La Piste des Aventuriers | Stage | http://www.raidsahara.com |
| 4/30/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Cornbelt 24 hour |  | Cornbelt.org |
| 4/30/2011 | FRA | 50 km | La Bouillonnante | Bouillon | http://www.la-bouillonnante.org |
| 4/30/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | Quicksilver |  | http://www.quicksilver-running.com/ |
| 4/30/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | Frisco Railroad Run | Willard, MO | http://www.active.com/running/willard-mo/frisco-railroad-run50-mile-50k-50k-relay-marathon-10-miler-2011 |
| 4/30/2011 | SCO | 53 miles | Highland Fling | Milngavie | Highland Fling |
| 4/30/2011 | AUT | 60 km | Abenteuerlauf | Tirol | http://www.abenteuerlauf.at |
| 4/30/2011 | ENG | 60 m | Pony Express | Brockenhurst, Hampshire | http://www.xnrg.co.uk/events_ponyexpress2011.htm |
| 4/30/2011 | USA | 12 hour | Ultra Miles for Moffitt | Tampa, FL | http://www.milesformoffitt.com/ |
| 4/30/2011 | GER | 51 km | Harzquerung | Wernigerode | http://www.harzquerung.de/hauptseite.htm |
| 4/30/2011 | USA | 500 m | McNaughton Park Trail Runs | Non-Stop | http://www.peakraces.com/mcnaughton/ |
| 5/1/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Diablo Marathon 60k | Clayton, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=6135 |
| 5/4/2011 | HUN | 6 days | UNIX 6 Day/48 hour | Non-Stop | www.unixsport.hu |
| 5/4/2011 | SCO | 6 days | Scottish Ultra | Islay \& Jura | www.scottishultra.com/ |
| 5/5/2011 | USA | 200 m | McNaughton Park Trail Runs | Non-Stop | http://www.peakraces.com/mcnaughton/ |
| 5/6/2011 | USA | 150 m | McNaughton Park Trail Runs | Non-Stop | http://www.peakraces.com/mcnaughton/ |
| 5/6/2011 | DEN | 100/50miles | The Hammer Trail | Bornholm | tejnif-lob.dk/www/index.php |
| 5/6/2011 | USA | 175 m | The Cape Relay 175 miles | Relay | www.13relay.com |
| 5/7/2011 | USA | 100/30 m | McNaughton Park Trail Runs | Non-Stop | http://www.peakraces.com/mcnaughton/ |
| 5/7/2011 | MDG | 120 km | UTOP | Non-Stop | www.utop.mg |
| 5/7/2011 | BRA | 24 hours | II Ultramaratona 24hs De Resistncia |  | www.ucrsm.com/ |
| 5/7/2011 | CHE | 24 hours | Self-Transcendence 24 Basle |  | http://ch.srichinmoyraces.org/ |
| 5/7/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Adventure Trail Run | Triangle, VA | http://athletic-equation.com/24-HR_ATR.html |
| 5/7/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | 24 Heures D'eppeville |  | gerard.froidure@cegetel.net |
| 5/7/2011 | ENG | 40 miles | Ridgeway 40 | Overton Hill | Ridgeway 40. org.uk |
| 5/7/2011 | SWE | 50 km | Liding Ultra |  | http://www.ultra50k.se/start/index.cfm |
| 5/7/2011 | ITA | 6 hour | 6 ore dei Templari | Banzi (PZ) | http://6oredeitemplari.blogspot.com/ |
| 5/7/2011 | NLD | 60 km | Ultrarun Hank |  | http://www.stichtingh2o.nl |
| 5/7/2011 | SCO | 66 miles | Kintyre Way \& Relay | Tarbert | www.kintyrewayrelay.co.uk/ |
| 5/7/2011 | ENG | 82/52miles | Malvern Hills Ultra |  | Ultrarunning.uk.com |
| 5/8/2011 | ENG | 34miles | 1066 Relay | Pevensey | www.spanglefish.com |
| 5/8/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Sequoia | Oakland, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=4640 |
| 5/10/2011 | AUS | 320 km | The Short Track | Stage | www.thetrack-outbackrace.com |

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| 5/10/2011 | AUS | 590 km | The Track | Stage | www.thetrack-outbackrace.com |
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| 5/12/2011 | BRA | 190/60 km | Brazil Running Adventure Race | Stage | http://web.me.com/tendao |
| 5/13/2011 | ESP | 135 km | Costa Brava Extreme | Blanes | Costabravaxtremrunning.com |
| 5/13/2011 | USA | 200 m | Ragnar Relay New York | Relay | Ragnar relay.com |
| 5/13/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Three Days at the Fair |  | http://sites.google.com/site/xxctrailseries/fair |
| 5/13/2011 | USA | 72/48/24/12/6 | 3 Days at the Fair | Non-Stop | http://sites.google.com/site/xxctrailseries/fair |
| 5/14/2011 | ENG | 61 | Fellsman | Keighley | Fellsman.org |
| 5/14/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{~m}$ | Born to Run Ultra Marathons | Los Olivos, CA | http://www.allwedoisrun.com/ |
| 5/14/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Massanutten | VA | http://www.vhtrc.org/mmt/ |
| 5/14/2011 | USA | 100/50miles | Keys100 | FL | http://www.keys100.com/ |
| 5/14/2011 | FRA | 120 km | Bretagne Ultra Trail | Guern | http://trailarmorargoat.canalblog.com/ |
| 5/14/2011 | GBR | 24 hours | Kent 24 Hour Challenge | Marshside, Kent | www.50milechallenge.co.uk/ |
| 5/14/2011 | RUS | 24 hours | 24 H championship of Russia |  | www.parsec-club.ru / |
| 5/14/2011 | NLD | 24/6 hours | 24 hours of Steenbergen |  | http://www.ultraloopsteenbergen.nl |
| 5/14/2011 | SCO | 29 miles | Hearts \& Heroes Challenge | SHW St Marys Loch | www.heartsandheroes.co.uk |
| 5/14/2011 | ENG | 33 miles | Marlborough Downs | Marlborough | www.marlboroughrunningclub.co.uk |
| 5/14/2011 | ENG | 45 km | Stanwick Ultra |  | www.ultramarathon.org.uk |
| 5/14/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | DWD Gnaw Bone | Gnaw Bone, IN | http://www.dwdgnawbone.com/ |
| 5/14/2011 | USA | 50 miles | Keys 50 | Marathon, FL | http://www.keys100.com |
| 5/15/2011 | ENG | 33 | Forest of Dean Challenge | Coleford | www.beyondthelimitations.co.uk |
| 5/15/2011 | FRA | 325 km | Grande Traverse du Jura | Stage | http://www.couriretdecouvrir.com |
| 5/15/2011 | AUS | 45 km | Great Ocean Road | Lorne, VIC | http://www.greatoceanroadmarathon.com.au/ |
| 5/15/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Big Basin Redwoods | Boulder Creek, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=5185 |
| 5/20/2011 | USA | 200 | Ragnar Relay New England | Relay | Ragnar relay.com |
