



BSCC senior road racing results page

Race name: Victoria Park Criteriums

Date: 27th Jan 2010

A Grade

1st Damien Keirl
2nd Phillip Orr
3rd Matt Smith

B Grade

1st Liam White
2nd Stuart Brien
3rd Jeremy Doolan

C Grade

1st Vince Mader
2nd Dave Peters
3rd Andrew Pearson

D Grade

1st Josh Liston
2nd Emma Bilston
3rd Andrew Stinchcombe

Race description:

A Grade

Another fine night with strong south easterly winds which were going to test all riders.

New comers Jamie Huggert , who is a elite triathlete and Shane Cody were promoted to the A grade men and both rode very strongly in these tough conditions.

After 5 minutes of racing, Damien Keirl put the hammer down stringing out the field, followed by other riders trying to attack. Eventually the field was cut into 3 different groups. The middle group quickly bridged the gap to join the lead bunch leaving a group of 4 riders behind with a gap of 30 seconds between them. Charles Martin was first to lose contact with the leading group and the bunch of 4 riders rode past but was not able jump into that group.

In the final sprint it was Damien Keirl that prevailed over the reminder of riders, shortly followed by Phillip Orr and Matt Smith.

B Grade

A scintillating bunch sprint in B grade with a wheel separating 1st to 3rd place with Liam White taking the honors over Stuart Brien followed by Jeremy Doolan.

The 3 were part of a late breakaway of 5 riders including Clive Silcock and new rider Shannon Gration. It formed with around 4 laps to go after Silcock had spent most of the first half of the race on his own out the front waiting for the bunch to make the catch. With a little disorganization and some concerning moments with Michael Veal managing to ride through a mishap that would have brought down a less experienced rider the leader was left on his own for several laps. Silcock was reeled in eventually and Brien took to the front with a burst of power into a cross head wind that softened up some legs in the group. Sensing the moment, White and Silcock made a decisive move not long after and were quickly joined by Gration, Brien and Doolan. Working well as a group the breakaway built an unassailable lead and on the bell lap the foxing began. As they hit the last turn, Silcock and Doolan went straight away and Brien built up a head of steam to mow them down, but it was White's turn of speed and cunning position out of the wind that gave him victory over Brien and Doolan from Silcock in 4th and Gration rounding out 5th place.

C Grade

Almost perfect conditions met the 10 C Grade participants. It was an even field ability wise and a good spread of ages. Vince Mader broadcast his intentions by showing unnecessary aggression by riding over the top of his five year old son in the previous race. That immediately signaled his intentions to the rest of the field.

The race was only a few laps in and Vince took off with only Dave Peters strong enough to go with him and the rest of the field stretched out like ducks. It came back together momentarily and Dave Peters took off and challenged the field putting in a huge turn for a lap. Thankfully this effort "Petered" out and the group was back together.

New rider Craig Lightfoot was spending a lot of time on the front looking very strong. This proves that doing Mt Mercer instead of Reverse Snake Valley in a training ride did him no harm!

Big Scott Denno was more circumspect this week. Last week he took off and rode by himself for five laps doing an impersonation of a Mack truck racing at Sandown. This week he just sat mid bunch like a colossus, just ticking over, saving himself for the finish.

Bob Morley was just hanging on grateful that the organizers hadn't added any roundabouts to the course during the week.

Conor Dickinson, Craig Firman, Andrew Pearson, Sean Parnell and John Carmony all spent time at the pointy end with Carmony and Pearson looking the most likely.

With the two laps to go all the nerves tightened the pace lifted as they went through the bell lap with riders positioning themselves for the final corner.

Mader manhandled the Merida and cranked up a huge gear and went for home with the sprightly Peters in chase with the pack coming as well.

Peters was pulling Mader back with every pedal stroke but fell short by a tyre giving Mader a well-deserved win. Andrew Pearson rode well to take out third in a competitive sprint.

I am not sure where Mader's recent form has come from because 3 weeks ago he would be lucky to beat Andrew Stinchcome and this week he belts the highly fancied Dave "Spaghetti Legs" Peters. I only have one word to say to you Vincent-Sample please!

D Grade

Coming soon