



## **BSCC senior road racing results page**

Race name: Small Dog 2009 Criterium Championships

Date: 4th March 2009

### **A Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Rhys Gillett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Damien Keirl  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Hegert

### **B Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Doug Garley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Don Stewart  
3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Veal

### **C Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Clive Silcock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Cody  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Haire

Race description:

### **A Grade**

It was winter in summer for the Club Crit Championship, but that did not stop a strong turn out in A Grade. The attacks jumped immediately with Reece Gillett, Jay Bourke and Matt Smith trying to go off the front in succession. Each attack was reeled back in confidently by a well-working peleton. Jay Bourke then went solo off the front and as the rain fell, Gillett crossed the gap. These two worked well together, but only for a short time, as Gillett rode Bourke off his wheel in the greasy conditions. This left Reece Gillett out in front alone, Bourke some 100m behind him, and alone, and the peleton another 200m behind and chasing hard. The main bunch was working turns well, shelling those riders who could not match the pace in the gusting crosswinds. Damien Keirl, Johnny Townsend, Tony Mirribella, and a new rider, Jason Hegert, made

the selection, as more riders continued to step off and brave the cold to watch the finish. Bourke was caught with 3 laps to go by what was left of the peleton after Damien Keirl put in a big effort which he sustained for half a lap. Little gaps started to form between the wheels and there was not much chatter, it was guna be a long drag home and the those working still had their sights set on catching Gillett. The track begun to dry out with 1 lap to go and it was heads down for all left standing. Gillett maintained his form and won his first club championship after 2 weeks of long solo breakways. Damien Keirl finish very fast and closed the gap to Gillett significantly over the last half-a-lap to take out 2nd, and Jason Hergert was just on his wheel taking 3rd. It was a worthy championship race with all riders giving their best and leaving little for the slow, cold ride home.

## **B Grade**

The Race comittee is keen to hear of any members competing in the B grade crit who might be keen to contribute with short report of their race. Anyone keen, please contact Phillip Orr at [phillip@ncable.net.au](mailto:phillip@ncable.net.au)

## **C Grade**

A small field gathered for the Clubs Championships and with that on the riders mind a very tactical race followed. The pace was down due to the high winds, but the attacks still occurred with Clive Silcock nearly breaking away at the Half way point. The group shared the work load and everyone was trying to get out of the wind. As the final lap began Shane Cody took charge up front as the pace picked up, as the last sweeping bend approached Jason Haire made a tactical error and would end his chance of the Championship. Shane Cody and Clive Silcock went head to head in a all out sprint which looked to be Cody's until one last lung bursting effort from Silcock which got him over the line by half a wheel. Jason Haire made up good ground for a strong third and the others were left wondering how to improve their training for a shot at the glory.