| 5/21/2011 | USA | 100/50 km 50 m | Bishop High Sierra Ultra-Marathon | Bishop, CA | http://bhs50.com/ |
| 5/21/2011 | ENG | 210 miles | Green Belt Relay | Hampton Court | Green Belt Relay |
| 5/21/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | 24h De LINSA Villeurbanne |  | www.24heures.org |
| 5/21/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | 24 heures de Villenes |  | www. 1 fohelp.net/ultrapassion/ |
| 5/21/2011 | WAL | 40 miles | Brecon 40 (TBC) | Brecon | www.mightcontainnuts.com |
| 5/21/2011 | NLD | 50 km | Eemlake Run |  | http://www.quovadisbunschoten.nl |
| 5/21/2011 | USA | 50 m | Hawk Trail Runs | Lawrence, KS | http://www.lawrencetrailhawks.com/races/ |
| 5/21/2011 | ENG | 55 miles | Cateran Trail | Glenshee | Cateran55ultra.webnode.com |
| 5/21/2011 | ITA | 84 km | Nove Colli Running (Barbotto) | Cesenatico (FC) | http://www.novecollirunning.it/ |
| 5/22/2011 | BRA | 100 KM | 100km Volta do Lago |  | http://www.voltadolagocaixa.com.br/ |
| 5/22/2011 | WAL | 50 miles | Cardiff Ultra | Brecon | www.ultrarace.co.uk/ |
| 5/22/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | Dirty German Endurance Fest | Philadelphia, PA | $\mathrm{http}: / /$ www.uberendurancesports.com/Dirtygerman.html |
| 5/22/2011 | ENG | 100 km | Wessex Ridgeway Relay | Tollard Royal, Dorset | http://www.gillinghamtrotters.talktalk.net/wessexentry 1 1.htm |
| 5/25/2011 | ENG | 131 miles | Forces March | Ilfracombe | www.forcesmarch.org.uk/ |
| 5/27/2011 | BEL | 160 km | La Transardennaise | Stage | http://www.europaventure.be |
| 5/28/2011 | ITA | 100 km | 100 km del Passatore | Firenze-Faenza | http://www.100kmdelpassatore.it |
| 5/28/2011 | ENG | 100 miles | Housman 100 | Ludlow | www.housmanhundred.co.uk/ |
| 5/28/2011 | CAN | 100M/50M/50K | Sulphur Springs | Burlington, ON | http://ouser.org/races/sulp.htm |
| 5/28/2011 | ENG | 145 miles | Grand Union Canal | Birmingham | http://www.gucr.co.uk/ |
| 5/28/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | 24 Heures De Peynier |  | 24 Heures De Peynier |
| 5/28/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | Roche la Moliere |  | clips-rlm.com |
| 5/28/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Nanny Goat 24-Hour Trail |  | Oldgoatrunners.com |
| 5/28/2011 | NLD | 350 km | Pieter-ROG-pad |  | http://www.pieterrogpad.nl |
| 5/28/2011 | NOR | 51 km | Ulvdalen Ultra |  | http://www.kondis.no |
| 5/28/2011 | NLD | 6 hours | Six Hours Race Haarlemmermeer |  | http://www.avhaarlemmermeer.nl |
| 5/28/2011 | CAN | $100 / 50 \mathrm{~km} / 50 \mathrm{~m}$ | Blackfoot Ultramarathon | Cooking Lake-Blackfoot | http://www.blackfootultra.com/ |
| 5/29/2011 | USA | 200/100/50 m | Wickham Park | Non-Stop | MattMahoney.net |
| 5/29/2011 | CAN | 24 hours | Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay | Vancouver Island | www.24hourrelay.com/ |
| 5/29/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Forest Park | Upshur Street, Portland, OR | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=4632 |



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| 5/30/2011 | FRA | 230 km | La Trans-Aq, | Stage | www.transaq.fr/ |
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| 5/31/2011 | GER | 300 km | Bergisch Land | Stage | www.lg-duv.de |
| 6/1/2011 | BEL | 1005 km | Tour de Belgique de Jogging | Brussels | http://joggans.objectis.net |
| 6/2/2011 | USA | 200 m | Toms Run relay/solo | Relay | tomsrunrelay.org/ |
| 6/2/2011 | SCO | 64 km | Kinlochleven Ultra | Kinlochleven | www.ultramarathon.org.uk |
| 6/3/2011 | ENG | 110 miles | Hardmoors 110 | Helmsley, N.Yorks | Hardmoors Ultra 110 |
| 6/3/2011 | FRA | 130 km | Euskal Trails - Endurance Trail | Urepele | http://www.euskalraid.fr/ |
| 6/3/2011 | FRA | 50 km | Trail Gourmand | Urepele | http://www.euskalraid.fr/ |
| 6/3/2011 | FRA | 90 km | Trail des Villages | Urepele | http://www.euskalraid.fr/ |
| 6/4/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Old Dominion | Woodstock, VA | http://www.olddominionrun.org/ |
| 6/4/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Kettle Moraine | La Grange, WI | http://www.kettle100.com/ |
| 6/4/2011 | NLD | 100/50 km | Self Transcendence Amsterdam |  | http://www.srichinmoyraces.org/nl |
| 6/4/2011 | LKA | 150 m | Si Lankha Extreme Raid | Stage | www.raidsahara.com |
| 6/4/2011 | CAN | 24 hours | Vancouver Island |  | 24hourrelay.com/ |
| 6/4/2011 | GER | 24 hours | Hoyerswerda 24h Europalauf |  | www.hoyerswerda-marathon.de |
| 6/4/2011 | ENG | 32 miles | Dartmoor Discovery | Princetown | http://www.teignbridgetrotters.co.uk/ |
| 6/4/2011 | NOR | $6 \times 12 \mathrm{~km}$ terreng | Malm Ultraintervall |  | http://malmultraintervall.webs.com/ |
| 6/5/2011 | ENG | 35 | Northants Spires and Shires | Lamport Hall | http://gobeyondultra.co.uk |
| 6/5/2011 | GBR | 110 miles | Hardmoors 110 | Helmsley | http://www.hardmoors110.org.uk/cms/ |
| 6/5/2011 | USA | 24 hours | FANS 24 hour |  | http://www.fans24hour.org/ |
| 6/5/2011 | FRA | 24 hour | Antibes | Juan-les-Pins | http://www.6jours-antibes.fr/ |
| 6/5/2011 | FRA | 48 hour | Antibes | Non-Stop | 6jours-antibes.fr |
| 6/5/2011 | USA | 50 km | California Running Festival | Vacaville, CA | http://www.supportoursociety.org/ |
| 6/5/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{Km}$ | Sierra Foothills 50K \& 50 Mile Trail Run |  | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9904 |
| 6/5/2011 | FRA | 6 days | Antibes | Non-Stop | 6jours-antibes.fr |
| 6/5/2011 | FRA | 72 hour | Antibes | Non-Stop | 6jours-antibes.fr |
| 6/10/2011 | USA | 200 | Ragnar Relay Chicago | Relay | Ragnarrelay.com |
| 6/11/2011 | SCO | 30 | Lochalsh Dirty 30 | Glenelg | www.lochalsh-trails.co.uk |
| 6/11/2011 | GER | 313 | Eifelsteig | Stage | www.eifelsteig.de |
