

Two in a row for Bottrill

LEICESTERSHIRE rider Matt Bottrill secured his second consecutive victory in the RTTC-Rudy Project Time Trial Series in Northamptonshire on Saturday.

Just a few miles from his home, the I-Ride RT man took full advantage of his local knowledge to win the event convincingly — but then revealed he has no plans to ride either of the final two events.

"The series uses some good courses and I enjoy racing on quiet country lanes," he said. "But it's a lot of travelling if you want to go for the series, and to

still be racing into October makes it a long season.

"At that time of the year, you want to be unwinding, because if you wait until after the series has finished before taking a break, it will be winter by the time you're back on your bike."

Bottrill covered the 28-mile seniors course in 1-04-16, winning convincingly by almost three minutes over a disappointing field of just nine for the seniors event.

"I know the area well and that really helped," said Bottrill. "But saying that, I was still pleased with my performance.

"That's my sort of course; it's interesting territory on nice quiet country roads and it really helps if you know where to go for it."

The women's event had almost as many riders as the men's with seven, the fastest of which was VC St Raphael's Sarah Storey, who took victory by exactly two and a half minutes from Wyre Forest CRC rival Michelle King. In the veterans event, the entries were more healthy, with 21 finishers, while there were just three juniors and six disabled riders.

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Bottrill: not contesting series overall