

SCOTTISH 100KM CHAMPS EDINBURGH

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RONALD RITCHIE, winner of the veterans title at the European 100km championships in Holland two weeks earlier, added the inaugural Scottish crown to his tally of past successes, *Fraser Clyne* reports.

The 48-year-old college lecturer from Lossiemouth was in a class of his own, passing through half-way in 3:21:17, then going on to win easily by almost 1hr 47min from Ian Mitchell, in a Scottish all-comers best road time of 7:01:27.

Ritchie's victory gave him the first ever official Scottish title at any distance. He had previously won silver medals in the marathon championships of 1967, 1968 and 1969 but the lack of recognition of ultra distances for championship purposes had denied him a national title until now.

Ritchie now heads for Spain where he will compete in a 640km eight-day race from Barcelona to Madrid, starting on Sunday.

Kathy Crilley (Serpentine) was the only woman to complete the course. She emulat-

ed Ritchie by setting an all-comers best of 11:45:53.

Nine of the 24 starters completed the distance.

Men

1, D Ritchie (FH) 7:01:27; 2, I Mitchell (FMC Car) 8:48:03; 3, D Wallace (Har) 9:27:28; 4, J Taylor (BT Pit) 10:04:14; 5, M Briggs (CRAC, M50) 10:06:00; 6, J Shaw (Ham) 10:49:44; 7, N Ross (CHR) 10:56:42; 8, J Foster (SVHC, M40) 11:25:13

Women: K Crilley (Serp) 11:45:53