| 6/11/2011 | USA | 10 hour | Run Under The Stars | Paducah, KY | $\mathrm{http}: / /$ www.facebook.com/wkrunners |
| 6/11/2011 | ISL | 100 km | Iceland 100 km | Fossvogur, Reykjavik | http://iceland100k.wordpress.com/ |
| 6/11/2011 | ENG | 100 miles | Enduroman 100 | Avon Tryrrel,Hants | www.enduroman.com/ |
| 6/11/2011 | GBR | 100 miles | Enduroman | Bransgore, Hants | Enduroman.com/ultratrichamps.html |
| 6/11/2011 | USA | 100 miles | San Diego | Campo CA | http://www.sandiegol00.com/ |
| 6/11/2011 | USA | 12 hours | Crissy Field Half Day Solo \& Relay | San Francisco, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9905 |
| 6/11/2011 | DEN | 24 hours | Puma 24h Run Holte |  | www.24run.dk/ |
| 6/11/2011 | CAN | 24 hours | Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay, Okanagan |  | www.24hourrelay.com/ |
| 6/11/2011 | GER | 24 hours | Burginsellauf Delmenhorst |  | www.24-lauf.de |
| 6/11/2011 | SRB | 24/12/6 hour 100 km | Palic Ultramarathons | Palic | http://www.usspalic.org/default/index.php |
| 6/11/2011 | DNK | 24/12/6 hours | 24RUN | Rudegrd Stadion, Holte | http://www.24run.dk/ |
| 6/11/2011 | SWE | 68 km | Jttelngt |  | http://www.ifgota.se/ |
| 6/11/2011 | IRE | 85 km | Mourne Way Ultramarathon | Rostrevor, Co Down | Mournewaymarathon.com |
| 6/12/2011 | USA | 148 m | Desert R.A.T.S. | Stage | Geminiadventures.com/ |
| 6/12/2011 | USA | 3100 m | Self-Transcendence 3100 | Non-Stop | http://3100.srichinmoyraces.org/ |
| 6/13/2011 | NOR | 50 km | KickMaster Ultra I |  | http://www.kondis.no |
| 6/17/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Bighorn | Sheridan, WY | http://www.bighorntrailrun.com/ |
| 6/17/2011 | ENG | 165 miles | London-Cardiff 24 Relay | London | www.londoncardiff24.co.uk/ |
| 6/17/2011 | USA | 188 m | Ragnar Relay Wasatch Back | Relay | Ragnar relay.com |
| 6/17/2011 | ITA | 62 m | Magraid (3 day stage race) | Stage | www.magraid.it |
| 6/18/2011 | ENG | 100 km | Three Rings of Shap | Shap | www.ldwa.org.uk |
| 6/18/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Mohican | Loudonville, OH | http://www.mohican 100.org/ |
| 6/18/2011 | CAN | $100 / 50 \mathrm{~km} / 50 \mathrm{~m}$ | Fast Trax Ultras | Edmonton | Ultra.fasttraxskishop.com |
| 6/18/2011 | USA | 200 m | Green Mountain Relay | Relay | Green mountain relay.com/ |

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| 6/18/2011 | AUS | 24 hours |
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| 6/18/2011 | CAN | 24 hours |
| 6/18/2011 | DNK | 24 hours |
| 6/18/2011 | USA | 34 m |
| 6/18/2011 | USA | 50 Km |
| 6/18/2011 | USA | 50 Km |
| 6/18/2011 | USA | 50 km |
| 6/18/2011 | DEN | 6 days |
| 6/18/2011 | SCO | 92 miles |
| 6/18/2011 | USA | 50 km |
| 6/19/2011 | ENG | 86.5 |
| 6/19/2011 | USA | 3220 m |
| 6/22/2011 | ENG | 250 miles |
| 6/24/2011 | ENG | 100 miles |
| 6/24/2011 | GBR | 100 miles |
| 6/24/2011 | ENG | 106 miles |
| 6/25/2011 | SGP | 100 km |
| 6/25/2011 | CAN | 100 mile relay |
| 6/25/2011 | USA | 100 miles |
| 6/25/2011 | USA | 100 miles |
| 6/25/2011 | USA | 100/50 m/100 k |
| 6/25/2011 | HUN | 212 km |
| 6/25/2011 | GER | 24 hours |
| 6/25/2011 | USA | 24 hours |
| 6/25/2011 | FRA | 24 hours |
| 6/25/2011 | FRA | 24 hours |
| 6/25/2011 | ENG | 33 miles |
| 6/25/2011 | ENG | 46 miles |
| 6/25/2011 | ENG | 69 miles |
| 6/25/2011 | NOR | 82 km |
| 6/26/2011 | CHN | 250 km |
| 6/26/2011 | ENG | 50 km |
| 6/26/2011 | NLD | 50 km |
| 6/26/2011 | ITA | 50 km |
| 6/26/2011 | GER | 81 km |
| 7/1/2011 | SWE | 100 km |
| 7/2/2011 | ENG | 33 |
| 7/2/2011 | NOR | 100 km |
| 7/2/2011 | NOR | 100 km |
| 7/2/2011 | CHE | 200 km |
| 7/2/2011 | ENG | 50 km |
| 7/2/2011 | NLD | 60 km |
| 7/2/2011 | ENG | 73 km |
| 7/3/2011 | USA | 50 Km |
| 7/6/2011 | <> | 163 km |
| 7/7/2011 | NOR | 170 km |
| 7/8/2011 | USA | 100 miles |
| 7/8/2011 | AUT | 24 hours |
| 7/9/2011 | USA | 100 miles |
| 7/9/2011 | NOR | 105 km |
| 7/9/2011 | SWE | 24/12 hours |
| 7/9/2011 | ENG | 44 miles |
| 7/9/2011 | USA | 50 Km |


| Sri Chinmoy 24/12/6 Hour |  | au.srichinmoyraces.org/ |
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| Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay, Vancouver |  | www.24hourrelay.com/ |
| Ultramarathon Bornholm |  | Ultramarathon.dk |
| Rachel Carson Trail Challenge | Pittsburgh, PA | http://www.rachelcarsontrails.org/rct |
| Pacifica Trail Run | Pacifica, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/Pacifica_Wntr.htm |
| Pacifica | Pacifica, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=3897 |
| Niagara Ultra | Niagara-on-the-lake | http://www.welovetorun.com/newsite/Niagara_Ultra/ultra_index_7.html |
| Bornholm 6 Day 48/24/6 | Non-Stop | http://6-24-48-timer.dk |
| West Highland Way | Milngavie, Glasgow | West Highland Way Race.org |
| Vashon Island Ultra \& Trail Run | Paradise Ridge, WA | http://www.vashonultra.com/index.html |
| The Ridgeway Relay | Ivinghoe Beacon | Marlborough Running Club |
| LA to New York | Stage | www.sergegirard.com |
| Thames Ring | Streatley | www.tra-uk.org/thames_ring.php |
| Cotswold Ultra 100/50 | Stratford-upon-Avon | www.ultrarace.co.uk/ |
| Cotswold Ultra | Stratford-upon-Avon | http://www.ultrarace.co.uk |
| South Downs Way | Washington, W.Sussex | www.votwo.co.uk |
| Sundown Ultra |  | http://www.sundownmarathon.com/index.php?page=race-detailsultramarathon |
| Kananaskis | Longview, Alberta | Hihostels.ca/westerncanada |
| Laramie | Laramie, Wyoming | Geminiadventures.com |
| Western States Endurance Run | Sqaw Valley, CA | http://www.ws 100.com/home.html |
| Black Hills | Sturgis, SD | www.blackhills $100 . \mathrm{com}$ |
| Ultrabalaton 212 | Non-Stop | Ultrabalaton.hu/ |
| Stadtoldendorfer 24 |  | 24-stunden-lauf.de |
| 24 Hours of Laramie |  | Geminiadventures.com/ |
