

Rachel Lewis Memorial Night

Wolverhampton Wheelers Track League Wednesday 1st May 2013

This was the first night of the league and, as has become the Wheelers tradition, was dedicated to the memory of Rachel Lewis who was a very active member of the club and a great friend of cycling. Once more husband Mark donated cash prizes to selected races with a special emphasis on the top female rider of the evening.

Youth cash prizes were for the first three places of the Points race. Here first prize went to Wheeler Ben Hardwick. Brad Simkin of Halesowen A&CC took second place with Matty Lewis claiming third prize.

The University of Birmingham cycling club are competing in the Wheelers track league for the third consecutive year and always field a strong group of riders. Their coach Xavier Disley and Mark Brown both ride in Senior A. According to Xavier there are now several strong university cycling clubs and the British universities championships were held recently in Edinburgh. Sponsorship changes in Senior A include former Lichfield City CC riders Will Hyde and Luke Selibas who now ride for MJS Racing. Todd Hotchkiss rides for Clay Cross RT and Jack Escrit continues to ride for Velocity WD-40.

The evening reached a climax with the 10 km Handicap with an intermediate Sprint at 5 km. The Intermediate was taken by Wheeler Jack Smith with Todd Hotchkiss in second place and Ben Hardwick in third. More cash prizes were on offer for the first three places in the overall race and it was all down to a sprint to the line with Xavier Disley just beating Adam Lewis into second place. Wheeler James Ireson came in third and top female Wheeler was won by Jess Ansell.