



BSCC senior road racing results page

Race name: Wallace - Bungaree loop

Date: 29th March 2009

A Grade

1st Phillip Orr

2nd Jon Townsend

3rd Alan Cureton

B Grade

1st Andrew Rushton

2nd Jeff Filip

3rd Les Bilney

C Grade

1st Rob Parker

2nd Darryn Murphy

3rd Vince Mader

Race description:

A Grade

In fine sunny conditions A grade took off to complete three laps of a 20km loop around Wallace, Pootilla and Bungaree. The lack of wind was going to make it difficult for anyone to break away but that didn't stop riders having a go. As it turned out the race came down to a long drawn out sprint with Phillip Orr winning, Jon Townsend in second and Alan Cureton finishing 3rd.

B Grade

A small field of B grade riders turned out to a beautiful day for a bike race. There was barely a breathe of wind and the sun was shining but not too hot. The race started off fairly calm as the 6 riders worked well and generally took turns at the front. That was about it. The only occurrence about a lap and a half in Jason Haire discovered that his seat post had slipped down to about 1/3 of its normal height, he stopped for repairs and continued on solo. The rest of the field continued

to stay together until a hard sprint for the line saw Andrew Rusthon 1st, Jeff Filip 2nd and Les Bilney 3rd. Matt Albiston and Peter Canny finished strong while Jason Haire worked hard but never quite got back on and finished a couple of minutes behind.

C Grade

The most perfect day for cycling waited for the 'C' grade riders out at the Wallace circuit. No wind, warm temps. And good numbers the perfect recipe for racing. The pace for the 1st lap was fairly relaxed as everyone was enjoying the scenery and the day. The 2nd lap saw the pace pick up a little as Vince Mader stretched the legs to see what the reaction would be, and Sean Lee was up front driving the group. Little interest in taking charge up front left it to just a couple of riders to set the pace. Bob Morley was looking relaxed as we entered the third and final lap, so with the group still tight and Morley, Norman and James still with fresh legs the danger for a sprint finish loomed. As we turned at Bungaree Oval for home, and everyone took their last drinks before the action began, the attacks were imminent. The first rise saw the first big attack which left us all gasping and hanging on for dear life, the race was ready for the taking, but who wanted it more. As we reached the top of the climb Darryn Murphy made his move, which split the field. The pace was furious as we flew into Wallace, the finishing line couldn't come soon enough. Rob Parker was hot on the heels of Murphy and a fast finishing Mader was making his move through the field. Murphy's move was looking like it had paid off as he was within reach of the finish only to have Rob Parker ride past in the finishing meters. A strong ride by both men and a good win by Parker, Vince Mader had made up some solid ground during the sprint to take third, so a well deserved result.

All in all a great day out of racing, sausage sizzles and good company. See you all next week, Keep pedalling.