| $24 \mathrm{hr} \mathrm{de} \mathrm{l'Echo-du} \mathrm{Pas-de-Calais}$ |  | http://www.echo62.com/course |
| 24 heures de Puttelange |  | http://www.pour-quentin.com/ |
| Greensand Ridge \& Relay | Leighton Buzzard | www.smoc.info |
| Pathfinder March | RAF Wyton | www.pathfindermarch.co.uk/ |
| Round The Island | East Cowes | www.xnrg.co.uk |
| Kristins Runde |  | http://www.kondis.no/ |
| Gobi March | Stage | 4deserts.com/gobimarch/ |
| Boddington 50k Champs | Cheltenham | www.beyondthelimitations.co.uk/ |
| Veluwezoom Trail |  | http://www.veluwezoomtrail.nl |
| Pistoia-Abetone | Pistoia-Abetone | http://www.pistoia-abetone.net/ |
| Frankenweg-Lauf | Stage | http://www.frankenweg-lauf.de |
| Lapland Ultra |  | http://uu.stockholmmultisport.se/ |
| Osmotherley Phoenix |  | osmotherleyphoenix.wikidot.com/home |
| St Olav Ultra |  | www.st-olavsloppet.com/ |
| St. Olav Ultra | stersund | www.st-olavsloppet.com |
| Swiss Jura Nature Trail | Stage | swissjuramarathon.com |
| SLMM (2 man team) | Lake District | www.slmm.org.uk/ |
| Round of Amsterdam |  | http://www.funrunner-heerlen.nl |
| 10 Peaks Challenge | Helvellyn | www.10peaks.com |
| Angel Island | Tiburon, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=4813 |
| Salomon 4 Trails | Garmisch | http://www.4-trails.com |
| Le Raid des Trolls | Stage | http://www.raids-aventure.com/ |
| Hardrock | Silverton, CO | http://hardrock100.com/ |
| 24 hr Worschach |  | www.24stundenlauf.at/ |
| Viaduct Trail | Lanesboro, PA | google.com/site/viaducttrailultramarathon |
| Merker Mountain Challenge |  | www.merakertiltopps.com |
| Trollhattan 12/24 |  | www.marathon.se |
| Lyke Wake | Osmotherly,N. Yorks | Llyke wake walk.co.uk |
| Run Toto Run | Kansas City, Kansas | http://www.psychowyco.com/id75.html |

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| 7/9/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Headlands 50 \& Marathon | Rodeo Beach, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=5654 |
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| 7/9/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | DWD Devil's Lake | Baraboo, WI | http://www.dwddevilslake.com/ |
| 7/9/2011 | FRA | 60 km | Le Dfi d'Alinor | Prayssas | www.weekendtrail.fr |
| 7/9/2011 | NOR | 70 km | Hornindal Rundt |  | http://www.hornindalrundt.no/ |
| 7/9/2011 | USA | 6/12 hour | Sunburn 6/12 Hour Fat Ass | Bartlett, IL | http://www.chicagoultrarunners.com |
| 7/11/2011 | ESP | 223 km | Al Andalus Ultra Trail | Stage | Trailrunspain.com/ |
| 7/15/2011 | ZAF | 100 miles | Washie 100 | East London | www.buffsclub.co.za |
| 7/15/2011 | IND | 135 m | The High | Non-Stop | web.me.com/drrajatchauhan |
| 7/15/2011 | ESP | 168 km | Ehunmilak | Beasain | http://www.ehunmilak.com |
| 7/16/2011 | ITA | 100 km | Sicilia in ... 100 km | Ibla-Ortigia (RG) | http://www.asdmol.it/index.asp |
| 7/16/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{k}$ | Tahoe Rim Trail | Lake Tahoe | http://www.tahoemtnmilers.org |
| 7/16/2011 | FRA | 103 km | Ultra Tour du Beaufortain | Queige | http://www.ultratour-beaufortain.fr/ |
| 7/16/2011 | FRA | $2,500 \mathrm{~km}$ | La France En Courant Relay | Relay | La France Encourant.org/ |
| 7/16/2011 | USA | 24/12 hour | Cool Moon |  | http://www.ultrarunner.net/raceseries/coolmoon24hr.html |
| 7/16/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Lone Ranger 24 hr |  | www.20in24.com/ |
| 7/16/2011 | GER | 24/12 hours | Self-Transcendence 24/12 hour | Berlin | Sri Chinmoy Races.org |
| 7/16/2011 | ENG | 40 miles | Clyde Stride | Partick Train Station | Clydestride.webnode.com/ |
| 7/16/2011 | USA | 50 km | Great Cranberry Island Ultra | Cranberry Island, ME | http://www.gciultra.crowathletics.com/ |
| 7/16/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Stinson Beach | Stinson Beach, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9915 |
| 7/17/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Vermont | West Windsor, VT | www.vermont100.com/ |
| 7/17/2011 | FRA | 245 km | Gerard Denis | Non-Stop | www.yanoo.net |
| 7/17/2011 | ENG | 50 km | Fairlands Valley | Stevenage | www.races.fvspartans.org.uk |
| 7/17/2011 | ENG | 50 miles | 50 Mile Challenge | Marshside, Canterbury | www.50milechallenge.co.uk/ |
| 7/22/2011 | USA | 187 m | Ragnar Relay Northwest Passage | Relay | Ragnar relay.com |
| 7/22/2011 | IRE | 24/12 hour | Energia Belfast 24 Hour | Mary Peters Track | http://www.ultrarunningireland.com/live/news/862.html |
| 7/23/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{k} /$ relay | Fat Dog |  | www.mountainmadness.ca/fatdog.php |
| 7/23/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Angeles Crest | Wrightwood, CA | www.ac100.com/ |
| 7/23/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~m} / 37.5 \mathrm{~m}$ | Grand Mesa | Grand Junct.CO | http://www.grandmesa 100.com/ |
| 7/23/2011 | GER | 24 hours | 24-Stundenlauf Reichenbach |  | 24-stundenlauf.de |
| 7/23/2011 | NOR | 81 km | Rallarvegslpet (2 days) |  | www.kondis.no |
| 7/24/2011 | GER | 324 km | Baltic Run | Stage | http://www.baltic-run.de/ |
| 7/24/2011 | MNG | 7 day | Gobi Challenge | Stage | Sand-baggers.com |
| 7/27/2011 | FRA | 100 km | la 6D Treck | La Plagne | http://www.la6000d.com/ |
| 7/27/2011 | FRA | 180 km | Tour de l'Oisans et des Ecrins | Les 2 Alpes | Smag.over-blog.com |
| 7/27/2011 | FRA | 200 km | 19th Defi de lOisans | Stage | Raidlight.com |
| 7/28/2011 | USA | 100 m | Mountain R.A.T.S. | Stage | Gemini adventures.com |
| 7/29/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Swan Crest | Swan Lake,MT | http://swancrest100.com/ |
| 7/29/2011 | ENG | 100/50 miles | Lakeland 100 \& Lakeland 50 | Coniston | Lakeland 100.com |
| 7/29/2011 | GBR | 100/50 miles | Lakeland 100 | Coniston, Cumbria | http://www.lakeland100.com/. |
