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Cycling sisters take junior criterium wins

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Sisters Rochelle and Felicity Liston took wins in their respective junior events in Round 7 of Ballarat Sebastopol Cycling Club's 2009-2010 Small Dog criterium series. Rochelle Liston started on second scratch in the handicapped event, and moved well over the three laps. Grace Mader had a mechanical mishap and lost her chain. She took a lap out to repair it, and re-entered the race leading into the final lap, but Liston picked her up at the final corner and went on to take the win. Tyson Cody from scratch rounded up Charlie Mader and his brother Bailey to finish third. Liston and Cody both recorded an equal 9:27 for fastest time.

In the sealed time handicap junior C grade event, Clancy Dickson raced a steady tempo of 27 km/h to achieve a time of plus three seconds on his calculated race time of 20:00 even. Felicity Liston upped her previous week's efforts and stayed away after starting on the limit mark, to take line honours. Connor Carey did just enough to keep Dickson away in the final lap, and took second.

In the A-grade U15 and U17 event, Sam Smith backed up his previous week's performance and took another win from limit. He worked hard on his own for the entire race. The scratch duo of Joshua Liston and Craig Firman, who had represented the Ballarat M15 and M17 divisions at the Junior Austral Wheelrace in Melbourne in the morning, bridged most of the gap but Smith slipped away. Firman edged out Liston in the sprint to take second place and fastest time.

Results:

D Grade 3.9km – 3 Lap Handicap

- 1st Rochelle Liston (equal fastest time)
- 2nd Grace Mader
- 3rd Tyson Cody (equal fastest time)

C Grade 9.1km – 7 lap Handicap

Sealed Time: Clancy Dickson

- 1st Felicity Liston
- 2nd Connor Carey
- 3rd Clancy Dickson (F/T)

A Grade 15/17 - 10.4km – 8 lap Handicap

- 1st Sam Smith
- 2nd Craig Firman (F/T)
- 3rd Joshua Liston