



BSCC senior road racing results page

Race name: Victoria Park Criteriums

Date: 9th Dec 2009

A Grade

1st Damien Keirl

2nd Rob Doyle

3rd Evan Oliphant

B Grade

1st Shane Cody

2nd Greg Nunn

3rd Joel Hossack

C Grade

1st Jeremy Doolan

2nd Hugo Toliday

3rd Dave Peters

D Grade

1st Angus Lyons

2nd Molly Heggert

Race description:

A Grade

Mild Conditions met a field of 19 riders for the 5th round of the series as Damien Keirl was impressive once again to take out his second Small Dog Criterium for the season. It was clear early on that it was set to be a race for the teams with local team Cycle City and Melbourne team CBD-Degani both having strong representation and setting a tempo early, protecting their respective fast finishes of Mitch Brogden and Harry Bade.

Phil Orr was the first to launch off the front taking with him, Matt Clark (Cycle City) and Oliver LeGrice (CBD-Degani) but the trio was unfortunate enough to get caught behind C grade as they

attempted to pass. Before they could clear the front the bunch was back together. Once again the teams came to the front, as Jay Bourke (Cycle City) and Phil Orr (Navajo) attacked through the trees, this triggered a reaction from Rob Doyle (Prime Estate), Rhys Gillet (Fly V) and Evan Oliphant (Endura) who up until then had been happy for the race to take its course.

Bourke wasn't phased, continually attacking off the front, all were brought back as Doyle and Gillet started applying pressure at the front, leaving many riders grovelling for wheels. With 2 laps to go the pace was off, and the games begun with no one willing to over commit to early. Coming into the final lap it was Gillet who took up the pace up close to 50kph with Doyle sitting in second wheel. Up the straight Doyle missed a gear allowing Damien Keirl (Sovereign Hill) and Oliphant to take a flyer, Doyle kicked late on the shorter line closing the gap to force the closest finish of the series so far with Keirl holding out for first, then Doyle followed by Oliphant.

B Grade

Still coming

C Grade

Another large group gathered on the line for the sixth "C" grade race of the Small Dog series. A few new faces could be seen lining up behind the "A" grade bunch but a couple of the usual suspects were missing in action due to crook knees and cracked frames. With the group rolling off it was evident that Scott Denno was going to try a different approach and not be the man mountain driving from the front, instead lurking near the back as they headed for the first corner. Vince Madder was the first to go it alone and opened up a decent gap on the group and was looking strong. The blustery north wind must have taken its toll on Madder as he was brought back within a lap by the bunch. Once again the Gen "Y"s were strong up front with Callum Body conspicuous in the bunch as he had taken the step into "B" grade last year. Hugo Toliday, flying the big "V" colours was also looking prominent as was new rider Jeremy Doolan. Aaron Blomeley, Conor Dickson and Emily Wordy-Thompson were also noticeable to the large contingent of spectators gathered by the roadside. The bunch remained fairly tight deciding that driving into the north wind was not the best thing to be done solo. Phil Timpano however had other ideas and launched an attack that saw him open a gap on the group and maintain it for near on a lap. Finding the going tough Timpano was brought back as well. With the time counting down and having successfully dodged the "A" graders twice in their quest for glory the two laps to go call went out and then followed one lap later by what should be the ringing of the bell. Instead it was signalled with ring, ring, ring being yelled out by Volker, Nunny and a few others gathered near the finish line. Rumour has it the real bell has been donated to the town crier in Maryborough. Either way this signalled the start of the posturing for position and staging from those interested in having a good lead out in the sprint. Rounding the final bend the sprint came down to a three way scrap between Peters, Toliday and Doolan with the new rider Doolan taking the points, and the money, a bike length in front of Toliday with Peters another bike length behind Hugo. Good sprint chaps!

D Grade

Still coming