| 7/29/2011 | AUS | 24 hours | Caboolture 6/12/24/48 hour |  | www.aura.asn.au/ |
| 7/29/2011 | CZR | 24 hours | Self Transcendence 24/48 |  | http://cs.srichinmoyraces.org/ |
| 7/29/2011 | USA | 24/12 hours | 24 Hour Around The Lake |  | Somerville R.R. |
| 7/29/2011 | SWE | 246 km | The gax trans scania | Lund, Sweden | http://www.teamcreate.se/ |
| 7/29/2011 | SWE | 246 km | Trans Scania | Non-Stop | http://www.teamcreate.se/ |
| 7/29/2011 | USA | 100 m | Swan Crest | Swan Lake, MO | http://swancrest100.com |
| 7/30/2011 | MNG | 100 km | Mongolia Sunrise to Sunset | Camp Toilogt | http://www.ultramongolia.com/ |
| 7/30/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Burning River | Willoughby Hills, OH | http://www.burningriver100.org/ |
| 7/30/2011 | GER | 100 miles/ 100 k | Chiemgauer | Ruhpolding | www.chiemgauer $100 . \mathrm{de}$ |
| 7/30/2011 | USA | 100/50 miles | Headlands Hundred | Golden Gate, CA | pctrailruns.com/ |
| 7/30/2011 | ENG | 24 Hour | Adidas Thunder Run | Catton Park | www.tr24.co.uk |
| 7/30/2011 | ITA | 6 hour | 6 ore per le vie di Curinga | Curinga (CZ) | http://www.curingamarathon.it/ |
| 8/5/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{k}$ | Wild Idaho | Crouch, ID | http://www.runwildidaho.com/100-mile/ |
| 8/6/2011 | CAN | 24/12/6 hrs | Dirty girls 6/12/24 Hr Trail | Mansfield, ON | www.dirtygirlsrun.com |

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| 8/6/2011 | ENG | 31 miles | The Long Tour of Bradwell | Hope Valley | www.darkandwhite.co.uk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8/6/2011 | ENG | 43 miles | Devil o the Highlands | Tyndrum | Devilothehighlandsfootrace.co.uk/ |
| 8/6/2011 | ENG | 48 miles | Greenlight Round the Rock | St.Helier, Jersey | www.roundtherock.co.uk |
| 8/6/2011 | USA | 50 km | Grand Ridge Trail Run | Issaquah, WA | http://www.evergreentrailruns.com/ |
| 8/7/2011 | CAN | 100/50/50 mile | Stormy | Squamish. | http://stormytrailrace.ca/ |
| 8/9/2011 | KEN | 75 km | Kenya Highlands Race | Nanyuki | www.runandtravel.it |
| 8/10/2011 | FRA | 1150 km | La Transe Gaule | Stage | http://www.yanoo.net/ |
| 8/10/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | Les 24 heures du Quai du Cher |  | http://www.couc100km.free.fr/ |
| 8/11/2011 | USA | 51 km | Extraterrestrial Full Moon | Rachel, NV | http://www.calicoracing.com/ |
| 8/12/2011 | ENG | 105/70 miles | Grimsthorpe Ultra 105 \& 70m | Grimsthorpe Castle | www.fat-feet.co.uk |
| 8/12/2011 | USA | 200 m | Wild West Relay | Relay | http://www.wildwestrelay.com/ |
| 8/13/2011 | GBR | 100 miles | North Downs Way | Farnham, Surrey | www.centurionrunning.com |
| 8/13/2011 | GER | 100 miles | Stunt 100 | Sibbesse | Stunt100.de |
| 8/13/2011 | IRE | 100 miles | Connemara | Clifden, Galway | http://www.connemaral00.com/ |
| 8/13/2011 | ENG | 100/50 miles | North Downs Way | Farnham | www.centurionrunning.com// |
| 8/13/2011 | NOR | 100km+ | Topp mli-lpet |  | www.visitnature.no |
| 8/13/2011 | USA | 12/6 hours | Hotter than Hell | Cameron Park, CA | http://www.sntrailruns.com/hotter_hell.html |
| 8/13/2011 | CAN | 50 miles | Iron Legs | Calgary | http://www.ironlegs.ca/ |
| 8/14/2011 | USA | 12 hour | Transcendence Ultra | Olympia, WA | http://www.guerillarunning.com/Transcendence_12-Hour_Run.html |
| 8/14/2011 | USA | 12/6 hours | Crazy Magic Ultra Trail Runs | Schenectady, NY | http://www.bikereg.com/events/register.asp?eventid=12555 |
| 8/14/2011 | ENG | 50 km | 5-4-3-2-1 | Salisbury Fire Station | www.salisburyfirestation.info |
| 8/19/2011 | USA | 191 m | Ragnar Relay Great River | Relay | Ragnar relay.com |
| 8/19/2011 | SWE | 70/50/30 km | Bjrkliden Arctic Mountain Marathon | Bjrkliden | www.bamm.nu/index.php?lang=en |
| 8/20/2011 | USA | 100 miles | LeadvilleTrail | Leadville, CO | www.leadvilletrail100.com |
| 8/20/2011 | NLD | 50 km | Ultrarun Assen |  | http://www.de50vanassen.nl |
| 8/20/2011 | NOR | 6 hours | Romerike 6-hours +NM ultra |  | http://db.kondis.no |
| 8/20/2011 | ENG | 12 hours | Hell On The Humber | Humer Bridge, Hull | www.torocsc.com/ |
| 8/21/2011 | USA | 120 m | TransRockies Run | Stage | http://transrockies.com/ |
| 8/21/2011 | ENG | 40 miles | ULTRArace.Peaks | Cromford Meadows | www.ultrarace.co.uk/ |
| 8/21/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Squaw to Donner 50k | Tahoe City, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9908 |
| 8/26/2011 | USA | 197 | Hood To Coast Relay | Relay | Hood to Coast.com |
| 8/26/2011 | FRA | 103 miles | Ultra Trail du Mont Blanc | Chamonix | www.ultratrailmb.com/ |
| 8/26/2011 | USA | 170 m | Colorado Relay | Relay | Coloradorelay.com |
| 8/26/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Colorado Outward Bound 24 |  | http://www.thecoloradorelay.com/ |
| 8/26/2011 | CHE | 79 km | Erlebnislauf | Stage | http://www.alpinrunner.ch/ |
| 8/27/2011 | ENG | 35 | Speyside Way Race | Ballindalloch | Speysidewayrace.webnode.com |
| 8/27/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Cascade Crest Classic | Easton, WA | www.cascadecrest100.com/ |
| 8/27/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{k}$ | Lean Horse | Hot Springs, SD | http://www.leanhorsehundred.com/ |
| 8/27/2011 | GER | 24 hours | Runinger 24-Stundenlauf |  | Lauftreff-rueninger-roadrunner.de/ |
| 8/27/2011 | USA | 50 m | Baker Trail Ultrachallenge | Brookville, PA | http://www.rachelcarsontrails.org/bt/ultrachallenge |
| 8/27/2011 | USA | 50 miles | North Country | Manistee, MI | http://www.northcountrytrailrun.mirunning.com/ |
| 8/27/2011 | ENG | 85 miles | Ridgeway Challenge | Ivinghoe Beacon | www.tra-uk.org/ridgeway_challenge |
| 8/28/2011 | NLD | 50 km | The Fifty of Gouda |  | http://www.avgouda.nl |
| 8/28/2011 | NOR | 50 km | Styrkeprven Rett Vest |  | www.styrkeproven-rettvest.org/ |
