

Wolverhampton Wheelers Track League 20th August 2014

Freewheelers by *Joseph Lister*

As the Freewheelers season of racing draws to a close, all riders are desperately competing for the remaining points to aid their positions in the overall rankings. The evening began with a 200 metre time trial, with Ethan Roberts taking first place, followed by Will Perry and Grace Lister finishing third in the A's. Beth Harris won the B's event, followed by Amelia in second (A new, strong rider showing potential) and Reece Morris in third. The B's points race was a cleanly won race for Beth Harris after she attacked and stayed away to claim a well-deserved first place. Amelia followed up in second and Reece Morris finished third, after Reuben James dropped back to work with him. The A's Points race turned out to be very exciting with Sam Anslow, Will Perry, Grace Lister and Ethan Roberts all fighting for the points on the line each lap. There was no clear winner during the race, however following the order of the overall rankings, Ethan Roberts finished first, Sam Anslow second and Will Perry third.

The A's scratch stayed together, where Ethan Roberts took first place with Will Perry in second and Grace Lister third. The B's Scratch was won easily by Beth who counter-attacked Reuben, dragging Amelia clear into second with Reuben holding onto third place. In the A's, Will Perry led out, leaving Sam Anslow, Ethan Roberts and Grace Lister fighting for the remaining places. The evening rounded up with an Elimination where the last two riders were left to sprint it out, after Will Perry and Ethan Roberts worked together to box Grace Lister in and eliminate her from the race, before Ethan took first place followed by Will in second in the A's. In the B's, Beth Harris took first followed by Amelia and Reece in second and third respectively.

Youth and Senior by *Dave Brookes*

Racing started with the Unknown events and here there were few surprises as we move toward the last few weeks of the League. Jack Escritt took the Senior A race after a very close sprint to the line with a well deserved second place going to Ben Hardwick. Jacob Tipper took third. The Senior B event was won by Lichfield City rider Steve Wilkinson with Carl Hardwick second and Martin Pocket third. Matty Lewis took the win in the Youth race with Will Manfield-Yorke second, Joseph Guy third and Joseph Lister fourth.

After Points and Devil races it was onto the final event which this time was an 18 lap Handicap. The Intermediate Sprint at nine laps was all down to Senior B riders: Steve Wilkinson first, Mark Shaw second and Carl Hardwick third, but it was the two female riders who gave the most spirited performances and who were both determined not to let the male racers get all their own way. London rider Harriet Mellor (Hillingdon Slipstreamers) took sixth place and Wheeler Alice Law came over the line seventh. Then there was just seven laps to go as the Senior A riders caught the B's but this time it was Jacob Tipper over the line first with Jack Escritt second and another good performance from Ben Hardwick in third place.