



BSCC senior road racing results page

Race name: Victoria Park Criteriums

Date: 25th Nov 2009

A Grade

1st Damien Keirl

2nd Rob Doyle

3rd Pat Shaw

B Grade

1st Angus Riddoch

2nd Matt Smith

3rd Shane Cody

C Grade

1st Lewis Piccoli

2nd Hugo Toliday

3rd Peter Hayes

D Grade

1st Emily Wordy Thompson

2nd Jasper Foley

3rd Will Stewart

Race description:

A Grade

Warm conditions and another week of good numbers met A grade, as the race was increased to 30 minutes. The early aggression came from James Crafter (Cycle city) and Phil Orr (Navajo) who spent the first half of the race hovering at around the 15 second mark.

As the bunch came back together the pace was kept on, with Rob Doyle (Prime Estate), James McCallum (Scotland) and Evan Oliphant (Scotland) pulling turns well above the 50kph mark. Jay Bourke (Cycle City) was aggressive in the lulls of pace forging numerous breaks with

Johnny Townsend, Pat Shaw (VIS) and Doug Garley included in his list of fellow escapees. Pat Shaw tried in vain to stamp authority on the race with multiple attacks around the back of the course, but all were over in a matter of seconds as Doyle, McCallum and Oliphant grew more attentive.

With 2 laps to go it was lined out and destined to be a bunch gallop.

The bunch rounded the final corner 2 a breast with Damien Keirl (Sovereign Hill) in the perfect position and Rob Doyle completely boxed in, Kierl went right and Pat Shaw went left, with Doyle finding an opening on the right with speed as Shaw veered right boxing Doyle once again. Keirl took the win from Doyle, Shaw and Orr.

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B Grade

As the starter sent us off, there appeared to be a nervous energy about B grade this week with the pace in the first few laps being measured and controlled. There was only 1 attack (from Jason Haire) in the early stages which was quelled with cool heads and tempo riding by the group. That went to seed when A grade came through and a rush of blood to the heads of some former A graders as they must have yearned to rejoin their comrades of last week. Jonathan Lacy, Shane Cody, Liam White and Matt Smith did most of the damage over the journey until 2 and half laps from the finish when Stu Brien made a jump and put a gap between him and the bunch. Lacy crossed over and the two looked to be in a commanding position as they shared it around.

That was until the strong bodies and cool heads in the bunch asserted their authority with Smith leading the charge. They gobbled up the lead of Brien and Lacy with 500 to go and left them in their wake as they sped toward the finish. Leading out from the last turn, Smith gave Angus Riddoch a dream run to the line taking the honours from Smith in 2nd place and Shane Cody in 3rd place after a huge effort over the journey. Overall a good, fast (40+kmph), safe race in comfortable riding conditions, well done to all!

C Grade

A smaller field gathered for the fourth "C" Grade race of the Small Dog series at Victoria Park on Wednesday night with some of last weeks riders making up a new "D" Grade.

As the riders rolled off for 20 minutes plus two laps, the wind, which of course had been calm for most of the day suddenly sprung up and all knew this would add to the fun (pain) of the evening. The usual suspects put the pace on straight away with Scott Denno and Killian Plastow on the front and driving tenaciously. The wind was strong and so were the attacks from Hugo Toliday who seemed to be rejoicing in hitting the bunch hard at least once a lap. In the midst of this Aaron Bromley and Lewis Piccoli kept surging towards the front and had the attention of all in the group. Not to be outdone by the Gen Y's the elders of the group, Dave Peters, Bob

Morley and Pete Hayes managed to get to the front at various stages if only to see how strong the wind was. Peters atop a brand new Scott Addict was rolling along nicely until stopped in his tracks by a deflating tyre. It seems Dave is having some teething problems with the crits this year! The high pace and additional time was starting to tell on all and sundry and Morley said hello to his lunch again, fortunately not in front of the crowd on the front straight. With the two laps to go call from Volker the bunch tightened, nervously waiting to see if anyone was going to take on the wind on their own. No-one was brave enough but Toliday started to lift the speed with Denno and a surging Blomley close behind and a wise Piccoli biding his time. The last bend was rounded as a group and then Piccoli fired off, taking Toliday with him a few bike lengths behind. Big Scotty left a gap and Hayes very thankful for the break slipped through it. In a very fast sprint Piccoli took the honours over Toliday second and Hayes third. "B" graders, keep an eye out for Lewis next week!