| 9/1/2011 | ENG | 35 miles | Round Ripon | Studley Roger | gobeyondultra.co.uk |
| 9/2/2011 | ITA | 6 hour | 6 ore nella Città di Angizia | Luco dei Marsi (LAquila) | http://www.ultraluco.it/ |
| 9/2/2011 | ENG | $90 \mathrm{~m} / 3$ day | Toad Challenge | Oxford | www.xnrg.co.uk |
| 9/3/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Grand Teton | Alta, WY | www.dreamchaserevents.com |
| 9/3/2011 | GER | 120 km | Erft-Spendenlauf | Stage | www.erft-spendenlauf.de/ |
| 9/3/2011 | GER | 24 hours | 24 Hr Lauf Wolfenbttel |  | www.sporttrend.net/ |
| 9/3/2011 | GER | 24 hours | 24-Stundenlauf Fleested |  | www.24stundenlauf.info/ |
| 9/3/2011 | RUS | 24 hours | St.Petersburg 24 Hour |  | www.spb-la.ru/index.php |
| 9/3/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Woods Ferry |  | Ultrasontrails.com |

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| 9/3/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Badgerland F/x 24 Hour |  | Badgerlandstriders.org/ |
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| 9/3/2011 | SCO | 24/12 hr | Glenmore 24/12 Hour Trail | Aviemore | www.glenmore24.com |
| 9/3/2011 | <> | 260 m | Transalpine-Run | Stage | http://www.transalpine-run.com |
| 9/3/2011 | WAL | 45 miles | Across Wales Walk | Anchor to Clarach | Whereitsat.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk |
| 9/3/2011 | NLD | 50 km | The Monks Trail |  | http://www.monnikentocht.nl |
| 9/3/2011 | IRE | 50 miles | Dingle Ultra Marathon | Glentenassig Woods | www.dinglemarathon.ie |
| 9/3/2011 | ENG | 56 miles | Bullock Smithy Hike/Run | Hazel Grove,Stockport | www.bullocksmithy.com/ |
| 9/4/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{k} / 50 \mathrm{~m}$ | Buckeye Endurance Runs | Nardini Manor,AZ | http://www.aravaiparunning.com |
| 9/4/2011 | USA | $50 / 25 \mathrm{~km}$ | Roots Rock | Port Gamble | www.rootsrockrun.com/ |
| 9/4/2011 | GER | 790 km | Horb-run Berlin HBL | Stage | www.deutschlandlauf.com |
| 9/7/2011 | BOL | 159 km | Inca Run | Stage | www.andesadventures.com |
| 9/9/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{k} /$ | Hallucination | Pinckney, MI | www.runwoodstock.com/ |
| 9/9/2011 | CAN | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{k} / 50 \mathrm{k}$ | Lost Soul | Lethbridge, Alberta | www.lostsoulultra.com/ |
| 9/9/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Wasatch Front | Kaysville, UT | www.wasatch $100 . \mathrm{com} /$ |
| 9/9/2011 | USA | 100/50 miles | Superior Sawtooth | Gooseberry Falls, MN | www.superiortrailrace.com/ |
| 9/9/2011 | USA | 208 m | Blue Ridge Relay | Relay | www.blueridgerelay.com/ |
| 9/10/2011 | POL | 100 km | Bieg 7 dolin | Beskid Sadecki Mountains | http://www.runningfestival.pl/910,7-valleys-run--ultramarathon |
| 9/10/2011 | USA | 100 m | Hawk Trail Runs | Lawrence, KS | http://www.lawrencetrailhawks.com/races/ |
| 9/10/2011 | AUS | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{k} /$ | Glasshouse | Beerburrum,Queensland | www.glasshousetrails.com.au/ |
| 9/10/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{k} /$ | Pine Creek Challenge | Tioga, PA | www.pinecreekchallenge.com/ |
| 9/10/2011 | CAN | 100 miles | Haliburton | Haliburton For., ONT | www.ouser.org/races/hali.htm |
| 9/10/2011 | DEN | 100 miles | Mors | Island of Mors | www. $100 \mathrm{miles.dk/}$ |
| 9/10/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Plain | Plain, WA | www.cascaderunningclub.com/ |
| 9/10/2011 | NLD | 100/50 km | RUN 2011 Winschoten |  | http://www.runwinschoten.nl |
| 9/10/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{k}$ | Rio del Lago | Granite Bay, CA | www.desertskyadventures.com |
| 9/10/2011 | <> | 180 km | Andean Triangle Running Adventure | Stage | www.andesadventures.com |
| 9/10/2011 | GER | 24 hours | 24 Stunden von Bernau |  | www.24-stunden-von-bernau.de/ |
| 9/10/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Lake Tahoe Summit to Meadow 50k | Tahoe City, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9910 |
| 9/10/2011 | USA | 50/40 miles 50 km | Bartlett Park Ultras | Nesbitt Park | http://www.runacrossamericaontrail.com/Bartlett_Park_Ultras.html |
| 9/10/2011 | ENG | 51 km | Honeystreet Ultra |  | www.ultramarathon.org.uk |
| 9/10/2011 | ENG | 6 day | Trans Britain | Gretna Green | Go Beyond Ultra |
| 9/10/2011 | CAN | $100 / 50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | Haliburton Forest Trail Race | Haliburton For., ONT | http://www.ouser.org/races/hali.htm |
| 9/11/2011 | ITA | 330 km | Tor des Gants | Non-Stop | www.Tordesgeants.it |
| 9/11/2011 | ENG | $50+$ miles | London to Brighton | Blackheath | www.extremerunning.org |
| 9/11/2011 | USA | 9:11 hours | 9/11 American Heroes Run | Longmont, CO | http://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Heroes-Run/142929562405528 |
| 9/11/2011 | USA | 9:11 hours | Patriots' Run | Olathe, KS | http://www.patriotsrun.us/ |
| 9/13/2011 | IRE | 344 miles | M2M Ultra | Malin Head | www.ultrarace.co.uk/ |
| 9/16/2011 | USA | 187 m | Ragnar Relay Napa Valley | Relay | Ragnarrelay.com |
| 9/16/2011 | ENG | 80 miles | Kent Ultra Challenge | Canterbury, Kent | www.kentultrachallenge.co.uk |
| 9/17/2011 | USA | 12 hours | Adventure Trail Run | Triangle, VA | http://athletic-equation.com/12-HR_ATR.html |
| 9/17/2011 | ENG | 24 Hour | Self-Transcendence 24 hour | Tooting Bec | Sri Chinmoy .A.C. |
| 9/17/2011 | BEL | 24 hour | Les 24 heures de Liege |  | http://www.les24h.be/ |
| 9/17/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | 24 Hr de St Maixent l'Ecole |  | Spiridon.pagesperso-orange.fr |
| 9/17/2011 | USA | 24 hours | North Coast 24 |  | North Coast 24 |
| 9/17/2011 | USA | 24 hours | San Francisco One Day |  | pctrailruns.com |
