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Race Results –Senior Criterium Cycling Rnd 11 2010

### **Aggressive tactics reap rewards in criteriums**

*Chris Liston writes:*

Rhys Gillett leapt off the front of the A grade criterium from the start. Over the next 30 minutes the field jostled and haggled to claim him back with attacks coming out of the bunch. The pace was a little slower than previous weeks, allowing Guy Falla and Tony Mirabella to be in the main field with Harry Bade, Phil Orr and Jon Townsend. Unlike previous week it was anyone's race up until the finish. Mitch Brogden, a powerful sprinter, got to the front for the line with Scott Keating and national champion Harry Crothers-Bade taking the minors.

Clive Silcock did a Gillett in B grade with the field reeling him in after several short laps. The bunch came together over the mid-section of the race, fending off small probing attacks. Beth Canny was able to stay with the men but unable to get away. Shane Cody went off with two laps to go, taking John Polkinghorne, with a small gap to the field. Polkinghorne blew up Cody, with Silcock coming from the field to take second from Lewis Piccoli.

A working bunch of C grade saw a steady pace and no big splits in the field. The grade was treated to the return of Col Smith, who had the fire power to mix things up. Smith took the win comfortably with Hugo Tolliday holding off Callum Bodey. Peter Hayes and Peter Kyatt were just short of getting into familiar podium territory.

In the D grade senior event, Killian Plastow and Joshua Liston set a tough pace. Liston, with attack after attack, made Andrew Stinchcombe and Sean Lee work hard. Emma Bilston went off the back and Plastow was following Liston's wheel as the leading duo came to the bell lap. With Plastow and Liston in a sprint for the line Liston managed spin the u15 gears enough to get to the line ahead of Killian for a deserved win. Stinchcombe, wiser and sorer for another torturous race, pulled another third to make that placing his hat trick.

### **Results**

#### **A Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mitch Brogden
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Keating
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Harry Crothers-Bade

#### **B Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Polkinghorne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Clive Silcock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lewis Piccoli

#### **C Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Colin Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hugo Tolliday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Callum Bodey

#### **D Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joshua Liston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Killian Plastow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Stinchcombe