



BSCC senior road racing results page

Race name: Burrumbeet - Mt Misery

Date: 17th May 2009

A Grade

1st Rhys Gillett

2nd Scott Townsend

3rd Jay Bourke

B Grade

1st Jonathan Lacey

2nd Harry Bade

3rd Rob Phillips

C Grade

1st Roger Bade

2nd Stuart Grigg

3rd Don Stewart

Race description:

A Grade

A solid bunch started the A grade 50km scratch race in drizzly and windy conditions. The weather seemed to subdue the peleton somewhat. The first few km's were ticked off slowly as riders warmed up, showing little interest in attacking or taking turn on the front into the wind. Young Mitch was the first to hit out, but missing the second corner of the loop meant that he had to back-track a little, losing any gain he had.

Rob Doyle countered immediately, with Jay Bourke crossing the gap and these two worked solidly up the first climb. It was not until these riders crested the first climb that they realised there was no reaction from the peleton and they decided to give the long break away a crack. It was a tough ask in the gusty head and cross-winds but the two leaders stayed away until the final 2km (a break of approx 40km), when the peleton rejoined in groups of 2's and 3's, splitting under the pressure of the chase. Rhys Gillett, with Scott Townsend on his wheel were the first to make

contact, before Phil Orr brought another small group across.

The long, slightly downhill final 2km saw riders jostle for wheels in the lead up to a bunch sprint, the head-cross wind meaning that the group was tight against the left edge of the road, all waiting, leaving their effort till the dying metres. Rob Doyle lead out early, too early, as Rhys Gillett swooped around Rob at full gas. Townsend swung across to try and leach onto Gillett's draft, but could not get around him as the finish line can too quickly. Gillett won from Scott Townsend and Jay Bourke making a late charge, with Doyle fading and Orr and Polkinghorne not far away.

B Grade

The race saw ten riders line up for the start with rumours rife that Matt and Ben had 'tactics' planned for the race. Meanwhile, someone should have reminded Chloe that the race was 49km and not 49 metres, with the frenetic pace being set off the start line and the group being driven into the gutter in the first 500 meters! Rounding the first corner a more appropriate pace was set by the bunch. At the 7km mark, coming off the Learmonth road, Ben launched a solo attack. Staying away the next 5km, the bunch chase was lead by Rob and Chloe with the catch being made just past the turn from Addington. By this point Pete Kyatt had popped – a poor warm up being his claim to downfall. Once Ben was caught, Matt launched a typical 'Matt attack' toward the base of the first pinch, following which Chloe popped. The race then settled for the next 15km of tempo riding. Coming along the south bound road a number of probing efforts were put on predominantly by Matt though Rob and Pete Canny responded quickly and worked with him in the hope of forming a breakaway. The group soon reeled them back in once the three realised that the break had not formed though the repeated surges took the sting out of the legs.

The Ercildoune road saw a number of surges being put on, each of which was shut down just as quickly. Coming towards the end of the road at the series of three small pinches Ben launched another attack that was unsuccessful. However, new comer Warren responded with a counter attack coming over the second pinch and made it stick for the next few kilometres, sitting some 100m off front, only to be reeled back in with 1500 metres to go. These series of attacks saw Pete and Beth Canny just lose contact with the group.

The scene was set for a sprint finish between Jonathon, Harry, Rob, Ben, Warren and Matt. With a lot of foxing and watching going on it was down the last 300 meters before it was on. Harry and Warren led out with all responding, Ben managed to get up the inside of Warren to get half a wheel in front of Harry and it seemed to be a drag between the two, however the track rider in Harry came to the fore and he got the edge and with 100 metres to go the old boys of the group, who had timed their run to perfection, came over the top to see Jonathon take the win, Harry second and Rob third.

C Grade

A strong field of nine started the 48km loop with skies clearing and dry roads . The Bunch stayed together for the first fifteen km , however the left turn at Addington and subsequent climb and buffeting winds claimed it 's first victim as Darryn Murphy dropped off the pace . It was another 15km before a move by Roger Bade sparked some life into the contest , and Steve Kennedy and Peter Norman quickly bridged the gap as Bade was looking dangerous . A strong Craig Lightfoot had been doing a lot of work on the front and this would tell against him on the way home . After settling again , the next move was made at Ercildoune at the 38km mark , where Bade , Stuart Grigg and Don Stewart got away on a climb . The chasing bunch of Sam Edwards, Sean Lee , Lightfoot, Kennedy and Norman got across to Stewart who had been dropped and half way down the straight to the finish line all riders were back together . Bades 's break down the inside of the ride caught all off guard and proved to be the winning move . Grigg , Stewart and Kennedy all chased hard , but were unable to catch the flying Bade . Results were in that order . Notable strong rides by Sam Edwards and Craig Lightfoot were noted .