| 9/17/2011 | ENG | 40 miles | High Peak 40 | Derbyshire | www.highpeak40.co.uk/ |
| 9/17/2011 | USA | 50 Km | San Francisco One Day | San Francisco, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=4013 |
| 9/17/2011 | ENG | 50 miles | Surrey Tops Challenge | Witley GR SU948394 | www.ldwasurrey.co.uk |
| 9/17/2011 | ITA | 6 hour | 6 ore di Seregno | Seregno (MI) | http://www.marciacaratesi.it/100km.html |
| 9/17/2011 | NOR | 73 km terreng | UltraBirken |  | www.birkebeiner.no |
| 9/19/2011 | USA | 126 km | Adventure Race Grand Canyon 24 hour Ultra | Grand Canyon, AZ | http://www.acrossthedivide.com/index.php/products/event/p-0082.html |
| 9/23/2011 | USA | 100 miles | The Bear | Preston, Idaho | www.bear100.com/ |
| 9/23/2011 | USA | 100/50 miles/relay | Virgil Crest | Virgil, N.Y. | www.virgilcrestultras.com/ |

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| 9/23/2011 | USA | 193 m | Ragnar Relay Washington DC | Relay | Ragnar relay.com |
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| 9/23/2011 | WAL | $24 \mathrm{hr} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | Commonwealth Ultras | North Wales | www.beyondthelimitations.co.uk/ |
| 9/24/2011 | USA | 100 km | Sierra Nevada Endurance Runs | Granite Bay, CA | http://www.snerultras.com/ |
| 9/24/2011 | CAN | 24 hours | Self-Transcendence 24 |  | Sri Chinmoy Races |
| 9/24/2011 | CHE | 24/12 hours | 24/12 Stundenlauf Aare-Insel Brugg |  | www.24stundenlauf.ch/ |
| 9/24/2011 | SCO | 44 miles | River Ayr Way | Glenbuck | www.theriverayrway.org |
| 9/24/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | DWD Hell | Hell, MI | http://www.dwdhell.com/ |
| 9/24/2011 | ENG | 60 miles | Hardmoors 60 | Saltburn | Hardmoors110.org.uk |
| 9/24/2011 | ZAF | 63 km | Bain's Kloof Pass Ultra Marathon | Wellington | http://www.bainskloofultra.co.za/ |
| 9/25/2011 | USA | 24 hours | Hinson Lake 24 Hr |  | Hinson Lake 24 |
| 9/25/2011 | NLD | 50 km | Around Voorne |  | http://www.rondjevoorne.nl |
| 9/25/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Santa Cruz Mountains | Santa Cruz, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=7580 |
| 9/30/2011 | USA | 188 m | New York Relay | Relay | 13relay.com |
| 9/30/2011 | GRE | 246 km | Spartathlon | Non-Stop | Spartathlon |
| 9/30/2011 | ENG | 26 m X 3 | Atlantic Coast | Padstow | www.votwo.co.uk |
| 9/30/2011 | GBR | 78 miles | Atlantic Coast Challenge | Padstow | www.votwo.co.uk/ |
| 10/1/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Arkansas Traveller | Ouachita Nat For. AK | www.runarkansas.com |
| 10/1/2011 | FRA | 150 km | Grand Trail du Nord | Non-Stop | www.raidsahara.com |
| 10/1/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | 24 Heures De Grenoble |  | http://guc.athle.com |
| 10/1/2011 | ENG | 39 miles | Causeway Coast Ultra | Portstewart | Causewaycoastmarathon.com |
| 10/1/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | Devil Mountain Ultra | Pagosa Springs, CO | http://www.joingecko.org/folders.asp?uid=1 |
| 10/1/2011 | NLD | 6 hours | Self Transcendence 6 hrs, |  | http://www.srichinmoyraces.org/nl |
| 10/2/2011 | EGY | 250 km | Sahara Race | Stage | www.4deserts.com/sahararace |
| 10/2/2011 | USA | $50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | Twin Peaks Ultra 50/50 |  | http://trailrunning.dirtyfeet.us/twinpeaksindex.html |
| 10/3/2011 | GER | 184 km | Lulluspfad | Stage | Waldhessenlauf.de/ |
| 10/6/2011 | BRA | 200 km | Jungle Marathon | Stage | Junglemarathon.com/ |
| 10/6/2011 | ZAF | 250 km | 10th Kalahari Extreme Marathon | Stage | Extrememarathons.com |
| 10/7/2011 | USA | 197 m | Ragnar Relay Pennsylvania | Relay | Ragnarrelay.com |
| 10/7/2011 | USA | 200 m | The Bourbon Chase | Relay | Bourbon Chase.com |
| 10/7/2011 | AUS | 76 m | Tour de Tirol | Stage | Tourdetirol.com |
| 10/7/2011 | ITA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 60 \mathrm{~km}$ | Magredi Mountain Trail | Piancavallo | http://www.magredimountaintrail.com/ |
| 10/8/2011 | GBR | 100/50/30 miles | Caesars Camp | Aldershot,Hants | Caesarscampenduranceruns.co.uk/ |
| 10/8/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{k}$ | Oilcreek | Titusville PA | www.oilcreek100.org/ |
| 10/8/2011 | EGY | 333 km | 333 | Non-Stop | www.extreme-runner.com |
| 10/8/2011 | USA | 50 m | Le Grizz | Colombia Falls, MO | http://www.cheetahherders.com/LeGrizz.html |
| 10/8/2011 | NLD | 60 km | Ultra-Fall-run Berg en Dal |  | http://www.funrunner-heerlen.nl |
| 10/8/2011 | ENG | 60/30 miles | Norfolk Ultra | Kelling Heath | www.adventurehub.com |
| 10/8/2011 | USA | 100/50 m | Heartland | Cassoday, KS | http://www.ksultrarunners.org/ |
| 10/9/2011 | ENG | 50 km | Nottingham Ultra | Blidworth | www.ultrarace.co.uk |
| 10/9/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Montaña de Oro | Los Osos, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9912 |
| 10/10/2011 | USA | 2,450 m | Ironrunner Challenge | Chicago-Santa Monica | http://www.ccrunningteam.blogspot.com/ |
| 10/13/2011 | IDN | 210 km | Indo Ultra | Stage | www.indoultra.co.uk |
| 10/15/2011 | ITA | 100 km | 100 km delle Alpi | Torino-St. Vincent | http://alturl.com/mdbcc |
| 10/15/2011 | NAM | 126 km | Adventure Race Namibia 24 hour Ultra | http://www.acrossthedivide.com/index. php/products/event/p-00225.html |  |
| 10/15/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | 24 Hours of Royan |  | 100km.iroyan.com/ |
| 10/15/2011 | USA | 24 hours | St. Pats |  | www.stpats24hour.com/ |
| 10/15/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Redwood Park | Oakland, CA | http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9913 |
| 10/15/2011 | ENG | 50 miles | Round Rotherham | Brampton Leisure Cent. | Henry Marston.co.uk |
| 10/15/2011 | USA | 50/60/70 km 50 m | Nashville Ultras | Two Rivers Parkway | http://www.nashvilleultra.com/ |
