

Wolverhampton Wheelers Track League Wednesday ^{10th} July 2013

The Freewheelers began the evening with the 200m Flying Start Time Trial. This turned out to be a display of their progression across the summer as every rider in the field bettered their time from the same event in May. The fastest time of the night came from Adam Phillips, with Elodie Gage and Alex Thomson second and third behind him. Next up was the B Block Handicap and Thomas White celebrated his new bike by streaking away from the field to win at a canter. He was followed across the line by Matt Malone and Reuben James who both fought to the line to hold off the scratch group.

For the other two races of the evening the B group was again split into B and C because of the numbers competing. The B Devil was won by Harry Sandland from Isaac Stephens and Sam Askew after a tough race with field sprints on every elimination. The C Devil saw Thomas White win his second race of the night with Joe and Mae Perrin taking the next two places. The final race of the night for the Bs was the Handicap with Matt Malone taking the victory from a fast finishing Grace Lister and Sam Askew. The C Handicap saw Thomas White's third victory of the night ahead of Reuben James and Ferne Roberts. In the A group the Block Handicap was won by Adam Phillips ahead of Alex Thomson and Hollie Owens. The Devil, as with the B and C races, saw field sprints every time and was also won by Adam Phillips followed by Hollie Owens and Alice Hopkins. The Freewheelers A Handicap saw Ed Adams of Newport Shropshire CC hold off Elodie Gage and Ethan Roberts for victory.

The Youth and Senior categories started with a flying start 200 metre time trial for all riders. Will Lewis took first place in Youth with a time of 14.09 followed by Ben Hardwick on 14.22 and in third place was Matthew Radford with a time of 14.28. First female was Georgia Hilleard on 14.93. Connie Hudson was second fastest female on 15.28 and third fastest was Gabriella Homer on 15.35. First in Senior B was Beacon RCC rider Stephen Croggon with a time of 13.02, second Carl Hardwick on 13.07 and third Steve Wilkinson of Lichfield City CC on 13.28. Two Senior A riders managed to get under the 13 second mark. Jason Colledge recorded a time of 12.84 and Adam Lewis 12.94. Third place went to James Ireson with a time of 13.16. It is interesting to compare the full list of results (included with this report) both within and across the categories as it is not necessarily the most successful riders in the league who are the fastest riders over a measured distance.

The rest of the evening's programme consisted of Scratch, Devil and often highly entertaining Italian Pursuit events and culminating in a set of 500 metre Handicap races. In Youth Ben Hardwick (riding his new bike to great effect) consolidated his lead in the Rankings taking first place. Alex Taylor (Mid Shropshire Wheelers) took second place with Josef Feiven (Solihull CC) taking third. The Senior B Handicap saw a well deserved win for Stourbridge CC rider Kevin Payton with Brad Simkin (Halesowen A and CC) second and Mark Shaw (Walsall RCC) third. Patrick Fotheringham (Halesowen A and CC) took the honours in Senior A with Ryan Phillips second and current Rankings leader Jack Escritt (Velocity WD-40) in third place.

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