



BSCC senior road racing results page

Race name: Chris Cashin Memorial

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Jason Haire takes out the 'Chris Cashin Memorial'

Over thirty riders greeted the starter for the senior edition of the Chris Cashin Memorial road race last Sunday. The race, in memory of the former BSCC and Ballarat Veteran stalwart who was killed in a training accident, has been run recently as a veterans' open race. The Mount Misery Circuit was a favourite course of Chris' because it suited his tough relentless style. This was its first edition as a BSCC race, and the turnout, on the first week of school holidays and the same weekend as the Coleraine tour, is a testament to Chris.

Kylie Zelly set off first with Karen James, pursued by two groups totaling ten riders, spaced apart by only 90 seconds.

The second limit bunch went from four riders to three on the first corner, and then to 2 riders after the second corner. They couldn't match the strength of the marauding Vince Mader. This left Bob Morley and Vince Mader no choice but to wait for the next bunch to come through. Come through they did, with Morley and Mader jumping on and struggling to keep pace. The newly constructed bunch quickly settled in and with a mixture of strength, experience and exuberance. Tim Oliver, Bob Morley, Dale Boucher and Jeff Filip added the experience and Jason Haire Peter Kyatt and Vince Mader were excited and raring to go. They caught the out markers Kylie Zelley and Karen James at about the 30 Km mark and Zelley had the strength to get on. She made the mistake of rolling through for a turn and that was the last we saw of her.

The back markers were gathering in numbers and powering along in an attempt to catch the leading group.

The rift between these front three groups and the back four groups was five minutes. On the rolling, exposed Mount Misery circuit, the strengthening north-westerly wind favored the back markers, but they faced a tough task to cross the rift. The seven-minute group, with the experience of Greg Nunn marshalling Ben Clark, Peter Canny, Shane Butler and new recruit Shane Cody, made a solid start. The 5:30 bunch rocketed off the mark, towed by world-ranked master kilo track rider Scott Townsend, but none of the other riders in the group matched

Townsend's power, and when he punctured on the gravel section, their fate was sealed. Before the end of the Mount Misery lap, they were mowed down by the powerful and evenly-matched second scratch bunch, under the command of John Polkinghorne, and shortly thereafter by the flying scratch bunch. Surges from number one rider Phil Orr thinned the ranks further, and with a lap of the Avenue circuit remaining, the race was between what remained of the two groups either side of the rift.

The bunch of Oliver, Haire, Boucher, Mader, Morley, Filip, Norman and Kyatt kept powering on and could not sight the chasers. They entered the business end of the race with the last 2 Kms being a strong cross wind. Mader accidentally found himself on the front from a long way out but had the sense to shut the road down thus eliminating any advantage. 500 meters to go Jason Haire moved into a better position as the sprint started in earnest. Tim Oliver swung out and jumped out of the seat and committed. Haire and Peter Kyatt followed. Jason Haire was too strong and took out his best race win in his short career. Tim Oliver was a meritorious second with Peter Kyatt third. The rest of the field followed with Peter Norman, Jeff Filip, Vince Mader, Dale Boucher and Bob Morley finishing in that order, they finished four minutes ahead of the consistent Phil Orr and the indefatigable Gary Gullock who finished ninth and tenth respectively.

- 1st Jason Haire
- 2nd Tim Oliver
- 3rd Peter Kyatt
- 4th Peter Norman
- 5th Jeff Filip
- 6th Vince Mader
- 7th Dale Boucher
- 8th Bob Morley
- 9th Phillip Orr
- 10th Gary Gullock

Fastest Time – Phillip Orr