| 10/15/2011 | USA | 12 hour | Javelina 12 Hour | Fountain Hills, AZ | http://www.javelinajundred.com/page.php?5 |
| 10/16/2011 | IND | 100 miles | Himalayan 100 Stage Race | Darjeeling | www.himalayan.com |
| 10/16/2011 | USA | 100 miles | Boulder | Boulder, Colorado | Geminiadventures.com/ |
| 10/16/2011 | ITA | 50 km | Città di Sanremo | Sanremo (IM) | http://www.sanremorunners.it/ |

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| 10/17/2011 | USA | 24 hours | 24 Hours of Boulder |  |
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| 10/21/2011 | USA | 195 | Ragnar Relay Las Vegas | Relay |
| 10/21/2011 | USA | 100/50 miles | Pony Express | Faust, UT |
| 10/21/2011 | CRI | 84 km | XTrail Race Costa Rica | Arenal |
| 10/22/2011 | USA | 24 hours | 24 Hours the Hard Way |  |
| 10/23/2011 | FRA | 180 km | Corsica Coast | Stage |
| 10/23/2011 | ITA | 60 km | Sardinia Ultramarathon $2^{\wedge}$ tappa | Macomer (NU) |
| 10/29/2011 | USA | 100 miles/50m | Cactus Rose | Bandera, TX |
| 10/30/2011 | USA | 50 miles/50 km | Blue Springs |  |
| 11/1/2011 | ITA | 50 km | Skampagnata marathon | Puntarazzi (RG) |
| 11/4/2011 | OMN | 162 km | Desert Oman Raid | Stage |
| 11/4/2011 | USA | 195 m | Ragnar Relay Tennessee | Relay |
| 11/5/2011 | USA | 100 m | Ozark Trail 100 Mile Endurance Run | Bass River Resort, MO |
| 11/6/2011 | ENG | 36 miles | Marriotts Way | Norwich |
| 11/6/2011 | NOR | 6 hours | Undheim 6-hours |  |
| 11/9/2011 | FRA | 24 hours | 24 Heures dAulnat |  |
| 11/11/2011 | ENG | $82 \mathrm{~m} / 3$ day | Druids Challenge | Ivinghoe Beacon |
| 11/12/2011 | AUS | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{~km}$ | Great North Walks | Teralba,NSW |
| 11/12/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Stinson Beach | Stinson Beach, CA |
| 11/12/2011 | USA | 100 m | Javelina Hundred | Pemberton Trailhead, AZ |
| 11/13/2011 | NLD | $100 / 50 \mathrm{~km}$ | Centennial, Deventer |  |
| 11/15/2011 | IND | 346 km | Sur La Piste des Maharajahs | Stage |
| 11/18/2011 | WAL | 78 m | Pembrokeshire Challenge | Stage |
| 11/19/2011 | USA | $100 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{~km}$ | Chimera | Santa Ana, CA |
| 11/19/2011 | USA | 50 miles/50 km | Wild Hare | Warda TX |
| 11/20/2011 | NEP | 250 km | Racing The Planet Nepal | Stage |
| 11/20/2011 | USA | 50 km | Doppler | Port Gamble |
| 11/20/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Santa Monica Mountains | La Jolla Canyon, CA |
| 11/23/2011 | CRI | 190 km | La Transtica | Paquita |
| 11/26/2011 | ITA | 24 hour | 24 ore del sole | Palermo stadio delle palme |
| 11/26/2011 | BRA | 24 hour | 24 horas campinas run | PARQUE TAQUARAL - CAMPINAS SP |
| 11/26/2011 | GER | 24 hours | Eis Age Bad Berleberg |  |
| 11/26/2011 | NOR | 24 hours | Bislett 24-hours |  |
| 11/27/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Dude, Wheres The Trail? |  |
| 12/3/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Woodside | Woodside, CA |
| 12/4/2011 | FRA | 68 km | La SainteLyon | Saint-Etienne |
| 12/10/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Auburn 50 | Stinson Beach, CA |
| 12/10/2011 | USA | 50 km | Coyote Ridge Trail Run | Muir Beach, CA |
| 12/11/2011 | NZL | 100/50/25 km | Self-Transcendence Races | Christchurch |
| 12/18/2011 | USA | 50 Km | Rodeo Beach | Rodeo Beach, CA |
| 12/26/2011 | DZA | 45 km | Marathon des dunes | Timimoun |
| 12/30/2011 | NLD | 6 hours | Six Hours Epe |  |
| 12/31/2011 | USA | 24/12/6 hours | New Years One Day | Crissy Field, SF CA |
| 1/1/2012 | NPL | 100 km | Annapurna | Pokhara |
| 1/1/2012 | USA | 50 Km | Fat Ass 50K | Wallace State Park |
| 1/7/2012 | USA | 50 km | Harbison Forest | Columbia, SC |
| 1/7/2012 | USA | 50 m | Running from an Angel | Boulder City, NV |
| 1/14/2012 | USA | 100 miles | H.U.R.T. | Dillingham Airport |
| 1/15/2012 | USA | 50 km | SwampStomper | Memphis,TN |
| 1/21/2012 | USA | 50 km | Mountain Mist | Hunstville, AL |
| 5/30/2012 | USA |  | Run Across America on Trail | Twin Harbors Beach, WA |
| 6/16/2012 | ZAF | 80 Km | Odyssey Ultra Trail | Hibberdene |

Gemini Adventures
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Ponyexpress100.org
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http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9915
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http://www.rootsrockrun.com
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http://www.asdmol.it/24ore/24ore_regolamentoUK.asp
http://www.ultrarunnereventos.net/
www.lg-wittgenstein.com/
www.spiridon.no/
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http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9917
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http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9922
http://www.coastaltrailruns.com/cr_coyote_ridge.html
nz.srichinmoyraces.org
http://www.pctrailruns.com/event.aspx?dtid=9918
www.marathondunes.com/
http://www.avcialfo.nl
http://www.coastaltrailruns.com/nyod_new_year_one_day.htm
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http://www.carolinaultras.com/
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http://www.runacrossamericaontrail.com/SwampStomper.html
http://www.huntsvilletrackclub.org/HTC_Races/MM11/index.html
http://www.runacrossamericaontrail.com/Welcome.html
http://www.walkingraces.co.za/wmenu.php

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## $16^{\text {th }}$ Annual Self-Transcendence Ten Day Race $18^{\text {hh }}-28^{\text {th }}$ April 2011

$14^{\text {th }}$ Annual Self-Transcendence Six Day Race $22^{\text {nd }}-28^{\text {th }}$ April 2011

1 mile loop in Flushing Meadow Park, Flushing, Queens, New York

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