



BSCC senior road racing results page

Race name: Small Dog 2009 Criterium Championships

Date: 25th March 2009

A Grade

1st Jay Bourke

2nd Sam Witznitz

3rd Damien Keirl

B Grade

1st Tom Hamilton

2nd Doug Garley

3rd Liam White

C Grade

1st Tim Oliver

2nd Jason Haire

3rd James Crafter

Race description:

A Grade

The final A grade crit for the year saw a huge number of starter take to the line. Hopefully these numbers will continue to show as we enter our winter road season. The first attack came from Damien Turner, who powered off into the first corner. The rest of the peleton showed no interest in wanting to chase this strong rider immediately, rather leave him out in front alone to tire. It was not for 3 laps before a chase organised itself, with Damien Kierl, Reece Gillett, and Gary Gullock swapping turns on the front. When Turner was caught, Jay Bourke slipped up the side of the road an was away solo. Bourke stayed away for 6 laps, before a single-file peleton reeling him back. The pace slowed momentarily as everyone caught their breathe, before Phil Orr, returning from fractured clavicle, took off, taking Jason Hegert with him, and the peleton was put

under pressure as each rider hopped across the gap, trying not to bring anyone with them. As the majority of riders made contact, Reece Gillett leap-frogged the small lead group out of turn 1. Sam Witzmitz accelerated away with Gillett and 2 very strong riders threatened to ride away with the race with 4 laps remaining. Big efforts were put in from club kilo champ Kierl, Hegert (who didnt know there was still 2 laps remaining), Gullock, John Townsend, Turner and Orr to get across to the lead duo. As the chasers eased up to Gillett and Witzmitz and riders looked at each other to gauge who was tired and who was not, Jay Bourke attacked. Guy Fella saw the attack coming, went with him, and the two were away. The track sprinters stalled, each looking for someone else to initiate the chase. This gave the escapees a chance. With 1 lap to go, Bourke left a spent Fella, and hightailed it for home. The stomping trackies were whinding up, and Bourke was starting to feel the lactate flood his quads. Damien Keirl left his run too late, for Sam Witzmitz the finish line came up too quickly, while for Jay Bourke, he timed his long run for home just right. Jay Bourke won from half a length over Sam Witzmitz, while Damien Kierl was another bike length behind.

B Grade

The Race committee 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

C Grade

The last race of the year was the best for the season. The pace was on from the start. It is normally the young guns in the group that cause the problems but it was the more mature members that were having a crack. Dave Peters rolled to the start line with adrenaline already pumping due to a low speed fall before the race. Bark off his elbow a tear in his shirt was not going to stop this hard man.

The pre race favourite Jason Haire was looking strong from the outset and was installed as the unbackable favourite. But it was his mentor Tim Oliver showed his hand a few laps in to launch a massive attack that had the field gasping. Bob Morley was commenting after that he thought he was going to be reacquainted with his lunch.

Jason Haire and Chloe Hegert covered the move and a breakaway looked possible. But to everyone surprise Oliver backed right off the pace and looked like he was pulling out of the race. This gave the field a chance for a short breather, but Oliver was back in the race the next lap after a wheel change due to a flat tyre. The attacks kept coming with Peter Hayes continually testing the bunch with repeated efforts. Most of the bunch survived for the two lap call and the pace lifted and riders were jostling for position. Once again it was the familiar sight of Jason Haire and James Crafter on the front storming for home with Chloe Hegert, Dave Peters with the sit.

They all went for broke into the last corner with the experienced Tim Oliver jumping out of the seat and accelerating quickly. Jason Haire thought he had the race won when Tim Oliver took victory with a perfectly timed sprint relegating his protégé to second spot. The consistent James

Crafter was third with the battered Dave Peters duelling with Chloe Hegert for the minor placings.

Bob Morley and Campbell Gullock were next, with Gullock pipping the hapless Morley on the line. This was the fastest race of the year with an average of 38.