



BSCC senior road racing results page

Race name: Victoria Park Criteriums

Date: 17th March 2010

**A Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ciaran Conaughton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Martin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Damien Keirl

**B Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shane Cody
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Stebbing
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart Brien

**C Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Craig Lightfoot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Bromeley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Scott Denno

**D Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thayne Turley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Killian Plastow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Stinchcombe

Race description:

**A Grade**

Warm conditions greeted a group of 11 riders for the A grade crit, and with plenty of form behind riders such as Johnny Townsend, Ciaran Conaughton, Jay Bourke, Phil Orr and Damien Kierl, it looked like to be an absolute cracker. Despite this fact, the race began at a very sedate pace until the supremely fit Johnny Townsend tore off the front with apparent ease and put a respectable gap into the main field.

With an apparent lack of interest in the dangerous move, Matt Smith decided to chase the soon to be Kiwi, going alone in pursuit of Townsend who was looking as though he was cruising to a victory. Matts move off the front kick-started the rest of the bunch into chasing

back the brake with Damien Keirl, Jay Bourke and Ciaran Conaughton driving the bunch at a frenetic pace.

As the bunch brought back Smith and Townsend, A move of Conaughton and Bourke went clear, but only for a short period of time, as Phil Orr and Keirly turned the screws and proceeded to spit Matt Smith out the back of the bunch. The small break was brought back and the peloton looked content to sit back and hold on for a sprint before a strong move from Conaughton (Cycle City) and Charles Martin (Navajo – Sovereign Hill) went away and quickly build a half lap lead. With nobody wanting to chase, the pair, they stayed away with an impressive showing of the future holds for BSCC, with Conaughton being just too strong for Martin, taking the win by 150m with Martin in 2<sup>nd</sup> ahead of Keirl (Navajo Sovereign Hill), who sprinted to 3rd place and at the same time, the lead of the crit aggregate title.

## **B Grade**

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## **C Grade**

There is always something interesting happening in C Grade! This week was no different. There are things that you can expect every week. There are people riding C Grade that should be riding B Grade and people riding C Grade wondering why they aren't in B Grade. You know you will get consistent efforts out of the younger brigade. Aaron Blomley will give you all he's got every week and telegraphs his moves so the old stagers can tack on. "Irregular performances" from the mature riders raise eyebrows every week. Bob Morley lasted 5 laps last week and shot out the back. This week he was in total control and even chasing down moves. Scott Denno rides like a giant paradox. Last week dropped, this week in the placings. Go figure. He expected to go early because he has "given blood" earlier on in the day. He rode like a man that had it tidied up and put back in. Undoubtedly the ride of the night.

Vince Mader as usual started proceedings with a fast start with Craig Lightfoot taking over showing he was continuing his good form. Aaron Blomely was being watched because his sudden increases in speed had to be covered. Perennial second place getter Dave Peters then led the bunch on a surging lap that had the speedos increasing and the heart rate monitors beeping.

The move of the night came from the Hitler's Rant star Craig Lightfoot. In a huge move he pulled away from the pack and only Morley was able to go with him. It seemed he was merely toying with the bunch to see what they had. They didn't have much because it took them a lap and a half to pull him back. Simon Wallis thought that it was tactically smart to attack straight away, but his mind was working better than his legs and he was covered immediately. The bell lap finally come and the positioning started. Dave Peters decided that Blomely was the favoured wheel, Simon Wallis thought that being on Peter's wheel was the place to be and the rest were just lurking. Trouble started 200 metres from the last corner. Peters was squeezed for room and nearly come down. That altered his momentum; he was then run wide into the last vital corner and in turn pushed Morley wide which put them both out of contention. It was Blomely that hit out as usual with the hulking Denno in pursuit. But

the action was happening on the inside of the corner where a huge space opened up like the Red Sea before Moses and Lightfoot couldn't believe his luck when he had an uninterrupted run to snatch victory. Blomely was a deserved second and the best performance of the night was Scott Denno for third.

It sets it all up for a great race for the final race next week. It will be very confusing with fourteen riders trying to get on Craig Lightfoot's wheel- can't wait!!

## **D Grade**

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